



North Wales Wildlife Trust

Nature Reserve Work Parties in NE Wales (Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham)

October 2024

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. It's a great time of year to visit our nature reserves and discover why they are such special places.

This programme lists the volunteering opportunities that are available throughout **October 2024** on our nature reserves in Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham. You can also volunteer with our NE Wales Living Landscapes Project – see below for more information. **If you wish to attend any of the volunteer work days, you must book ahead directly with the task organiser (their contact details are listed below).**

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. 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.

In summary, there is usually:

- A volunteer work day every Tuesday & Friday on one of our nature reserves in NE Wales. **Contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst on 07764 897416 or Jordan.Vigus-Hurst@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk or Paul Furnborough on 07880 033562 or Paul.furnborough@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk**
- A volunteer work day 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 our NE Wales Living Landscape project, near Mold. Please contact Sarah Ellis on 07494 962909 or sarah.ellis@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk for more information about the project. We will be working with Denbighshire County Council most Wednesdays, growing trees and wild flowers at their plant nursery near St Asaph. On Thursdays there will also be opportunities to help at our tree nursery near Mold.

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

Tuesday 1st October

Pisgah Quarry. Meet in the small car park at the top of Pleasant View (LL20 7SH). Please note – there is only room for 3 cars here – car sharing will be offered from Aberduna – please contact Jordan to arrange car sharing. 10 a.m. until 3.00 p.m. A lesser visited, small woodland reserve, but one that is beautiful in its own right and holds wonderful views over the Vale of Llangollen. We will scythe the glade and thin out trees within the woodland to enhance the structural diversity within the reserve. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 4th October

Coed y Felin, Hendre, near Mold. 10 a.m. until 3.00 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 are filled with colour & life, including the nationally rare Deptford pink and dozens of other wildflowers. Today will be Deptford pink management day! We will scythe and dig out encroaching scrub from the slope, and re-seed ant hills and scarified sections. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 8th October

Y Graig, near Tremeirchion, just off the B5429. 10 a.m. until 3.00 p.m. Parking is restricted – please use the layby at Ffynnon Beuno on B5429.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/v4xByrfFv4yuA3tLA>

Y Graig is a haven for wildflowers and butterflies with breath-taking views over the Vale of Clwyd & beyond. Today we will be carrying out a range of jobs across this stunning reserve. These will include brush cutting bramble and bracken and removing scrub from the summit, limekiln and quarry areas; clearing a fallen tree from the fence line and then repairing the fence; dead hedging and installing bat boxes. These should keep us all busy! Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 9th October

Minera Quarry, Coedpoeth, near Wrexham. 10 a.m. until 3.00 p.m. Meet in the car park.

It's autumn and so we begin our woodland management. We'll be thinning and coppicing trees as well as clearing regenerating saplings from this historic quarry. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 11th October

Cors y Sarnau, Sarnau, near Bala. 10 a.m. until 3.00 p.m. Meet in Sarnau village. Our regular monthly visit to this reserve. Our troll re-homing scheme is in full swing! We'll be building more affordable bridges at this wonderful wetland so they can get one, rather large, foot on the property ladder! Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 15th October

Location to be confirmed.

It will be either:

Aberduna, Maeshafn, near Mold. Meet at the office car park. 10 a.m. until 3.00 p.m. Aberduna is a striking 20-hectare nature reserve offering stunning views across the Alyn Valley to Moel Famau & the Clwydian Range. If we go to Aberduna, we will be clearing some regenerating saplings from the limestone grassland, preventing it from transitioning to scrub. We'll also maintain our paths, steps and gates across the reserve. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Or

Coed Trelynniau, near Rhydymwyn. 10 a.m. until 3.00 p.m. Due to limited parking, we will meet at Coed y Felin in the large car park at 10a.m. and lift-share to Coed Trelynniau:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/sMwyyTmA4iZJvzSg9>

This nature reserve is a fragment of a once larger ancient woodland. It sits within an agricultural landscape and is linked to other scattered woodlands by ancient hedgerows and tracks that are the last refuge for many native plants and animals. We will return to Coed Trelynniau for a rare autumn visit, tackling some of the fencing repairs on the adjacent meadow saxifrage bank. We may also install some bird and bat boxes within the woodland and our new boot brushes for biosecurity. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Friday 18th October

Gors Maen Llwyd, near Llyn Brenig. 10 a.m. until 3.00 p.m. Meet at the main car park.

Today we are heading back on to the moors, pulling and felling self-seeded Sitka saplings and trees. This work is important as it will help to restore precious heathland habitat. With every visit, we are now making very visible progress towards getting this site back into favourable condition. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 22nd October

Graig Wylt, 3 miles SE of Ruthin on the B5429. Meet at the Three Pigeons Inn, or if you are familiar with the reserve, feel free to head straight to the reserve entrance (What3Words: escorting.increment.sits). 10 a.m. until 3.00 p.m.

We'll continue various jobs to improve the rough paths through this wonderful woodland in the Vale of Clwyd. We may also do some exciting tasks on the grassland summit! Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 23rd October

Marford Quarry, near Wrexham. Meet in the accessible car parking area off Springfield Lane. 10 a.m. until 3.00p.m.

Join us at this former sand and gravel quarry as we manage what is now a haven for invertebrates. We will be maintaining the early successional habitat that allows invertebrate to thrive here, by cutting and treating regenerating saplings across much of the nature reserve. We'll also drill holes in the standing deadwood to artificially create burrows for homeless invertebrates! Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 25th October

Big Pool Wood, 2.5 miles east of Prestatyn. 10 a.m. until 3.00 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. Join us for a big session at Big Pool Wood, cutting back reeds around the bird hides and clearing the footpaths. We may also install new bat boxes. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

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