



North Wales Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Work Parties in NE Wales (Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham) December 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. Winter is 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 **December 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 projects, near Mold. **Please contact Sarah Ellis on 07494 962909 or sarah.ellis@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk for more information about the project.**

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

Tuesday 3rd December

Aberduna, Maeshafn, near Mold. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet in the office car park. Aberduna is a striking 20-hectare reserve offering stunning views across the Alyn Valley to Moel Famau & the Clwydian Range. We'll be moving on up as we build more steps to make this nature reserve even more accessible. We may also carry out some pond management within the woodland. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 6th December

Blaenyweirglodd, 2 miles SW of Llansannan. Meet at the off-road parking place near the reserve (Grid Ref: SH9114 6322). 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

A wild sanctuary set in a sea of agricultural land; this secluded peat bog is home to a colourful array of specialist plants and animals. For the first time this winter, we return to this peaceful wetland reserve. We will remove encroaching saplings from the peatland to keep it open, monitor the reserve's hydrology, and manage the paths and any hazardous trees requiring attention. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 10th December

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. In the spring and summer, this peaceful woodland with its sunny glades is filled with colour & life, including the nationally rare Deptford pink and dozens of other wildflowers. Today we will be doing ash dieback safety work and coppicing; scything, scrub control and seeding the Deptford pink slope. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 11th December

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

We'll be carrying out work to improve the accessibility at this former industrial site. We'll also be doing some woodland management work. There will be an opportunity, over some festive food, to take stock of the fantastic work that has been achieved at Minera Quarry over the last three years, as part of the National Grid Landscape Enhancement Initiative. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.



Friday 13th December

Gors Maen Llwyd, near Llyn Brenig. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Please book with Paul – parking location will be decided by the number of people attending!

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 a free Christmas tree! Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 17th December

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. Today is our Volunteers' Christmas Work Party! They'll be a firepit with baked potatoes, mince pies, mulled wine and Christmas cheer!

We'll also try and squeeze in some work! We'll be cutting the reedbeds around the pond edges and bird hides, controlling some invasive willows in the pond and maybe a bit of tree management too! Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Friday 20th December

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.

There will also be an extra session – date to be confirmed. It will be on a Monday, Wednesday or Thursday between Monday 9th December and Thursday 19th December at Coed Trelyniau, near Rhydymwyn, 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

We will return to the meadow saxifrage bank to complete fence repairs before livestock return over Christmas. **Please contact Paul Furnborough if you are interested in attending.**

Everyone at North Wales Wildlife Trust would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Thank you so much for your support throughout the year – we look forward to working with you again in 2025.