



North Wales Wildlife Trust

Nature Reserve Work Parties in NW Wales - Anglesey, Conwy & Gwynedd

July 2024

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with North Wales Wildlife Trust. With 35 nature reserves to manage throughout North Wales, there is always lots of work to be done and we would love you to come along and join us. It's a great 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 **July 2024** on our nature reserves in Anglesey, Conwy & Gwynedd. **If you wish to attend any of the work days, you must book ahead directly with the task organiser (their contact details are listed below). Thank you.**

In summary there is usually:

- A volunteer work day every Wednesday on one of our Anglesey or Bangor reserves, 10 a.m. at the reserve – approx. 4 p.m. **Contact Matt Cole on 01248 351541 or 07375 520493 or matt.cole@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk**
- A volunteer work day every Wednesday at our Gwaith Powdwr reserve, near Penrhyndeudraeth, 10 a.m. at the reserve – 3.30 p.m. **Contact Luke Jones on 07764 897414 or luke.jones@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk or Katy Haines on 07948 402630 or katy.haines@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk**
- A volunteer work day every Thursday on one of our reserves near Llandudno, 10 a.m. at the reserve – approx. 3.30 p.m. **Contact Luke Jones on 07764 897414 or luke.jones@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk or Katy Haines on 07948 402630 or katy.haines@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk**
- A volunteer work day at the Spinnies, Aberogwen, near Bangor, held on the first Friday of every month – 10 a.m. at the reserve until 1 p.m. **Contact Matt Cole on 01248 351541 or 07375 520493 or matt.cole@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk**
- A monthly work party at Eithinog, near Bangor, held on the 4th Friday of the month – 10 a.m. at the reserve until 3.30 p.m. **Contact Matt Cole on 01248 351541 or 07375 520493 or matt.cole@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk**

Our work parties provide an interesting and lively mix of practical work and informal training. Each work day will consist of a brief introduction to the nature reserve and its management. There will also be some training in tool use and appropriate health and safety issues. **Details of the locations of our nature reserves can be found on our website www.northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk** You will need to wear work clothes and stout boots/wellingtons and bring along waterproofs and a packed lunch and a drink. We will supply work gloves and tools. We ask that you 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.

Please remember, if you are interested in attending a particular work party, you must contact the relevant task leader in advance. Thank you!

Wednesday 3rd July

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.
From 1865 until 1995 this site was home to a world-renowned explosives factory. The North Wales Wildlife Trust took over the site when it was decommissioned in 1998 & since then nature has flourished. Today we will be carrying out a variety of jobs around the reserve including work in the tree nursery. Weather permitting, we'll carry out a reptile survey. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 3rd July

Bryn Ifan, near Clynnog Fawr, Llŷn Peninsula. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.
Today we will be working with Dafydd Thomas, our Bryn Ifan Project Officer, helping to remove old sections of post & wire fencing and repairing existing sections at our newly acquired Bryn Ifan holding. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 4th July

Rhiwledyn, Llandudno. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.
Rhiwledyn, also known as the Little Orme, has stunning sea views and wonderful limestone grassland. We will be carrying out a survey of the rare Spiked speedwell as well as clearing some of the paths to improve accessibility for our visitors. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

Friday 5th July

Spinnies, Aberogwen, near Bangor, Gwynedd. Morning only 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.
A series of lagoons and surrounding habitat provide shelter and food for wildfowl, waders and smaller birds, especially during the autumn and spring migrations. Today we will be carrying out a variety of tasks around the reserve and having a general tidy up. There may be an opportunity to do some bird watching so don't forget your binoculars! Meet at the nature reserve at 10 a.m. Contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 10th July

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.
Our work focusses on maintaining the variety of habitats whilst protecting the history of the site. Today we will be carrying out different jobs around the reserve including scything bracken; clearing rhododendron; reptile surveys and path clearance. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 10th July

Cors Goch, near Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.
The complex geology and wealth of different habitats make Cors Goch one of Wales's most diverse, colourful nature reserves & part of an internationally significant network of fens in Anglesey. Today we will be carrying out a variety of different work around the nature reserve including bracken bashing & path clearance. You'll have the opportunity to master the art of scything using an Austrian scythe. It's very relaxing and much quieter than using a brushcutter! Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 11th July

Cors Bodgynydd, near Betws-y-Coed. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

The wide variety of wetland habitats at this remote, upland nature reserve in the Gwydir Forest were created when water levels were raised artificially in the 19th century to supply water for the mining industry. Today we will be clearing invasive conifers, birch & willow. Wellies essential! Please contact Luke Jones for more information.

Wednesday 17th July

Coed Crafnant, Llanbedr, near Harlech. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Filled with primitive plants and ancient oak trees, Coed Crafnant is a hidden treasure that feels like stepping back in time to the ancient wildwoods of Wales. Today we will be maintaining the trees on the fridd and carrying out footpath maintenance. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 17th July

Cors Goch, near Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey **or** visit to Llyn Brenig.

Location to be confirmed nearer the time. If we are working at Cors Goch, we will be clearing footpaths as well as bracken management. Alternatively, we will be travelling to Llyn Brenig to observe the ospreys & their chicks and visit our Gors Maen Llwyd. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 18th July

Gogarth, Great Orme, Llandudno. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

This nature reserve is a slice of limestone grassland and maritime heath on the western slopes of the Great Orme, teeming with butterflies and wildflowers in the summer. Today we will be clearing bracken & non-native cotoneaster to protect this valuable habitat. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

Friday 19th July

Cors Goch, Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey. 10.30 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Today we will be heeling in young trees which will be planted out on our Bryn Ifan estate later in the year. Please contact Katy Haines if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 24th July

Morfa Bychan, near Porthmadog. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Morfa Bychan is a truly maritime nature reserve, allowing you the rare chance to experience the whole range of habitats within a dynamic dune system. This nature reserve is an important site for reptiles including Grass snakes & Slow worms. If the weather conditions are favourable, you will have the opportunity to take part in a reptile survey as well as helping to clear vegetation from scrapes on the dunes and carrying out a litter pick on the beach. Please contact Katy Haines if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 24th July

Cors Goch, near Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Grazing animals are used to help us manage this nature reserve & today we will be pulling ragwort from the grassland areas used by the Carneddau ponies and cattle and managing bracken. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 25th July

Cors Bodgynydd, near Betws-y-Coed. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

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Friday 26th July

Eithinog, Bangor, Gwynedd. **Morning only 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.**

Overlooking the Menai Strait on one side and with views of Snowdonia on the other, this is a much-loved wild oasis in the heart of Bangor. This is one of our monthly tasks to help us keep on top of site management. Our jobs today will include clearing footpaths; litter picking and ragwort pulling. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 31st July

Cors Goch, near Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey or visit to Llyn Brenig.

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

