Denbighshire Countryside Service

Volunteer programme October 2012 to March 2013



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.

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Clwydian Range and Dee Valley 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.

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Wednesday 3rd 10^{am} - 3^{pm} Healthy Heath

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Monday 8th 10^{am} - 3^{pm} Forestry Education



Help create an area at Coed Llangwyfan that can be used by Forestry Schools as an outdoor classroom.

Meet – Coed Llangwyfan, top car park, on the road between Nannerch and Llandvrnog (SJ 139 668)

Wednesday 10th 10^{am} - 3^{pm} Poplar clean up

Help collect poplar brash on the woodland floor after the felling last year to prevent invasive regeneration and allow other plants to flourish to increase the biodiversity of the woodland. Meet - Loggerheads Country Park

Wednesday 10th 10^{am} - 3^{pm} Hike the Dyke

Manor Hill Quarry, Prestatyn

Continuing to improve sections of the Offa's Dyke National Trail on and around Prestatyn Hillside. Very steep slopes, boots essential. Meet – Small car park on hairpin bend below Hillside Gardens, Prestatyn (SJ 071 821)

Thursday 11th 10^{am} Woodland work, Corwen Cynwyd Railway Line

Come and help manage this beautiful section of old railway line. Following previous successful woodland thinning regimes, the time is upon us to head back and get stuck in with a bit of coppicing and thinning.

Meet - Stamp lay-by (SJ 060 420)

October

Tuesday 16th 10^{am} – 3^{pm} Fenlli Fence line



Come along and help finish replacing the damaged fence with a new one to prevent more erosion occurring on this Iron Age Hillfort.

Meet - Moel Fenlli car park (SJ 161 606)

Wednesday 17th 10^{am} - 3^{pm} Healthy Heath

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Tuesday 23rd 10^{am} – 3^{pm} Cutbacks to come

Help smarten the entrances to the reserve and make the site even more welcoming to visitors. We will also increase the amount of dead wood in one area to increase its biodiversity.

Meet -Rhuddlan Nature Reserve

Wednesday 24th 10am - 3pm Coed Nercwys Maintenance



The busy footpaths around Coed Nercwys are in need of some attention. Meet – Coed Nercwys, northern car park (SJ 218 593)

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Thursday 25th 10^{am} Pond Clearance

Why not join us on the banks of the River Dee and help deepen a natural wetland and pond that has become heavily silted, thereby making it more attractive to wildlife, including otters which are known to use the site.

Meet-main car park, Corwen

Wednesday 31st 10am - 3pm Healthy Heath

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November

Thursday 1st 10^{am} - 1^{pm} Help your Environment

Brickfields Pond will be the venue for hedgelaying and other Countryside activities. This is a work task in co-ordination with the Rhyl Environment Association, a volunteer group that has been going for over 20 years. We are hoping for a good mix of age groups with it being half-term. Meet at Brickfields Pond (SJ 013 804)

Monday 5^{th} $10^{am} - 3^{pm}$ Pond Life I



Help to cut back an area around an existing pond that has become overgrown and improve the scrapes around the edge. Wellies essential! Meet – Coed Nercwys, northern car park (SJ 218 593)

Wednesday 7^{th} 10^{am} – 3^{pm} Hen Ardd Coppicing and Scrub Clearance

Come and help coppice willow to open up an important wetland and remove scrub on the surrounding grassland. Wellies essential! Meet at Hen Ardd, Eryrys (SJ 204 578)

Wednesday 7th 10am - 3pm Juniper Jolly

Manor Hill Quarry, Prestatyn Scrub clearance around the small group of native Juniper trees high on Prestatyn Hillside. Very steep slopes, boots essential Meet – Small car park on hairpin bend below Hillside Gardens, Prestatyn(SJ 071 821)

Thursday 8th 10am **Dead Hedging**

Our lovely dead hedge was washed away by the floods! Help is needed to build a better, stronger one along the path that leads to Gro Isa.

Not only will this be a nice feature, but as the path is adjacent to an old tipping site, it will also serve to prevent burrowing rabbits

spreading glass and old pottery shards underfoot

Meet - Sports Pavilion Car Park. Corwen (The Sports Pavilion is located next to the Recreational plaving fields)

Tuesday 13^{th} $10^{am} - 3^{pm}$

Offa's Dyke Path Improvements Due to the thousands of feet walking along it annually, the section of Offa's Dyke Path running through Moel Famau Country Park needs some improvements.

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Meet – Bwlch Penbarras car park (SJ 162 606)

Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Meadows and Hedges

Join us on a joint work day at Dyserth with the North Wales Wildlife Trust. We will be working on the Trust's wildflower meadow and hedge-laying along the boundary of the old railway line.

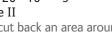
Meet - Prestatyn-Dyserth Way car-park, Dyserth (SJ 062792)

Wednesday 14th 10am - 3pm Healthy Heath

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Tuesday 20th 10am - 3pm Pond Life II



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Wednesday 21st 10^{am} - 3^{pm} Coppicing

Lend a hand with this important traditional woodland management technique, which

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will increase biodiversity within the woodland at Loggerheads. Meet -Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 21st 10am - 3pm Healthy Hillside

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Thursday 22nd 10^{am}- 1.30^{pm} Woodland work. Corwen Cynwyd Railway line

Continuation of woodland work along the former railway line. Meet- Stamp lay-by (SJ 060 420)

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

Hedge-laving

Help to lay the hedges at Brickfields Pond Local Nature reserve, and if the weather is cold there will be a bonfire to warm the hands.

Meet - Brickfields Car Park (SJ 013 804)

Wednesday 28th 10am - 3pm Healthy Heath

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Meet - Between Maeshafn village and Old Youth Hostel (SJ 205 608)

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Tuesday 4^{th} $10^{am} - 3^{pm}$ Coppicing

Help us continue this important traditional woodland management technique, which will increase biodiversity within the woodland at Loggerheads. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 5th 10^{am} - 3^{pm} Healthy Heath

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Meet – Between Maeshafn village and Old Youth Hostel (SJ 205 608)

Thursday 6th 10^{am} Thinnin' Pen y Pigyn!

Help is needed to remove stands of birch from around the Dagger Trail to maintain fabulous views of the Dee Valley.

Jacket spuds cooked on the fire too! Feel free to bring a topping of your choice. Biggest spud given to the most creative! Meet- Main car park, Corwen

Thursday 6^{th} $10^{am} - 3^{pm}$ Repair for winter

We will try to get as much done before the cold snap, repairing the boundary fencing and landscaping the ponds. Meet: Glasdir reserve, Ruthin, at lay-by off Ruthin North Link Road (SJ 118 590)

Monday 10^{th} $10^{am} - 3^{pm}$ Clean up at House for a Grouse

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On-going management is needed to stop this open area being overtaken by conifer regeneration. Chance to spot a good Christmas tree! Meet Coed Moel Famau car park (SJ 174 613)

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Meet – Small car park on hairpin bend below Hillside Gardens, Prestatyn (SJ 071 821)

Tuesday 18^{th} $10^{am} - 3^{pm}$ Drains

Help maintain the drains by clearing out the autumn leaves. Meet – Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 19^{th} $10^{\text{am}} - 3^{\text{pm}}$ Healthy Heath

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Wednesday 2^{nd} $10^{am} - 3^{pm}$ Healthy Heath

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Wednesday 9^{th} $10^{am} - 3^{pm}$ Healthy Heath

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Thursday 10th 10^{am} Gorse Bashing

Help is required to clear dense stands of gorse at Caer Drewyn hillfort. Jacket spuds and beans to be cooked on the fire (as if you needed a reason to spend a day on this fantastic site!). Meet - Corwen Leisure Centre Car Park

Friday 11^{th} $10^{am} - 1^{pm}$ Woodland Glade

The plan is to open up an area to provide for species familiar with woodland edge. The work



will copy nature as it is similar to what happens when a big old oak falls. We will stack the brash and have a small fire for the rest. Meet: Bryn Stanley, off Lon Llewellyn entrance to Mount Wood, Denbigh (SJ 047 658)

Monday 14^{th} $10^{am} - 3^{pm}$ Woodland Management I

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Coed Alex is a small woodland near Coed Llangwyfan. It has become overgrown over the last few years and help is needed to thin the trees and remove dense stands of scrub. Meet – Llangwyfan top car park, on the road between Nannerch and Llandyrnog (SJ 139 668)

Tuesday 15th 10^{am} – 3^{pm} Coppicing Continued

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Wednesday 16^{th} $10^{am} - 3^{pm}$ Healthy Hillside

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Tuesday 22nd 10^{am} – 3^{pm} Coed Nercwys Maintenance



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Thursday 24th 10^{am} - 1.30^{pm} Woodland work, Corwen Cynwyd Railway Line More coppicing and tree thinning at the former railway line. Meet - Stamp lay-by (SJ 060 420)

Wednesday 30th 10^{am} – 3^{pm} Scrub Clearance

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Monday $4^{th} 10^{am} - 3^{pm}$ Thinning Trees

Help to thin the area behind the arboretum. We will use cut poles in spring to continue improving the entrance to the arboretum. Wellies needed. Meet at Coed Moel Famau car park (SJ 174 613)

Tuesday 5th 10^{am} – 3^{pm} Walk this Way

Help formalise a new path in a joint project with the North Wales Wildlife Trust. The work will be carried out on the Prestatyn-Dyserth Way and Maes Hiraddug reserve. Meet - Prestatyn-Dyserth Way car-park, Dyserth (SJ 062 792)

Wednesday 6th 10^{am} – 3^{pm} Healthy Heath

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Thursday 7^{th} 10^{am} – 3^{pm} More thinnin' in Pen Y Pigyn Continuation of scrub clearance within the woodland. Meet - Main car park, Corwen

Wednesday 13^{th} $10^{am} - 3^{pm}$ Path Work

Help improve the paths for all by continuing the path improvements work on the busy paths at Loggerheads. Meet – Loggerheads Country Park.

Thursday 14th 10^{am} Llantysilio Green Tidy up

If you're not too busy spending hours opening all of your cards why not come and join us?!! Help is required to enhance this important gateway to the Horseshoe Falls – part of the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal World Heritage Site. We'll be thinning out some trees, coppicing and high pruning, as well as undertaking a big litter pick to get it ready for the up and coming season.

Meet - Llantysilio Green Car Park (SJ 198 433)

February

Tuesday 19th 10am - 3pm Wildlife Boxes

Help to make some homes for wildlife including dormice, bats and birds. Meet - Loggerheads Country Park

Wednesday 20th 10^{am} – 3^{pm} Healthy Heath

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Meet - Llangwyfan top car park, on the road between Nannerch and Llandyrnog (SJ 139 668)

Tuesday 26th 10^{am} - 3^{pm} Scrub clearance Help with scrub clearance to improve this

internationally important limestone grassland. Meet – Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 27th 10^{am} - 3^{pm} Healthy Hillside

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Meet – Small car park on hairpin bend below Hillside Gardens, Prestatyn (SI 071 821)

March

Fridav 1st 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Spring Clean at the Castle Come and help spring clean the castle ready for the new visitor season. Meet - 'The Pancake' on the eastern side of Dinas Bran (SJ 218 430)

Tuesday 5th 10^{am} - 3^{pm} Path Work

Help improve the paths for all by continuing the path improvements work on the busy paths. Meet – Loggerheads Country Park

Tuesday 5th 10^{am} – 2^{pm} Natteriack Habitat

Since being re-introduced over 10 years ago, the natterjack toads have done well at Gronant. They still need a helping hand every now and again though, so we will be cutting back vegetation around the ponds. Meet - Gronant Dunes, entrance gate opposite Presthaven Holiday Park (SJ 089 841)

Wednesday 6th 10^{am} - 3^{pm} Healthy Heath

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Tuesday 12th 10^{am} – 3^{pm} Offa's Dyke Path Improvements

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Thursday 14th 10am Access Work

Come and help us with key access improvement works in the Dee Valley. We'll have plenty of stiles, finger posts and waymarkers to install – so any help is appreciated! Meet at Market Street car park. Llangollen.

Monday 18th 10am - 3pm General Tidy Up

Help to tidy up the at Moel Famau Country park before the busy Easter period. Meet – Bwlch Penbarras car park (SJ 162 606)

Wednesday 20th 10^{am} - 3^{pm} Healthy Heath

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Thursday 21st 10^{am} – 3^{pm} Buckthorn Bashing

Come to help clear some of the sea buckthorn that is taking over this sand dune in Prestatyn. We will provide tough gloves so just bring lunch for that sea view Meet - Tower Beach, Prestatyn (SJ 051 832)

Wednesday 27th 10^{am} – 3^{pm} Helping Hand

Come and lend a hand with improving the park ready for the busy season ahead. Meet -Loggerheads Country Park.





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