



North Wales
Wildlife Trust
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North Wales Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Work Parties in NE Wales (Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham) November 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 **November 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.

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 workday 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 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 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 growing trees and wildflowers at their plant nursery near St Asaph, as well as working at our tree nursery near Mold.

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).

Friday 1st November

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. Join us for a big session at Big Pool Wood, cutting back reeds around the bird hides and clearing the footpaths. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Monday 4th November

Coed Fron Drain (woodland next to Coed y Felin). 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet at the gate of Coed Fron Drain: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/BzUpCdmhUDSWnZ6f9>

This is an extra session on a Monday. Join Jonny Hulson on one of our wider landscape projects, helping to thin and brash a beech woodland adjacent to our Coed y Felin nature reserve. Contact Jonny to book on Jonathan.Hulson@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk

Tuesday 5th November

Coed Fron Drain (woodland next to Coed y Felin). 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet at the gate of Coed Fron Drain: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/BzUpCdmhUDSWnZ6f9>

Join Jonny Hulson on one of our wider landscape projects, helping to thin and brash a beech woodland adjacent to our Coed y Felin nature reserve. Contact Jonny to book on Jonathan.Hulson@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk

Friday 8th November

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. We're well on our way to bridging the gap(s)! We'll build more small bridges at this wonderful wetland. We'll also be clearing vegetation from footpaths and doing some fencing repairs. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 12th November

Coed Trelyniau, near Rhydymwyn. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Parking is limited – please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend so that we can arrange car sharing – possibly from nearby Coed y Felin nature reserve car park.

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. Today we will return to the meadow saxifrage bank to complete fence repairs and finish some tree and hedge planting. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend. **Booking is essential to confirm parking arrangements.**

Wednesday 13th November

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

Join us as we work to halt successional processes to maintain a mosaic of habitats at this former limestone quarry. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 15th November

Gors Maen Llwyd, near Llyn Brenig. 10 a.m. until 3.30 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. **This is an opportunity to get yourself an early Christmas tree for free!** Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 19th November

Ddôl Uchaf, near Afonwen, Flintshire. 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 day of pond management, scrub coppicing and tree planting. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Friday 22nd November

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 are filled with colour & life, including the nationally rare Deptford pink and dozens of other wildflowers. Today we will be going back to the Deptford pink slopes, scything and raking the grassland; rotavating bare ground; sowing seed that we have collected and coppicing/tree popping encroaching scrub. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 26th November

Cors y Sarnau, Sarnau, near Bala. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet in Sarnau village. We're well on our way to bridging the gap(s)! We'll build more small bridges at this wonderful wetland. We'll also clear vegetation from footpaths and do some fencing repairs. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 27th November

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

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Friday 29th November

Graig Wyllt, 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 3.30 p.m.

We'll continue various jobs to improve the rough paths through this wonderful woodland, as well as some tasks at the summit of the reserve. Here's hoping for clear views across the wonderful Vale of Clwyd. 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.

