



North Wales Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Work Parties in NE Wales (Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham) October 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. As we head into autumn, it's 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 **October 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.

If you wish to attend any of the volunteer workdays, you must book ahead directly with the task organiser (contact details listed above). Thank you.

Tuesday 6th October

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/sMwyyTmA4iZJvzSg9>

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 we will continue scything the meadow by the small car park. Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 7th October

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 8th October

Wrexham Industrial Estate: HMP Berwyn 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 continue pushing back encroaching scrub and tree popping in the meadows. Please contact Craig Wade if you would like to attend and to confirm the meeting point.

Friday 9th October

Coed Cilygroeslwyd, Pwll-glas, near Ruthin and then on to Graig Wyllt. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet at the Siop Pwllglas car park.

Today we'll work to benefit the rare limestone woundwort plant at Coed Cilygroeslwyd by scything the glade where it grows. We'll then convoy to the nearby Graig Wyllt (car sharing advised) to continue scything the glades there. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 13th October

Gors Maen Llwyd, near Llyn Brenig. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet at the main car park.

A return to the moors! We will meet at the main car park and work on clearing self-seeded Sitka from the outer edges of the reserve. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Thursday 15th October

Sorry – no session at the Wrexham Industrial Estate today.

Friday 16th October

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

Today, we'll clear scrub from the limestone grassland terraces and begin our winter coppicing regime! Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 20th October

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're back to take on scrub clearance and we're stronger than ever! #NoTreeLeftBehind! Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 21st October

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 bird hides that allow you to get closer to wildlife.

Join our Big Pool Wood volunteer team for our new monthly management session, every third Wednesday of the month. Autumn & winter tasks will focus on reedbed management, but there's always a range of jobs to do – path clearing, hide and boardwalk maintenance, willow control & lots more! Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

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Today we will be working at this former limestone quarry. Why not join us and witness the incredible power of nature as it slowly reclaims this former quarry into a wildlife haven? Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Thursday 22nd October

Wrexham Industrial Estate: Village Bakery. 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Join us every Thursday for a volunteer workday and get stuck into practical conservation work on different wildlife-rich sites within the Wrexham Industrial Estate. Today we'll be working at the Village Bakery site, improving access for surveys, clearing scrub and coppicing willow regeneration from pond margins. Please contact Craig Wade if you would like to attend.

Friday 23rd October

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/sMwyyTmA4iZJvzSg9>

We will finish scything the meadow and, if time allows, start coppicing in the woodland. Please contact Carl Williams if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 27th October

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.

A split day – we'll spend the morning managing the ponds and the afternoon preparing a section of hedgerow for hedge-laying next month. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Thursday 29th October

Wrexham Industrial Estate: HMP Berwyn mitigation area. 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Join us every Thursday for a volunteer workday and get stuck into practical conservation work at wildlife-rich sites hidden within the Wrexham Industrial Estate. Today's task is managing willow regeneration from around the pond margins to help surveying access. Please contact Craig Wade if you would like to attend.

Friday 30th October

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

We'll continue our winter coppicing work to increase the diversity of height and structure in our woodland. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

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

