



North Wales Wildlife Trust

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

February 2025

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 **February 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**
- 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**
- 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**
- 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**
- A monthly work party at Eithinog, near Bangor, held on the 4th 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**
- Monthly work parties at our Bryn Ifan site near Clynnog Fawr, normally held on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. **Contact Dafydd Thomas on 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** 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 5th February

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 5th February

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 6th February

Every Thursday we will be working on one of our nature reserves in the County of Conwy (10 a.m. until 4 p.m.). This includes our three nature reserves near Llandudno and one close to Betws y Coed. Our work on these reserves can be weather dependent – we will always be working on one of them every Thursday, but the weather forecast will determine which one! We will confirm which reserve we will be working on at the start of each week via WhatsApp, text message, etc. If you would like to volunteer on our Thursday work days, please contact Luke Jones. He will then contact you at the start of each week to let you know where we will be working.

Tuesday 11th February

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 12th February

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 12th February

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 carrying out more heathland management today. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 13th February

Every Thursday we will be working on one of our nature reserves in the County of Conwy (10 a.m. until 4 p.m.). This includes our three nature reserves near Llandudno and one close to Betws y Coed. Our work on these reserves can be weather dependent – we will always be working on one of them every Thursday, but the weather forecast will determine which one! We will confirm which reserve we will be working on at the start of each week via WhatsApp, text message, etc. If you would like to volunteer on our Thursday work days, please contact Luke Jones. He will then contact you at the start of each week to let you know where we will be working.

Friday 14th February

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.

Wednesday 19th February

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 19th February

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. Today we will be carrying out more heathland management work – this work helps to hold back natural succession to scrub and ultimately woodland. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 20th February

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Tuesday 25th February

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 26th February

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 26th February

Mariandyrns, 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 27th February

Every Thursday we will be working on one of our nature reserves in the County of Conwy (10 a.m. until 4 p.m.). This includes our three nature reserves near Llandudno and one close to Betws y Coed. Our work on these reserves can be weather dependent – we will always be working on one of them every Thursday, but the weather forecast will determine which one! We will confirm which reserve we will be working on at the start of each week via WhatsApp, text message, etc. If you would like to volunteer on our Thursday work days, please contact Luke Jones. He will then contact you at the start of each week to let you know where we will be working.

Friday 28th February

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.

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

