



# North Wales Wildlife Trust

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

### January 2025

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda! Happy New Year! 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. Winter is 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 **January 2025** 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)**
- A monthly work party at our Bryn Ifan site near Clynnog Fawr, normally held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. **Contact Dafydd Thomas on [Dafydd.thomas@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:Dafydd.thomas@northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk) or 07940 008799.**

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.

### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

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. 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 areas to provide habitat for nightjars and reptiles. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

Cors Goch, near Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey. 10 a.m. until 4 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 heathland management. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

### **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

Cors Bodgynydd, near Betws y Coed. 10 a.m. until 4 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 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.

### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

Spinnies, Aberogwen, near Bangor, Gwynedd. Morning only 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.  
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! Meet at the nature reserve at 10 a.m. Contact Matt Cole for more information.

### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

Bryn Ifan, near Clynnog Fawr. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.  
Today we will be working with Dafydd Thomas, our Bryn Ifan Project Officer, carrying out various different jobs around the site including improvements to the public rights and way; scrub clearance; fencing repairs and possibly some tree planting. Please contact Dafydd Thomas if you would like to attend.

### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

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 reserve, cutting and clearing willow. Don't forget your wellies! Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

Cors Goch, near Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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

### **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

Gogarth, Great Orme, Llandudno. 10 a.m. until 4 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 scrub & non-native cotoneaster to protect this valuable habitat. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

Gwaith Powdwr, near Penrhyndeudraeth. 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 a variety of different jobs around the reserve including installing benches; clearing non-native buddleia and path clearance. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

Cors Goch, near Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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 carrying out scrub management 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 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

Cors Bodgynydd, near Betws y Coed. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

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

### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

Bryn Ifan, near Clynnog Fawr. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Today we will be working with Dafydd Thomas, our Bryn Ifan Project Officer, carrying out various different jobs around the site including improvements to the public rights and way; scrub clearance; fencing repairs and possibly some tree planting. Please contact Dafydd Thomas if you would like to attend.

### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

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. 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. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

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. 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 30<sup>th</sup> January**

Bryn Pydew, Glanwydden, near Llandudno. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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 and removing scrub from the edges of the grassy glades. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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

