

Denbighshire Countryside Service

Volunteer programme

April to September 2011



Welcome

There are a range of opportunities for you to get involved in the work of Denbighshire Countryside Service – and we need your help! From Rhyl & Prestatyn in the north along the Clwydian Range to Hiraethog and the Dee Valley in the south, you can join in every once in a while or every week – the choice is yours.

Tasks vary from tree planting to dry stone walling, footpath construction to creating wildlife habitats. No previous experience required – training will be provided and you're free to work at your own pace.

For a Braille, large print or tape version of this call free on 0800 243980

Clwydian Range Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

For further information contact:

Loggerheads Country Park – 01352 810614

North Denbighshire (Rhyl) – 01745 356197

South Denbighshire (Llangollen) – 01978 869618

A word about Health & Safety

The Countryside Service will provide all necessary safety clothing. Remember to wear sturdy foot wear with a good grip, steel toe cap boots are recommended for most jobs. Please bring water proof clothing and a packed lunch with you. Under 14 year olds must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Unfortunately, we are not able to work with children under 8 years old.

www.clwydianrangeaonb.org.uk
www.denbighshirecountryside.org.uk

Wild about Dinas Brân

This year we're hoping to undertake a series of wildlife and vegetation surveys at Castell Dinas Brân. Finding out what actually lives and grows up there will help us prioritize future management works. Look out for these events in the up and coming months!

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Clwydian Range

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Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



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Countryside Council for Wales



**Friday 1 10^{am} – 1^{pm}
Path Steps**

Much needed safety improvement work on the path steps along the quarry ledge. Meet Mount Wood, Denbigh (SJ 047 658)

**Tuesday 5 10^{am} – 3^{pm}
Spring Path Repair**

Come along and help improve the well trodden All User Trail at Coed Nercwys. Meet at the northern entrance. (SJ 218 593)

**Thursday 7th 10^{am} – 2^{pm}
Habitat Piles**

Join us at this young community woodland to build up the dead wood resource on site by creating habitat piles to encourage more insects on site which in turn support the bird and small mammal populations
Meet Coed y Morfa, Prestatyn

**Tuesday 12 10^{am} – 3^{pm}
Path Work**

Come and help create a new path in Loggerheads Car Park. Meet at Loggerheads.

**Wednesday 13 & Thursday 14
10^{am}- 3^{pm}
Boundary Repairs**

Fencing and walling repairs around Moel Findeg Local Nature Reserve
Meet at Ffordd Bryngwyn entrance. (SJ 204 611)

**Thursday 14 10^{am}
Llandegla Moor**

Come and help to replace some of the railway sleepers on the Offa's Dyke Path as it crosses the fantastic moorland at Llandegla. Meet at Worlds End Car Park (SJ 232 484)

**Friday 15 10^{am} – 1^{pm}
Dry-stone walling**

Help create a walled backdrop around one of the passing places on the new path. Meet Mount Wood, Denbigh. (SJ 047 658)

Wednesday 20 10^{am} – 1^{pm}

Sand Lizard Home Improvements (min age 15+)



Come and help us improve habitat for the re-introduced sand lizard at Barkby beach by creating bare patches of sand among the dunes. Meet Barkby Beach lower car park, Prestatyn (SJ 068 839)

**Wednesday 20 10^{am}
Cynwyd Waterfalls**

Join us at these stunning waterfalls to improve the path through the woods. We will be putting in waymarker posts, improving the drainage and pruning.
Meet at Stamp Lay by (SJ 060 424)

**Tuesday 26 10.30^{pm} – 2.30^{pm}
Litter Pick**

After the busy Bank Holiday come and enjoy a walk up to the Jubilee Tower - litter picking on the way! Meet at Bwlch Penbarras car park. (SJ 162 606)



May



Tuesday 3 10^{am}

Path Repair

Lend a hand improving the well trodden paths within the park! Meet at Loggerheads.

Wednesday 4 & Thursday 5 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Protective Fencing

Come and help in the annual erecting of the protective fence at Gronant. Last year the little terns had a record season with more breeding pairs and young fledglings than ever recorded before at the site. Find out on the day how you can help these birds further. Meet Gronant Dunes (at entrance to Presthaven)

Thursday 12 10^{am}

Wild About Dinas Brân

For the first part of the day, help is needed to translocate gorse in an attempt to prevent people from taking a short cut to the castle. Later on, we are hoping to undertake a vegetation survey to see what Spring flowers are emerging. Meet at Market Street car park, Llangollen.

Thursday 12 & Friday 13 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Offa's Dyke Path Improvements

Due to the thousands of pairs of feet walking along it annually, the section of Offa's Dyke Path running through Moel Famau Country Park needs some improvements. Meet Bwlch Penbarras car park (SJ 162 606)



Tuesday 31 10^{am} - 1^{pm}

Keep rails tidy

Help us to tidy up around the old railway line. Meet Rhuddlan Nature Reserve (SJ 020 777)

Tuesday 31 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Dry Stone Walling

Help us to rebuild the centuries-old stone boundary wall around Moel Findeg Local Nature Reserve. Meet at Ffordd Bryngwyn entrance (SJ 204 611)

Wednesday 1 10^{am}- 3^{pm}

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**Monday 6, Tuesday 7 & Thursday 9 10^{am}
Charcoal Making**

Try your hand at traditional charcoal making on the former railway line between Corwen and Cynwyd. Monday-fill the kiln, Tuesday-lighting and burning, Thursday-bagging the product. Free charcoal for all participants! Meet, Stamp Layby (SJ 060 424)

Tuesday 7 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Bracken Clearance

Come and help remove invasive bracken from the internationally important grasslands. Meet at Loggerheads.

Wednesday 8 6^{pm} - 10^{pm}

Balsam Bash and Buffet

Help us kick start the Himalayan balsam control on the river Alyn. Hard work will be rewarded with a buffet afterwards! Wellies and gloves essential! Will be in the Mold area, location confirmed on booking. Booking essential, please ring 01352 810614. .

Friday 10 10^{am} – 1^{pm}

Help Right Path

Improve access for people that use the popular Mount Wood to Galch Hill footpath. It has already benefitted from a boardwalk and now we need help to complete the route. Meet Mount Wood, Denbigh (SJ 047 658)

Wednesday 15 10^{am}

Gro Isa Plant Survey

Come along and hone your wildflower ID skills and assist with our annual vegetation survey at Gro Isa and enjoy a picnic (bottles not supplied!) on the banks of the River Dee. Meet Sports Pavilion Car Park, Corwen (SJ 079 437)

Tuesday 21 10^{am}

Balsam Bashing!

Help is needed to remove dense stands of Balsam from the banks of the River Dee. Meet Sports Pavilion Car Park, Corwen (SJ 079 437)

Tuesday 21 10^{am}

Removing Himalayan Balsam

Help to remove invasive Himalayan balsam from riverbanks to allow other more delicate plants to thrive! Wellies essential. Meet at Loggerheads

Wednesday 22 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Arboretum Tidy Up

Help is needed to give the arboretum a tidy up and cut back scrub encroaching around the trees. Meet at Coed Moel Famau car park. (SJ 174 613)



July

Tuesday 5 10^{am}- 3^{pm}

Arboretum Access Improvements

Help improve access in and around the arboretum at Coed Moel Famau, including some step improvements. Meet at Coed Moel Famau car park. (SJ 174 613)

Wednesday 6 10^{am}

Wild About Dinas Brân

Help is needed to thin out some sections of bracken at the castle summit. Whilst there, we will also be surveying the area to see what wildlife is present.

Meeting point, Market Street car park, Llangollen.

Thursday 7 10^{am} – 1^{pm}

Tree Management

A continuation of the excellent work done last year to improve this community woodland for wildlife.

Meet Coed Y Morfa, Prestatyn

Tuesday 12 7.30^{pm}

Beekeeping and the Environment

Come and join us for an illustrated talk by a Master beekeeper about beekeeping and how managing habitats can benefit bees. Live bees on display! Loggerheads Country Park.

Booking Essential, please ring 01352 810614

Wednesday 13

Wild About Dinas Brân

An evening stroll around Castell Dinas Bran to see what creatures lurk in the dark!

We'll be on the hunt for moths, bats as well as glow-worms. Meet at the Corn Mill for a quick drink at 7^{pm} (optional) before heading up to the Castle from there at 8^{pm}. Bring along a torch!

Please book for this event as it will be weather dependent (01352 810614).

Wednesday 13 & Thursday 14

10^{am}- 3^{pm} Dry Stone Walling



Come and help to re-build sections of the old stone wall boundaries near the car park at Moel Arthur with a qualified instructor. Meet at Moel Arthur car park (SJ 147 658)

Thursday 14 10^{am}

Balsam Bashing Part 2!

Another push to eradicate this problem plant from the banks of the River Dee.

Meet Sports Pavilion Car Park, Corwen (SJ 079 437)

Tuesday 19 10^{am}

Scrub Clearance

Help to remove invasive scrub from delicate grassland areas to allow other more delicate plants to thrive! Meet at Loggerheads.

Dry Stone Walling

Tuesday 19, Wednesday 20 & Thursday 21 10^{am}

Why not try your hand – or improve your skills – at Dry Stone Walling? We will be rebuilding sections of the boundary wall adjacent to Caer Drewyn Hillfort, so you can also learn a little bit about how our ancestors used to live here too!

Meet at Corwen Leisure Centre car park (SJ 068 442)

Tuesday 26 10^{am} – 1^{pm}

Old Fence Disappears

Come and help clear an old fence in preparation for hedge-laying.

Meet Rhuddlan Nature Reserve (SJ 020 777)

August



Thursday 4 10^{am} – 1^{pm}

Tree management

Help with woodland management work on the community woodland site of Bruton Park to create a mix of trees allowing light through for ground flora.

Meet end of Tarquin Drive (off Bryn Cwnin Road), Rhyl.

**Tuesday 9 & Wednesday 10
10^{am} – 3^{pm} Dry-Stone Walling**



Help is needed to continue to rebuild the boundary wall on Moel Famau. Come along and improve or learn with an experienced instructor. Meet Bwlch Penbarras car park (SJ 174 613)

Tuesday 16 10^{am}

Removing Himalayan Balsam

Help to remove invasive Himalayan balsam from riverbanks to allow other more delicate plants to thrive! Wellies essential. Meet at Loggerheads.

Friday 19 10^{am} – 1^{pm}

Clear-up

Come and help clear up around the Bryn Stanley area of Mount Wood. Meet Mount Wood, Denbigh (SJ 047 658)

Wednesday 31 10^{am}

Eglwyseg Escarpment

Help is needed to build up sections of the Offa's Dyke Path as it traverses along the spectacular Eglwyseg Escarpment. As parking is limited, please meet at Market Street Car Park, Llangollen at 10am and we will travel to site from there.

September



Friday 2 10^{am} – 1^{pm}

Woodland Management

Help to cut back the summer growth that has encroached on the young trees and pathways. Meet Mount Wood, Denbigh (SJ 047 658)

Tuesday 6 10^{am}

Path Work

Lend a hand improving the well trodden paths within the park after a busy Summer! Meet Loggerheads.

Wednesday 14 & Thursday 15

10^{am} - 3^{pm} Scrub Clearance



Come and help restore the heather moorland on Moel Famau by removing invasive scrub from this internationally important habitat. Meet Bwlch Penbarras car park (SJ 163 606)

Wednesday 21 & Thursday 22 10^{am}

Repairing the Past

Come and help us repair the eroded entranceway to the impressive Iron Age hillfort of Caer Drewyn. Meet at Corwen Leisure Centre car park (SJ 068 442).

Monday 26 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Bits 'n' Bobs



Come along and lend a hand with the annual improvements to Coed Llangwyfan. Meet at Coed Llangwyfan car park (SJ 138 669)

Tuesday 27 10^{am} – 1^{pm}

Hedge upkeep

Help to trim a mature hedge to create a better, thicker hedge for next year. Meet Rhuddlan Nature Reserve (SJ 020 777)

Tuesday 27 & Wednesday 28 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Dry Stone Walling

Help us to rebuild the centuries-old stone boundary wall around Moel Findeg Local Nature Reserve. Meet Ffordd Bryngwyn entrance (SJ 204 611)

Young Rangers



Denbighshire Countryside Service will be starting a new Young Rangers Club in 2011.

Are you aged between 12 and 16 and interested in learning about the environment and the fantastic wildlife to be found in Denbighshire – as well as getting messy in the Great Outdoors?!!

If so, why not pick up a copy of our new Young Rangers Programme? There will be regular monthly sessions covering a range of activities from woodland work to wildlife walks. Contact Loggerheads Country Park 01352 810614.



Celebrating 40 years as a National Trail.



Lets walk

Do you enjoy walking in the hills, walking by the sea or just walking in a group around your local streets?

Do you want to lose weight, improve your fitness, better your health or meet people? Whatever the reason join one of our walks! We have a weekly and monthly programme of short and longer distance walks that have a substantial amount of benefits.

What to wear?

A pair of comfortable shoes is the only equipment required when you first start walking. If your shoes continue to be comfortable then there is no need to go for anything else.

For more information call 01745 356197

The Offa's Dyke National Trail was established as a National Trail in July 1971. It established a 177 mile long distance walking route along the English Welsh border from Chepstow to Prestayn. The route is based along the 8th century earth work built by King Offa of Mercia to mark the boundary between the Kingdom of Mercia, now the English Midlands and Wales.

In this area the Offa's Dyke Path takes in the spectacular landscapes around Llangollen and the Eglwyseg Escarpment, Ruabon Mountain Llandegla and follows the magnificent chain of hills of the Clwydian Range.

