

Volunteer Programme

October 2019 to March 2020

Denbighshire Countryside Service and the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



Bryniau Clwyd a Dyffryn Dyfrdwy
Clwydian Range and Dee Valley

Ardal o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

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County Council



Welcome



There are a range of opportunities for you to get involved in the work of Denbighshire Countryside Service and the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB - and we need your help!

From Rhyl & Prestatyn in the north, along the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley and to Hiraethog in the west, 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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The Lord's Garden

Every Monday

(except December 23rd & 30th)

11am – 3pm

(feel free to drop in anytime)

If you love gardens and would enjoy helping in the historic gardens at Nantclwyd Y Dre, Ruthin, we want to hear from you! All abilities welcome.

Please contact 01824 706868
or email

heritage@denbighshire.gov.uk

Meet at Nantclwyd Y Dre,
LL15 1DP



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For further information contact:

AONB Loggerheads Country
Park office



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North Denbighshire (Rhyl)



01824 708 313

AONB Llangollen office



01824 712 795

Check us out on social media for
up to date information and events



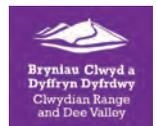
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A word about Health & Safety

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.



OCTOBER





Wednesday 2nd 10am – 3pm
The Gop (Trelawnyd) –
Site clearance

Help remove overgrown vegetation and scrub around the Scheduled Ancient Monument. Meet at the car park on High Street, Trelawnyd. (SJ090798)

Wednesday 2nd 10am – 3pm
Moel Famau - Heathland
Management

Help remove conifer regen off the heathland. Meet at Bwlch Penbarras (top) car park. (SJ 162 606)



Tuesday 8th 10am – 3pm
Loggerheads repairs

Help us with some site repairs after the summer season. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Tuesday 8th 10am – 1pm
Plas Newydd, Llangollen -
Horticultural training

Come and learn how to plant large trees as part of a new birch avenue at this historic garden with the Plas Newydd Head Gardener. Meet at Plas Newydd, LL20 8AW.

Wednesday 9th 10am – 3pm
Healthy Heath

Management to remove birch trees and saplings which threaten the unusual mosaic of heathland plants that give Moel Findeg it's unique character. Meet between Maeshafn village and Old Youth Hostel. (SJ 205 608)

Wednesday 9th 10am – 3pm
Prestatyn - Hedge Laying

Hedge Laying is an important skill to replenish hedgerows and encourage new growth from the base of the hedge. Come and help lay a piece of hedge in the Local Nature area. Meet: Ffordd Parc Bodnant, Prestatyn, play fields entrance, LL19 9LJ.

**Tuesday 15th 10am – 3pm
Loggerheads Coppicing**

Lend a hand with this important traditional woodland management technique, which will increase biodiversity within the woodland at Loggerheads. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

**Wednesday 16th 10am – 3pm
Moel Famau Path Improvements**

Help us improve the well-used paths around the Country Park. Meet at Bwlch Penbarras (top) car park. (SJ 162 606)



**Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th & Friday 18th 10am – 4pm
Drystone Walling Training in The Dell, Plas Newydd, Llangollen**

Gain new skills whilst helping repair the dry stone wall in this historic garden with an experienced instructor. Meet at Plas Newydd, LL20 8AW.

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10am – 3pm Drystone Walling-
Horseshoe Pass, Llangollen.**

Come and help restore a section of a tumbled down boundary wall, and learn about this traditional skill from an experienced instructor. Meet at the layby at the top of the Horseshoe Pass, opposite the Ponderosa Café. (SJ 192 480)



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Friday 25th 10am – 3pm

**Mount Wood - Woodland Glade
management**

Lend a hand in improving woodland biodiversity by planting native woodland flowers, coppicing, and thinning existing trees. Meet at Bryn Stanley entrance to Mount Wood, Denbigh (SJ 047 658)

Saturday 26th 10am – 3pm

**Uwch y Dre Allotments –
Dry Stone Walling**

Learn about this traditional skill from an experienced instructor, and help us restore the old dry stone wall which runs the length of this site. Meet at Uwch y Dre Allotments. (SJ 07120 43145)

Tuesday 29th 10am – 3pm

Coppicing the wetland

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)



Tuesday 29th 10am – 3pm

Plant! Project maintenance.

Help us to control the vegetation around our newly planted trees at Glan Morfa, part of the national Plant! Project. Meet at Marsh Tracks Car Park, Marsh Road, Rhyl LL18 2AD.

Wednesday 30th 10am – 3pm

**Moel Famau Heathland
Management**

Help remove conifer regen off the heathland. Meet at Bwch Penbarras (top) car park. (SJ 162 606)



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NOVEMBER



Tuesday 5th 10am – 3pm
Nercwys – Improving the views

Help remove the conifer regen around the trig point at Coed Nercwys in order to restore the outstanding views. Meet at Coed Nercwys, Northern Car park. (SJ 218 593)



Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th 10am – 4pm
Drystone Walling Training in The Dell, Plas Newydd, Llangollen

Gain new skills whilst helping repair some of the dry stone wall in this historic garden with an experienced instructor. Meet at Plas Newydd, LL20 8AW.

Wednesday 6th 10am – 3pm
Prestatyn - Hedge Laying

Hedge Laying is an important skill to replenish hedgerows and encourage new growth from the base of the hedge. Come and help lay a piece of hedge in the Local Nature area. Meet at Ffordd Parc Bodnant, Prestatyn, play fields entrance, LL19 9LJ.

Wednesday 6th 10am – 3pm
Moel Famau Pond Clearance

Help to remove the encroaching vegetation out of Fenlli pond to improve it for wildlife. Meet at Bwlch Penbarras (top) car park. (SJ 162 606)



Tuesday 12th 10am – 3pm
Scrub Clearance

Help with scrub clearance to improve this internationally important limestone grassland. Meet Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 13th 10am – 3pm
Moel Famau Heathland Management

Help remove conifer regen off the heathland. Meet at Bwlch Penbarras (top) car park. (SJ 162 606)



Wednesday 13th 10am – 3pm
Prestatyn Hillside –
Site maintenance

Scrub clearance on limestone grassland and general site maintenance. Meet at the car park below Hillside Gardens. (SJ071821)

Tuesday 19th 10am – 3pm
Llangwyfan Nature Area

Join us to improve the woodland and remove scrub off the scheduled ancient monument. Meet at Coed Llangwyfan top car park, on the road between Llangwyfan and Nannerch. (SJ 139 668)

Wednesday 20th 10am – 3pm
Healthy Heath

Management to remove birch trees and saplings which threaten the unusual mosaic of heathland plants that give Moel Findeg it's unique character. Meet between Maeshafn village and Old Youth Hostel. (SJ 205 608)

Wednesday 20th 10am – 3pm
Prestatyn Hillside

Expose and repair wall around Pant-Y-Fachwen Cottage and scrub/brush clearance. Meet at the car park below Hillside Gardens. (SJ071821)





**Wednesday 27th 10am – 3pm
Moel Famau Heathland
Management**

Help remove conifer regen off the heathland. Meet at Bwch Penbarras (top) car park. (SJ 162 606)



**Wednesday 27th 10am - 3pm
Prestatyn - Hedge Laying**

Hedge Laying is an important skill to replenish hedgerows and encourage new growth from the base of the hedge. Come and help lay a piece of hedge in the Local Nature area.

Meet at Ffordd Parc Bodnant, Prestatyn, play fields entrance, LL19 9LJ.

**Thursday 21st 10am – 3pm
Hedgelaying - Stamp, Corwen**

Come and learn this traditional skill as we lay the hedge surrounding one of our wildflower meadows, near the historic Llangar Church. A good chance to practice before next month's competition! Meet Stamp lay-by (SJ 064 422)

**Tuesday 26th 10am – 3pm
Loggerheads - Coppicing**

Lend a hand with this important traditional woodland management technique, which will increase biodiversity within the woodland at Loggerheads. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

**Thursday 28th 10am – 3pm
Woodland work at Coed Y Morfa**

Woodland work at Coed Y Morfa. Join us for some side-pruning and coppicing at Coed Y Morfa. Meet at Coed Y Morfa car park, Lon Goed, Prestatyn, LL19 8ED.



DECEMBER





**Monday 2nd 10am – 3pm
Traditional Wreath Making -
Bruton Park Community
Woodland**

Help out cutting back vegetation and use trimmings to make your very own festive wreath to decorate and take home! Meet at Bruton Park Community Woodland. Meet at the entrance to Bruton Park adjacent to the bus stop and turning circle, Rhyl LL18 4SZ.

**Wednesday 4th 9.30am – 3.30pm
Annual Hedge Laying Competition**

Hedge Laying is an important skill to replenish hedgerows and encourage new growth from the base of the hedge. The art of laying a hedge is judged in county championships, come along as part of a team of two for the Sixth year of this fun event with a very productive outcome, beginners more than welcome as a tutor will be on hand and helpers are always needed to keep the bonfire well stocked. Venue TBC.

**Tuesday 10th 10am-3pm
Loggerheads Coppicing**

Lend a hand with this important traditional woodland management technique, which will increase biodiversity within the woodland at Loggerheads. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

**Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th
10am – 3pm
Glan Morfa - Tree Planting**

Tree planting as part of the new areas of woodland creation at Glan Morfa, planting good sized native stock into ready prepared holes, what more could you ask for! Meet at Glan Morfa Car Park, Rhyl, LL18 2AD.

**Wednesday 11th 10am – 3pm
Moel Famau - Heathland
Management**

Help remove conifer regen off the heathland. Meet at Bwlch Penbarras (top) car park. (SJ 162 606)





**Thursday 12th 10am – 3pm
Swedish Candles – Pen y Pigyn,
Corwen.**

Help us restore these ancient Oak woodlands by removing invasive Western Hemlock. Then using the logs, we will make Swedish Candles for you to take home. Meet at the main car park, Corwen, LL21 0DN.



**Monday 16th 10am – 3pm
Scrub Clearance and Festive
Bonfire**

Bruton Park festive clear up. Help us have a clear up and cut back vegetation for a bonfire, followed by hot chocolate or Non-alcoholic mulled wine and marshmallow toasting! Meet at Bruton Park Community Woodland, Rhyl. Meet at the entrance to Bruton Park adjacent to the bus stop and turning circle, LL18 4SZ.

**Tuesday 17th 10am – 3pm
Loggerheads Christmas Clean Up**

Help spruce up the Park for the festive season carrying out some essential maintenance on the well walked footpaths. Meet Loggerheads Country Park.

**Wednesday 18th 10am – 3pm
Christmas bonfire**

Come and help clear scrub off the heathland, Christmas bonfire to celebrate the last task of the year. Meet between Maeshafn village and the old youth hostel. (SJ 205 608)

**Wednesday 18th 10am – 3pm
Prestatyn Hillside**

Tidying car park and surrounding area and cutting back of shrubs and small trees for accessibility. Meet at the car park below Hillside Gardens. (SJ071821)

JANUARY



Tuesday 7th 10am – 3pm Loggerheads Coppicing

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Wednesday 8th 10am – 3pm Healthy Heath

Management to remove birch trees and saplings which threaten the unusual mosaic of heathland plants that give Moel Findeg it's unique character. Meet between Maeshafn village and Old Youth Hostel. (SJ 205 608)

Wednesday 8th 10am – 3pm Coed Bell

Please join us to clear bracken and bramble to enable the bluebells to flourish next year and to improve biodiversity in this beautiful woodland. Meet at small car park (along the road from the Cemetery) on Gronant Road. (SJ085833)

Monday 13th 10am – 3pm Hedge Laying - Bruton Park Community Woodland

Join us at Bruton Park for a spot of hedge laying. An excellent way to improve biodiversity! Meet at Bruton Park Community Woodland, Rhyl. Meet at the entrance to Bruton Park adjacent to the bus stop and turning circle, LL18 4SZ.

Tuesday 14th 10am – 3pm Coed Nercwys – Pond Clearance

Help thin out the willow in order to raise the water in the pond. Meet at Coed Nercwys, northern car park. (SJ 218 593)





**Wednesday 15th 10am – 3pm
Moel Famau Heathland
Management**

Help remove conifer regen off the heathland. Meet at Bwlch Penbarras (top) car park. (SJ 162 606)



**Thursday 16th 10am – 3pm
Woodland work at Coed Y Morfa**

Join us for some side-pruning and coppicing at Coed Y Morfa. Meet at Coed Y Morfa car park, Lon Goed, Prestatyn, LL19 8ED.

**Thursday 16th 10am - 3pm
Maintenance at Gros Isa, Corwen**

Help us repair the historic slate fencing, and restore the hedgerows through coppicing and planting. Meet at the main car park, Corwen, LL21 0DN.

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Tuesday 28th 10am – 3pm

Woodland Thinning

Join us to thin out some of the woodland. Meet at Coed Llangwyfan top car park, on the road between Llangwyfan and Nannerch. (SJ 139 668)



Wednesday 29th 10am – 3pm

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Friday 31st 10am – 3pm

Mount Wood – Community orchard fence & gate building

Try your hand at some traditional wood working skills. Help to build a timber-framed gate and cleft fencing using materials from the surrounding woodland. Meet: Bryn Stanley entrance to Mount Wood, Denbigh. (SJ 047 658)

FEBRUARY



**Tuesday 4th 10am – 3pm
St Asaph- Operation Newt**

A joint event with the Biodiversity team. Come and help on some essential habitat improvements at a pond area put aside for Great Crested Newts, plenty of work to get stuck into. Meet at Bryn Gobaith – Holy Court Play Area , St Asaph , LL17 0DR.

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**Wednesday 5th 10am – 3pm
Coed Moel Famau Arboretum**

Helps us thin out some trees from this area of woodland. Meet at Coed Moel Famau Car Park. (SJ 174 613)



**Wednesday 5th 10am – 3pm
Coed Bell – Exposing the Past**

Please join us to clear bracken and gorse to return the Scheduled Ancient Monument at the top of Coed Bell to its former glory. Meet at small car park (along the road from the Cemetery) on Gronant Road, Gronant. (SJ085833)



**Monday 10th 10am – 3pm
Benches for Bruton**

Bench making. Give our visitors a place to put their feet up. Help us construct some new benches to go out on site. Meet at Bruton Park Community Woodland. Meet at the entrance to Bruton Park adjacent to the bus stop and turning circle, LL18 4SZ.

**Tuesday 11th 10am – 3pm
Coed Alex**

Help is needed to thin out the trees, jacket potatoes cooked on the fire to keep us warm. Meet at Coed Llangwyfan top car park, on the road between Llangwyfan and Nannerch. (SJ 139 668)

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**Tuesday 18th 10am – 3pm
Loggerheads Grassland
Management**

Help us remove scrub off our internationally important limestone grasslands. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

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**Monday 24th 10am-3pm
Brickfields maintenance**

We'll be preparing the site for the spring, including clearing viewpoints and cutting vegetation back. Meet at Brickfields Pond car park, Ffordd Derwen, Rhyl, LL18 2RN.

**Tuesday 25th 10am – 3pm
Llangwyfan Nature Area**

Join us to improve the woodland and remove scrub off the scheduled ancient monument. Meet at Coed Llangwyfan top car park, on the road between Llangwyfan and Nannerch. (SJ 139 668)



**Wednesday 26th 10am – 3pm
Moel Famau Heathland
Management**

Help remove conifer regen off the heathland. Meet at Bwlch Penbarras (top) car park. (SJ 162 606)



**Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th
10am – 3pm. Drystone Walling –
Horseshoe Pass, Llangollen.**

Come and help restore a section of a tumbled down boundary wall, and learn about this traditional skill from an experienced instructor. Meet at the layby at the top of the Horseshoe Pass, opposite the Ponderosa Café. (SJ 192 480)



MARCH



Tuesday 3rd 10am – 3pm

Loggerheads - Coppicing

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Thursday 5th 10am – 3pm

Roadside Nature Reserve - Llangollen.

Help us maintain our roadside nature reserve below the stunning Eglwyseg Escarpment, creating a haven for increasingly rare wildflowers and other wildlife. As parking is limited, please meet at Market Street Car Park, Llangollen at 10am and we will travel to site from there.

Tuesday 10th 10am – 3pm

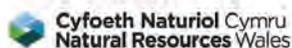
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Join us to improve the busy paths around the Park. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.



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Coed Bell – Path improvements**

Come and help build a path revetment to improve accessibility in this beautiful woodland. Meet at small car park (along the road from the Cemetery) on Gronant Road. (SJ085833)

**Tuesday 24th 10am – 3pm
Loggerheads Spring Clean**

Help us spring clean the park ready for the busy summer season. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

**Wednesday 25th 10am – 3pm
Moel Famau Clean up**

Join us for a site clean-up before the busy summer season. Meet at Bwlch Penbarras (top) car park.
(SJ 162 606)



**Friday 27th March 10am – 3pm
Mount Wood – Wildflower
meadow creation**

Help to create areas of wildflower meadow on the edges of Mount Wood, creating habitat for pollinators and other insects! Meet at Bryn Stanley entrance to Mount Wood, Denbigh (SJ 047 658)





Our Picturesque Landscape

Since the 1700's, people have been on inspirational journeys through the Dee Valley, across the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal, along Telford's A5, the Llangollen Railway and the River Dee drawn to this picturesque landscape just as the Ladies of Llangollen were.

The Our Picturesque Landscape Project aims to protect this unique area by;

- Conserving views, heritage and habitats
- Improving access
- Engaging communities with our special landscape
- Working in partnership with other organisations

We are focusing our volunteering efforts initially on restoring the Dell in Plas Newydd which was the Ladies

of Llangollen's' naturalistic garden. This is a 4-year programme to restore the garden to how it would have been when the Ladies lived here between the 1780's and 1830's. The restoration involves improving paths, entranceways and handrails, creating a bog garden, planting a new birch avenue to replicate the one existing during the Ladies' time as well as a scheme of naturalistic planting. We will be starting by repairing the crumbling stone walls, then pitch paving the steps to the summer house and creating a stone viewing platform, these aspects of the restoration project enable us to offer specialist training for volunteers with an experienced instructor, creating opportunities for new people to come and learn some specialist skills whilst helping to restore an historic garden.

If you would like to know more about the OPL project then please contact our.picturesque.landscape@denbighshire.gov.uk or 01824 706163

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