



North Wales Wildlife Trust

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

March 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. As signs of spring start to show, 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 **March 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 March

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. Today we will be removing a number of windblown trees near the woodland pond and start to lay a section of hedge in the meadows next to Ffordd Maeshafn. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 7th March

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.

Tuesday 11th March

Coed Cilygroeslwyd, located 2 miles south of Ruthin on the A494. Meet in the Pwllglas Community Shop car park at 10 a.m. (What3Words; curls.vanished.union; nearest postcode LL15 2PE).

This is one of North Wales Wildlife Trust's oldest nature reserves. Today we'll be clearing brambles and fallen trees from paths and around nest boxes. Also, it's an opportunity for us to count the population of wild daffodil which grow here! Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 12th March

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

Join us as we work to maintain the wonderful patchwork of habitats at this former limestone quarry. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 14th March

Maes Hiraddug, near Dyserth. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Meet in the lay by on Carreg Heilin Lane where it joins Pandy Lane.

Maes Hiraddug was saved from development when it was bought by the Wildlife Trust in 1996. It has subsequently been managed as a hay meadow, continuing centuries of traditional practices. Today we'll be tree popping and root digging in the main field and making sure that the scrub edges don't encroach into our hard-earned meadow! Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend

Tuesday 18th March

Coed Trelynniau, 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 confirm whether there will be space to park directly on site or if we will need to arrange car sharing from nearby Coed y Felin nature reserve's eastern 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 reinforce a new fence line around our boundary by transplanting holly from the woodland and gap-filling a new section of hedgerow. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Friday 21st March

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.

Today we will be coppicing and planting up the extension to the dormouse area and tidying up some fallen trees which have been damaged in the recent storms.

Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 25th March

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 repairing fences and improving paths at this wonderfully wet peat bog. Don't forget your wellies! Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 26th March

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 will be working at Marford Quarry – a sandy nature reserve – managing the site for its many rare invertebrate species. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Friday 28th March

Our end of the month catch-up task. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst for more information if you would like to attend.

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

