



North Wales Wildlife Trust

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

April 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. Now that the signs of spring are all around us, it's 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 **April 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 about this on our website.

Wednesday 2nd April

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, a reptile survey, work in the tree nursery & clearing invasive rhododendrons and buddleia. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 2nd April

Cemlyn, near Cemaes Bay, Anglesey. 10 a.m. until 4.00 p.m.
Situated on the wild north coast of Anglesey, with its unique, elliptical shingle ridge, Cemlyn is an incredible site to visit. From May through to July the islands within the lagoon host nesting colonies of Sandwich, common and Arctic terns. In preparation for the return of the migratory terns, we will be carrying out various tasks. These will include the installation of fencing and nest boxes on the islands in the lagoon. Don't forget your wellies or waders if you have them! There should also be time for a spot of bird watching. Please contact Matt Cole for more details.

Thursday 3rd April

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 Cors Bodgynydd, near 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 at the start of each week via WhatsApp, text message, etc. If you would like to volunteer, 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 4th April

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. Please contact Matt Cole for more information.

Saturday 5th April

Bryn Ifan, near Clynog Fawr. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.
Today we will be working with Dafydd Thomas, our Bryn Ifan Project Officer, and students from Bangor University, carrying out various different jobs including improvements to the public rights of way, installing bridges and fencing repairs. It's a great opportunity to have a look around this newly acquired site. Please contact Dafydd Thomas if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 9th April

Coed Crafnant, Llanbedr, near Harlech. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Filled with primitive plants and ancient oak trees, a visit to Coed Crafnant feels like stepping back in time to the ancient wildwoods of Wales. Today we will be installing protective tree guards on naturally regenerating oak saplings on the fridd and carrying out footpath maintenance. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 9th April

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 various jobs including heathland management work. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 10th April

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 Cors Bodgynydd, near 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 at the start of each week via WhatsApp, text message, etc. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Luke Jones. He will then contact you at the start of each week to let you know where we will be working.

Wednesday 16th April

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 16th April

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 various jobs around the nature reserve including footpath maintenance and work in the tree nursery. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Thursday 17th April

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Tuesday 22nd April

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 including improvements to the public rights of way, bridge installation and fencing repairs. It's a great opportunity to see our newly acquired site. Please contact Dafydd Thomas if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 23rd April

Coed Crafnant, Llanbedr, near Harlech. 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

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Thursday 24th April

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 Cors Bodgynydd, near 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 at the start of each week via WhatsApp, text message, etc. If you would like to volunteer, 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 25th April

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, checking cattle, doing a litter pick and fence maintenance. Please contact Matt Cole if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 30th April

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 working in our tree nursery. Weather permitting, we will also carry out a reptile survey. Please contact Luke Jones if you would like to attend.

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Wednesday 30th April

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 on Anglesey. Today we will be carrying out a variety of different work around the nature reserve including path maintenance and heathland 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.

