



North Wales Wildlife Trust

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

April 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. Now that the signs of spring are all around us, 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 **April 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 1st April

Coed Trellyniau, 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 our nearby Coed y Felin nature reserve.

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 complete a new fence line around our boundary and reinforce it 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 4th April

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 clearing a number of windblown trees and improving access through the woodland. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 8th April

Coed Trellyniau, 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 our nearby Coed y Felin nature reserve.

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. We will be doing maintenance work on the next strip of fencing and reinforcing it by transplanting holly from the woodland and gap-filling a new section of hedgerow. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 9th April

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 11th April

Graig Wylt, 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 will meet you there at 10.15 a.m.

Today we will be installing some new experimental fencing at the grassland summit of Graig Wylt and doing further woodland management. Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 15th April

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 continuing our peat restoration work at this wonderful wetland. Don't forget your wellies! Please contact Jordan Vigus-Hurst if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 16th April

Ddôl Uchaf, near Afonwen and Aberduna. Evening survey – meet at 7.30 p.m.

Meet in the Ddôl Uchaf reserve car park – overspill parking is available in laybys along the Mold to Denbigh road (A541) which runs beside the reserve. Tonight, we will be doing **Great Crested Newt surveys** – torch light surveys of our reserve ponds looking for frogs, toads and newts. Clean wellies and a head torch required. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Friday 18th April

Bank Holiday – Good Friday. There will be no work session today. Why not get out and enjoy a sunny walk around one of our lovely nature reserves.

Tuesday 22nd April

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. This peaceful woodland & sunny grassland are filled with colour & life, including the nationally rare Deptford pink and dozens of other wildflowers. Today we'll walk through the reserve installing bat boxes and interpretation panels along the upper and lower footpaths. We will also be repairing fencing by the lower car park following some treefall damage. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 23rd April

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 see 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 25th April

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. Since then, it has 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 wildflower meadow! Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

Tuesday 29th April

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>

Today we will be building a new set of steps, improving the footpath by the main car park and attaching new leaflet dispensers at the entrances. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

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Tuesday 29th April

Minera Quarry, Coedpoeth, near Wrexham. **Evening survey – meet in the reserve car park at 8.10 p.m.**

Tonight, we will be doing **Great Crested Newt surveys** – torch light surveys of our reserve ponds looking for frogs, toads and newts. Clean wellies and a head torch required. Please contact Paul Furnborough if you would like to attend.

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

