



North Wales Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Work Parties in NE Wales (Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham) August 2026

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with North Wales Wildlife Trust. With 35 nature reserves to manage across North Wales, there is always lots of work to be done and we would love you to come along and join us. Summer is a wonderful time of year to volunteer on our nature reserves and discover why they are such special places.

This programme lists the volunteering opportunities that are available throughout **August 2026** on our nature reserves in Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham. You can also volunteer at our tree nurseries in NE & NW Wales and with our Wrexham Industrial Estate Living Landscape Project - see below for more information.

Our work parties provide an interesting and lively mix of practical work and informal training. **Details of the locations of our nature reserves can be found on our website** www.northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk Please wear work clothes and stout boots/wellies and bring waterproofs and a packed lunch. We will supply work gloves & tools. Please make sure your work boots or wellies are clean; biosecurity is an important part of our work - you can find out more on our website.

In summary, there is usually:

- A volunteer workday every Tuesday & Friday on one of our nature reserves in NE Wales. **Contact Carl Williams on 07946 089179 or carl.williams@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk or Paul Furnborough on 07880 033562 or Paul.furnborough@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk or Jordan Vigus-Hurst on 07764 897416 or Jordan.Vigus-Hurst@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk**
- A volunteer workday at Minera or Marford Quarry (Wrexham area) on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month. **Contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst on 07764 897416 or Jordan.Vigus-Hurst@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk**
- Opportunities to volunteer with Sarah Ellis in our tree nurseries in NE & NW Wales. **Please contact Sarah Ellis on 07494 962909 or sarah.ellis@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk** for more information about how you can get involved.
- Work parties every Thursday at Wrexham Industrial Estate with our Living Landscapes Officer, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. **Contact Craig Wade on 07946 089178 or craig.wade@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk** for more information.

Please note, if you wish to attend any of the volunteer workdays, you must book ahead directly with the task organiser (their contact details are listed above).

Tuesday 4th August

Big Pool Wood, 2.5 miles east of Prestatyn. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Parking off the road, close to the reserve entrance. Meet at the entrance to the nature reserve. A wonderful reed bed and woodland site filled with wildflowers, birdsong and facilities that allow you to get closer to wildlife. Today we will be reed cutting and pond slubbing ahead of pond dipping. Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

Thursday 6th August

Wrexham Industrial Estate mitigation site. 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.
Join us every Thursday for a volunteer workday and get stuck into practical conservation work at two remarkable sites hidden within the Wrexham Industrial Estate. In partnership with Wrexham County Borough Council, Enfys Ecology, Amphibian and Reptile Conservation, and Butterfly Conservation, we manage the HMP Berwyn mitigation site. This is a rarely seen haven for wildlife and home to species such as grizzled skipper butterflies and newts, as well as the wonderful Erlas Black Wood, an ancient woodland at the heart of an urban landscape. Today we will be carrying out footpath maintenance – opening new access paths and cutting back overhanging trees. Please contact Craig Wade if you would like to attend and to confirm the meeting point.

Friday 7th August

Coed y Felin, Hendre, near Mold. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet in the large car park: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/sMwvyTmA4iZJvzSg9>

Coed y Felin is an ancient oak/ash woodland planted with sycamore, beech, and sweet chestnut. The woodland has a long post-industrial heritage, and its timber has been used to support the local mining village for centuries. This peaceful woodland & sunny grassland areas are filled with colour & life, including the nationally rare Deptford pink and dozens of other wildflowers.

Today will be our last Himalayan balsam bashing session, mopping up any remaining evaders! We'll also continue our traditional summer tasks, replacing any rotting steps and chopping up more birch for willow tit conservation. Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 11th August

Aberduna nature reserve, Maeshafn, near Mold. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet at the office car park.

Aberduna is a striking 20-hectare nature reserve offering stunning views across the Alyn Valley to Moel Famau & the Clwydian Range. Today we will continue to maintain and enhance our limestone grassland by uprooting thistles and scything bracken, reducing its extent, and preventing it from taking over. Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 12th August

Parc Bodlondeb, Rhes y Cae, near Conwy. Meet at Aberduna nature reserve car park at 10 a.m. and we will car share from there.

Today is something and somewhere a little bit different! We will be scything bracken and other scrub at this wonderful meadow that's bursting with life! Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend and to arrange car sharing.

Thursday 13th August

Wrexham Industrial Estate mitigation site. 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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Friday 14th August

Ddôl Uchaf, (near Afonwen). 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet in the reserve car park – overspill parking is available in laybys along the Mold to Denbigh road (A541) which runs beside the reserve.

An early start to the grassland scything this year, to reduce the dominance of certain plants, including hemp agrimony. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 18th August

Y Graig, near Tremeirchion, just off the B5429. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Y Graig is a haven for wildflowers and butterflies with breath-taking views over the Vale of Clwyd & beyond. Today we will be scything and raking bracken from the limestone grassland on this stunning nature reserve. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Thursday 20th August

Wrexham Industrial Estate mitigation site. 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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Friday 21st August

Coed y Felin, Hendre, near Mold. **Morning only - 10 a.m. until 1.00 p.m.** Meet in the large car park: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/sMwyyTmA4iZJvzSg9>

Today we will be carrying out our **annual Deptford Pink survey**. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

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Friday 21st August

Maes Hiraddug, near Dyserth. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet in the lay by on Carreg Heilin Lane where it joins Pandy Lane.

Maes Hiraddug was saved from development when it was bought by the Wildlife Trust back in 1996. Since then, it has been managed as a hay meadow, continuing centuries of traditional practices. Today we will return to the nature reserve to excavate any scrub roots in the meadow alongside some friendly cattle grazers. Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 25th August

Cors y Sarnau, Sarnau, near Bala. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet in Sarnau village. Our regular monthly visit to this reserve. Today we will be clearing and maintaining the various paths around the nature reserve, as well as repairing fencing. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 26th August

Minera Quarry, Coedpoeth, near Wrexham. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet in the nature reserve car park.

Today we will be working at this former limestone quarry and it's a great opportunity to practice the traditional art of scything. We'll be undertaking annual management of our wildflower-rich meadows. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Thursday 27th August

Sorry – no session at Wrexham Industrial Estate mitigation site today. Why not take the opportunity to visit one of your favourite nature reserves!

Friday 28th August

Aberduna nature reserve, Maeshafn, near Mold. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet at the office car park.

We'll continue to maintain and enhance the limestone grassland by uprooting thistles and scything bracken, reducing its extent, and preventing it from taking over. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 1st September

There will be no volunteer work party today.

We would like to thank Natural Resources Wales for supporting our conservation management work.

