



North Wales Wildlife Trust

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

February 2025

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 **February 2025** 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).

Tuesday 4th February

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. Today we will be clearing fallen trees from the woodland path and removing invading scrub on the precious peatland. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 7th February

Graig Wyllt, 3 miles SE of Ruthin on the B5429. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet at the Three Pigeons Inn at 10 a.m., or if you are familiar with the reserve, feel free to head straight to the reserve entrance (What3Words: escorting.increment.sits) and we'll meet you there at 10.15 a.m.

We'll continue various jobs to enhance this wonderful woodland, including an exciting opportunity to learn how to create habitat features in standing and fallen dead wood. Contractors will be providing a demonstration on habitat pruning for all chainsaw users. Here's hoping for clear views across the wonderful Vale of Clwyd. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 11th February

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.

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Y Graig is a haven for wildflowers and butterflies with breath-taking views over the Vale of Clwyd & beyond. Today will be a session focussed on brush cutting and clearing the areas that the tractor and flail cannot reach. We will be extending the dead hedging to make the beech tree area safe and doing some targeted ivy clearance for tree safety inspections. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 12th February

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

Today we will be working in the woodland - carrying out management work which will benefit wildlife at this former industrial site. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 14th February

Blaenyweirglodd, near Llansannan. Parking off-road near the nature reserve (grid reference SH 9114 6322). 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

We return to this peaceful wetland reserve to remove regenerating saplings from the mire, which will help to keep it clear. We'll also install new plastic piling dams. This work will help to retain the wetland habitat which makes this reserve so special.

There will also be an opportunity to monitor the reserve's hydrology. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 18th February

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 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 21st February

Coed y Felin, Hendre, near Mold. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet in the large car park:

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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're hoping for 3rd time lucky – surely it can't snow again today! Today we will be going back to the Deptford pink slopes, scything and raking the grassland; rotavating some 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 25th February

Gors Maen Llwyd, near Llyn Brenig. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Please book with Paul – parking location will be determined depending on 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. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 26th February

Marford Quarry, near Wrexham. Meet in the accessible car parking area off Springfield Lane. 10 a.m. until 3.30p.m.

Our Minera Quarry & Marford Quarry volunteers meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of every month. Why not join them and witness the incredible power of nature as it slowly reclaims these former quarries into wildlife havens? Today we have a wide variety of jobs to do including: clearing and tidying up hanging trees and branches to provide space for new seeds to germinate; widening paths for vehicle access; removing ivy from trees for tree safety inspections and clearing small saplings that are obscuring bunds across the site. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 28th February

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. Today we will be carrying out some tree safety works as well as some woodland management. This work will help to enhance the structural diversity and ground flora at this charming little woodland reserve. 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.

