

Denbighshire Countryside Service

Volunteer programme

October 2013 to March 2014



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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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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Tuesday 8th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Path Work

The paths at Loggerheads are well trodden and need some TLC, come along and lend a hand. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 9th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Healthy Heath

Our aim this winter is to further increase the area of heathland at the Moel Findeg Local Nature Reserve by removing scrub and birch which threaten the unusual mosaic of heathland plants that give the site its unique character. Sturdy boots essential. Meet between Maeshafn village and Old Youth Hostel (SJ 205 608)

Friday 11th 10^{am} – 1^{pm}

Viewpoint clear-up

We will be cutting back at the viewpoint then burning the brash. Meet at Mount Wood, Denbigh – Bryn Stanley entrance (SJ 047 658)

Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Fencing Glasdir

Finally we have been given the nod to finish off the fencing at Glasdir. A lot now needs doing on this site including clearance work around the planted hedge trees. Meet at Glasdir, Ruthin (SJ 119 590)

Tuesday 22nd 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

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 23rd 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Clearing out the Hedge

An important part of laying hedges is the preparation work, help out clearing the unwanted growth and preparing the hedge for this seasons laying of the boundary hedge between the Prestatyn Dyserth Way and Maes Hrradug Nature Reserve. Meet at Anglia Car Park, Dyserth (SJ 062 792)

Tuesday 29th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Clearing the Orchard

Help clear the scrub from around the orchard trees and cut back the hedges. Meet at Rhuddlan nature reserve (SJ 020 777)

Wednesday 30th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Arboretum I

The arboretum is in need of some attention, either helping to thin out trees or improving a small education area recently created at the back of the arboretum. Meet at Coed Moel Famau car park, a warden will let you through the barrier (SJ 174 613)

Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Historical Hedges



Two days of boundary hedge laying between the Prestatyn Dyserth Way and Maes Hrradug Nature Reserve. Some hedges along the disused railway track had previously been laid but are now due some more attention. (Partnership with Wildlife Trust) Meet at Anglia Car Park, Dyserth (SJ 062 792)



November

Tuesday 5th 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. Warm clothes and Wellies essential!

Meet at Coed Nercwys, northern car park (SJ 218 593)

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

Opening up the entrances

Help cutting back at the entrances of the Maes Gwilym site.

Meet at Maes Gwilym – down Maes y Gog road, near Rhyl (SJ 031 819)

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

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

Tuesday 12th 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 13th 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Dry Stone Walling

Come along and help us repair sections of dry stone wall on the edge of Gwaenysgor, there is transport available from Loggerheads to leave at 9.15am but there are limited seats available so please speak to Glyn Williams first at Loggerheads Country Park.

Meet at the entrance to Gwaenysgor Church, Gwaenysgor (SJ 075 810)

Thursday 14th 10^{am}

Access work

Come along and help open up sections of scrub that is growing adjacent to the path along the former Corwen – Ruthin railway line.

Meet at Corwen Leisure Centre Car Park

Thursday 14th and Friday 15th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Creating a View

Come along to Brickfields Pond Local Nature reserve and help lay the hedges to open up the views of this pond created from a former Clay pit.

Meet at Brickfields Pond Car Park (SJ 013 804)

Tuesday 19th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

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 20th 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Healthy Hillside

Winter is the best time to look after the many special features of Prestatyn Hillside. As well as management of the woodland and grassland we'll be working to maintain the Offa's Dyke National Trail and some of the local footpaths that link with it. Some very steep slopes, boots essential

Meet at the small car park on hairpin bend below Hillside Gardens, Prestatyn (SJ 071 821)

Thursday 21st 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Arboretum II



The arboretum is in need of some attention, either helping to thin out trees or improving a small education area recently created at the back of the arboretum.

Meet at Coed Moel Famau car park, a warden will let you through the barrier (SJ 174 613)

Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Hedge-laying

Start of a round of hedge-laying at Bruton Park. There are a number of areas that are ready to lay hedges along the boundaries of this community woodland.

Meet at Bruton Park, Rhyl (SJ 028 805)

Wednesday 27th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Orchard Preparation

So much exciting work has been achieved at the Old Cottage and Enclosure at Coed Nercwys. The next stage of the project is to plant an orchard behind the cottage but first the area needs clearing of brambles and rubble!

Meet at Coed Nercwys, northern car park (SJ 218 593)



Tuesday 3rd 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 4th 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Healthy Heath

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

Wednesday 4th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Path widening

Tree felling work and general cut back to open up the path from the butterfly gardens down to the Gutter.

Meet at Coed y Morfa, Prestatyn (SJ 058 823)

Thursday 12th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

House for a Grouse



On-going management is needed to stop this open area being overtaken by conifer regeneration. Chance to spot a good Christmas tree! Warm clothing essential.

Meet at Coed Moel Famau car park, the warden will let you through the barrier (SJ 174 613)

Tuesday 17th 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Orchard Pruning

Work on the recently planted orchard.

Meet at Rhuddlan nature reserve (SJ 020 777)

Tuesday 17th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Drains

Help maintain the drains by clearing out the autumn leaves.

Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 18th 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

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Wednesday 8th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

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Friday 10th 10^{am} – 1^{pm}

Hedge-laying

Help open up the views over Galch Hill by laying a hedge.

Meet at Mount Wood, Denbigh – Bryn Stanley entrance (SJ 047 658)

Tuesday 14th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Coppicing continued

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Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 15th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Pond Life II



Help to cut back an area around an existing pond that has become overgrown and improve the scrapes around the edge.

Warm clothes and Wellies essential!

Meet at Coed Nercwys, northern car park (SJ 218 593)

Thursday 16th 10^{am}

Gorse Bashing at Caer Drewyn

Help is needed to remove stands of gorse from around the Iron Age Hillfort. We'll be burning the gorse and cooking jacket potato and beans on the fire!

Meet at the Leisure Centre Car Park, Corwen

Wednesday 22nd 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Tidy up of the Pond

Widening the path at Brickfields.

Meet at Brickfields Pond, Rhyl (SJ 013 804)

Thursday 23rd 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Woodland Management I



Coed Alex

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, jacket potatoes cooked on the fire to keep us warm!

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

Tuesday 28th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Scrub clearance

Help with scrub clearance to improve this internationally important limestone grassland.

Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 29th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Healthy Hillside

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Meet at the small car park on hairpin bend below Hillside Gardens, Prestatyn (SJ 071 821)

Thursday 30th 10^{am}

Coppice Work I, Corwen Cynwyd Railway Line

Why not come along and help with this year's woodland work? We will be coppicing sections of the bank adjacent to the former railway line in order to create a healthier, more structured woodland.

Meet at the layby off the B4401 in Stamp, between Corwen and Cynwyd (SJ 060 420)

February

Wednesday 5th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

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

Thursday 6th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Woodland Management II

Coed Alex



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, jacket potatoes cooked on the fire to keep us warm!

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

Tuesday 11th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Path Work

The paths at Loggerheads are well trodden and need some TLC, come along and lend a hand.

Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.



Tuesday 18th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Hedge-laying

Tidying up the previously laid hedge and add some more hedge-laying to the corner.

Meet at Glan Morfa, Rhyl (SJ 007 803)

Wednesday 19th 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

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Thursday 20th 10^{am}

Bog Trotting

Help to clear the important wetland site of Llyn Ochyn from scrub encroachment and birch. Bring Wellies and warm clothing! Meet at Coed Nercwys, between the villages of Nercwys and Eryrys, northern car park. (SJ 218 593)

Thursday 20th 10^{am}

Coppice Work II, Corwen Cynwyd

Railway Line



Continuation of this traditional woodland practice.

Meet at the layby off the B4401 in Stamp, between Corwen and Cynwyd (SJ 060 420)

Tuesday 25th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Scrub clearance

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

March

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

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

Buckthorn Bashing

Join in on the annual cutting back of the sea buckthorn on the dunes. Help keep this rampant plant under control. Meet at Tower Beach, Prestatyn (SJ 051 832)

Friday 7th 10^{am}

Spring Clean at the Castle

Come and join us for our annual big clearance around Castell Dinas Bran. Meet at 'The Pancake' for 10am or at Market Street, Llangollen car park for 9.40am.

Tuesday 11th 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Path work

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Wednesday 12th 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Coed Llangwyfan



Come along and lend a hand helping to improve this forest site, there is Sycamore to clear and work to do before the busy season starts. Meet at Coed Llangwyfan, top car park, on the road between Nannerch and Llandyrnog (SJ 139 668)



Wednesday 19th 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

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Thursday 20th 10^{am}

Tidying Up at the Horseshoe Falls

In preparation of the new season, help is needed to bring a bit of TLC to the Horseshoe Falls. We'll be painting the old riverside railings, having a good litter pick and cutting back vegetation next to the footpath. Meet at Llantysilio Green Car Park

Thursday 20th and Friday 21st 10^{am} - 3^{pm}
Woodland Walling

In the first few years that the countryside service took on the management of Mount Woods volunteers helped to build dry stone walls around the site, come along and help to re build a section of old wall within this woodland setting. Meet at the entrance gate to Mount Woods, Denbigh (SJ 047 658)

Tuesday 25th 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Helping hand

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

Wednesday 26th 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Moel Famau



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

Heather Management

Controlled heather burning is an important part of our heather management work. It is hoped there will be several days of heather management undertaken during the year between November and March. Obviously this task is entirely weather dependent and often a decision to burn can only be decided at short notice. If you would be interested in helping out this year, please contact us and leave your number so that we can get in touch once we know that we will be heading for the hills!

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