



# North Wales Wildlife Trust

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

### October 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 **October 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](mailto: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](mailto:luke.jones@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](mailto:luke.jones@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](mailto:matt.cole@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk)**
- A monthly work party at Eithinog, near Bangor, held on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd.

From 1865 until 1995 this site was home to a world-renowned explosives factory. 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 various tasks around the nature reserve including path maintenance, work in the tree nursery & clearing firebreaks – a good opportunity to have a go at scything with an Austrian scythe. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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### **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

Mariandyrys, near Llangoed, Anglesey. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

This nature reserve lies on a rocky limestone outcrop that raises it above the surrounding area and offers stunning, far-reaching views all year round. Sections of the site were quarried for limestone in the past and the properties of the underlying rock shape the vegetation we see today. Today we will be carrying out heathland management work. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

### **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

Bryn Pydew, Glanwydden, near Llandudno.

The limestone pavements, flower-rich grasslands & ash & yew woodlands found on this nature reserve support a wealth of plant & animal life. Today we will be cutting and raking the glades as well as controlling non-native cotoneaster. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

### **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

Spinnies, Aberogwen, near Bangor and Eithinog, Bangor. **10 a.m. until 4 p.m.**

At our Spinnies nature reserve, a series of lagoons and surrounding habitat provide shelter & food for wildfowl, waders and smaller birds, especially during the autumn & spring migrations. Today we will be carrying out a variety of tasks around the reserve including clearing footpaths and a litter pick along the shoreline. There will be an opportunity to do some bird watching so don't forget your binoculars! We will also be visiting our Eithinog nature reserve to carry out general maintenance work. Contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

### **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

Bryn Ifan, near Clynnog Fawr

**Fungi ID training course - 10.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m.**

This is an opportunity to improve your fungi ID skills with the help of Sheena Duller from Plantlife. With the help of Sheena, we will be identifying fungi growing in grassland at our Bryn Ifan holding, near Clynnog Fawr on the Llŷn peninsula. The training course will be free of charge but if you would like to attend we would encourage you to help out with future fungi survey work on our nature reserves.

Please contact Bryony Jenkins on [bryony.jenkins@plantlife.org.uk](mailto:bryony.jenkins@plantlife.org.uk) if you would like to attend.

### **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

Caeau Tan-y-bwlch, near Clynnog Fawr. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Swathed in wild flowers in spring & summer and offering lovely views of the coast, these traditional hay meadows offer a glimpse of our countryside's past. Today we'll be working in the wetter areas of the nature reserves, cutting and clearing willow. Please contact Luke Jones or Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

### **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

Gogarth, Great Orme, Llandudno.

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.

### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth.

Our work focusses on maintaining the variety of habitats whilst protecting the history of the site. Today we will be carrying out a variety of different jobs around the reserve including installing benches; clearing non-native buddleia; reptile surveys and path clearance. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

Cors Goch, near Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

Discover the spectacular patchwork of habitats, each with its own unique character and array of wildlife. We'll be back out on the fen again today, clearing vegetation. Don't forget your wellies! Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

Bryn Pydew, Glanwydden, near Llandudno.

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### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

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This nature reserve lies on a rocky limestone outcrop that raises it above the surrounding area and offers stunning, far-reaching views all year round. In spring and summer, this site comes alive with wildflowers that thrive on this lime-rich soil. Today we will be carrying out heathland management work. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

Rhiwledyn, Llandudno.

Rhiwledyn, also known as the Little Orme, has stunning sea views and wonderful limestone grassland. Today we will be carrying out scrub clearance, work on the footpaths which pass through the site & doing maintenance work along the fence lines. There may even be time for a short walk to do some seal spotting! Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

Eithinog, Bangor, Gwynedd.

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 will include clearing footpaths; doing a litter pick and pulling ragwort. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

### **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

Caeau Tan-y-bwlch, near Clynnog Fawr

#### **Fungi ID training course - 10.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m.**

This is an opportunity to improve your fungi ID skills with the help of Sheena Duller from Plantlife. With the help of Sheena, we will be identifying fungi growing in grassland on our Caeau Tan-y-bwlch nature reserve, near Clynnog Fawr on the Llŷn peninsula. The training course will be free of charge but if you would like to attend we would encourage you to help out with future fungi survey work on our nature reserves. Please contact Bryony Jenkins on [bryony.jenkins@plantlife.org.uk](mailto:bryony.jenkins@plantlife.org.uk) if you would like to attend.

### **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

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 30<sup>th</sup> October**

Cors Goch, near Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey.

Cors Goch reflects a long history of human activity. Used by the local community for centuries, it's a place where cattle grazed, reeds were cut and stone was quarried to make millstones. Cors Goch's wetlands are home to many rare plants, including insectivorous species, and their own collection of orchids. Here, a springtime walk is accompanied by the songs of grasshopper warbler, sedge warbler and reed bunting, attracted to the extensive wetlands for nesting. Dragonflies and damselflies can be seen from the boardwalk – flashes of colour darting above the wet ground beneath. Today we will be cutting vegetation out on the fen – this work helps to hold back natural succession to scrub and ultimately woodland. Don't forget your wellies! Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

Cors Bodgynydd, near Betws y Coed.

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 carrying out fencing repairs, clearing invasive conifers, birch & willow and checking the Carneddau ponies who are helping us manage the nature reserve. Wellies essential! Please contact Luke Jones for more information.

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

