

Denbighshire Countryside Service

Volunteer

programme

April to September 2015



Bryniau Clwyd a
Dyffryn Dyfrdwy
Clwydian Range
and Dee Valley

Ardal o Harddwch Naturiol Eiddrefod
Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty

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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Denbighshire Countryside Services

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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 8th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Healthy Heath

Site maintenance, thresholds and infrastructure improvements around Moel Findeg Local Nature Reserve.
Meet at the eastern site entrance between the village of Maeshafn and the former youth hostel. (SJ 205 608)

Thursday 9th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Clearing the brash

Help tidy up one of the main entrances to our Bruton Park site off the cycle track, using up the brash for habitat piles.
Meet at Tarquin Drive, off Bryn Cwnin Road in Rhyl (SJ 027 801)

Tuesday 14th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Path Work

Come and help improve well used path in Loggerheads Car Park. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 15th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Coed Moel Famau

Cut back along busy paths, litter pick and general maintenance.
Meet at Coed Moel Famau car park, the warden will swipe you through the barrier.

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Wednesday 15th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Path Improvements

Come along to help with improving a path leading to Brickfields pond, excavating the ground followed by capping with stone and finishing with stone dust
Meet at Brickfields Pond, Rhyl.

Friday 17th 10^{am} – 1^{pm}

Bank it up

Help cut back the bank along the footpath so we can put in a natural seating area.
Meet at Bryn Stanley, off Lon Llewellyn entrance to Mount Wood, Denbigh (SJ 047 658)

Wednesday 22nd 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Keeping on top of things

General site maintenance, improvements and footpath work in the woodland and on the Hillside.
Meet at the car park below Hillside Gardens (SJ071 821)

Thursday 23rd 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Entrance improvements

Help to improve the entrance of this small wetland site near Ruthin.
Meet Llanynys Pond lay-by, Rhewl (SJ 101 620)

Tuesday 28th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Path repair

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

Wednesday 29th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Enclosure and Shepherd's Cottage

Continue the great work done to improve this historical gem in the middle of the forest. We need to continue the clearance around the cottage, clear the enclosure and the newly planted orchard clear of scrub.
Meet at Coed Nercwys northern car park (SJ218 593)

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May

Tuesday 5th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Odd Jobs

Come and help complete some general Park maintenance to help get the Loggerheads ready for the summer season. Meet at Loggerheads.

Tuesday 5th - Thursday 7th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Tern fencing

Join us on our annual pilgrimage to the beach to erect the electric and perimeter fencing at Gronant ready for the little tern breeding season.

Meet at Gronant entrance by Presthaven Beach Resort (SJ 089 841)

Wednesday 6th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Healthy Heath

Site maintenance, thresholds and infrastructure improvements around Moel Findeg Local Nature Reserve. Meet at the eastern site entrance between the village of Maeshafn and the former youth hostel. (SJ 205 608)

Tuesday 12th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Moel Famau Country Park

Lend a hand with the busy work in the country park
Meet at Bwlch Penbarras car park



Wednesday 13th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Keeping on top of things

General site maintenance, improvements and footpath work in the woodland and on the Hillside.

Meet at the car park below Hillside Gardens (SJ071 821)

Tuesday 19th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Odd Jobs

Come and help complete some general Park maintenance to help get the Loggerheads ready for the summer season. Meet at Loggerheads.

Wednesday 20th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Enclosure and Shepherd's Cottage

Continue the great work done to improve this historical gem in the middle of the forest. We need to continue the clearance around the cottage, clear the enclosure and the newly planted orchard clear of scrub.

Meet at Coed Nercwys northern car park (SJ218 593)



Tuesday 26th 10^{am} – 1^{pm}

Harbour shorebirds

Help put out chick shelters next to the newly expanded Rhyl Harbour sand dune system for shorebirds such as the ringed plover
Meet at Rhyl Harbour (SH 995 808)

Wednesday 27th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Healthy Heath

Site maintenance, thresholds and infrastructure improvements around Moel Findeg Local Nature Reserve. Meet at the eastern site entrance between the village of Maeshafn and the former youth hostel. (SJ 205 608)

June - 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 and date confirmed on booking. Booking essential, please ring 01352 810614. 6^{pm}-10^{pm}.

Tuesday 2nd 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Removing Himalayan Balsam – part of the Big Dee Day – The Invasion Project!

Help to remove invasive Himalayan balsam from riverbanks of the River Alyn to allow other more delicate plants to thrive and enjoy some refreshments afterwards! Wellies essential. Please ring to book 01352 810614. Meet at Loggerheads 10^{am}.

Wednesday 3rd 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Keeping on top of things

General site maintenance, improvements and footpath work in the woodland and on the Hillside.

Meet at the car park below Hillside Gardens (SJ 071 821)

Tuesday 9th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Moel Famau Country Park

Lend a hand with the busy work in the country park
Meet at Bwlch Penbarras car park (SJ 174 613)



Wednesday 10th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Healthy Heath

Site maintenance, thresholds and infrastructure improvements around Moel Findeg Local Nature Reserve. Meet at the eastern site entrance between the village of Maeshafn and the former youth hostel. (SJ 205 608)

June

Tuesday 16th – Wednesday 17th

Forest Boundary Walling

Help to continue rebuilding the old forest boundary at Coed Nercwys. Meet at the main, northern, car park. (SJ 218 593)



Friday 19th 10^{am} - 1^{pm}

Hibernacula

Help build a couple of hibernacula at the Groes Road entrance to the woods with all the loose stone and fallen timber. Meet at Bryn Stanley entrance to Denbigh Mount Wood off Lon Llewellyn (SJ 047 658)

Tuesday 23rd 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Odd Jobs

Come and help complete some general Park maintenance to help get the Loggerheads ready for the summer season. Meet at Loggerheads.

Wednesday 24th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Meadow Scything

Come to help scythe a patch on the Rhuddlan nature reserve and see if there are more common spotted orchids that have come up this year. Meet at Rhuddlan Nature Reserve car-park on Station Road (SJ 020 778)

Thursday 25th – Friday 26th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Dry Stone Walling

Come and help re build a section of traditional boundary wall situated on the scenic hillside Moel Hiraddug. Meet at Dyserth Waterfall car park.

July

Wednesday 1st 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Coed Moel Famau

Help to continue the work to improve the arboretum.

Meet at Coed Moel Famau car park, let the warden swipe you into the car park.
(SJ 174 613)



Monday 6th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Branching Out

We will carry on our work from recent years by pruning some of our planted trees and creating habitat piles with all the brash.

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

Tuesday 14th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Loggerheads

Join the warden to help remove invasive bracken from the internationally important grasslands at Loggerheads. Meet at Loggerheads.

Wednesday 15th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Keeping on top of things

General site maintenance, improvements and footpath work in the woodland and on the Hillside.

Meet at the car park below Hillside Gardens
(SJ071 821)

Wednesday 15th – Thursday 16th
10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Scything

Help us maintain the area around the orchard trees through the traditional meadow management of scything.

Meet at Glasdir off North Link Road, Ruthin
(SJ 118 590)

Wednesday 22nd 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Allotment Tidy Up

Spend a day helping clear and tidy up the banks and other areas of the Prestatyn Community allotment site.

Meet at the entrance to Coed Y Morfa ,
Prestatyn

Wednesday 22nd 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Scar Trek

Get your best boots on and walk up to the Cilcain Scar to carry out essential annual maintenance and repairs to the steepest part of this popular route to Moel Famau.

Meet at Cilcain Pumping Station
(SJ 172 647)

Wednesday 29th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Hedging and butterflies

Join us to help on the upkeep of the young hedge planted a few years ago at Rhuddlan. Tasks include formative pruning and taking off the old tree guards. We'll also conduct a survey, weather permitting, for the Big Butterfly Count.

Meet at Rhuddlan Nature Reserve car-park
off Station Road (SJ 020 778)

Interested in learning the traditional skill of lime mortar? A 2 day course will be available during August at Coed Nercwys, dates to be confirmed. Maximum of 6 people per day, to book on the course or register your interest contact Loggerheads Country Park.



Tuesday 11th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Path work

Help continue the ongoing path improvements to benefit both the visitors and wildlife at Loggerheads Country Park.
Meet at Loggerheads.

Wednesday 12th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Moel Famau Country Park

Help with the busy work in the country park.
Meet at Bwlch Penbarras car park.
(SJ 174 613)



August

Thursday 13th – Friday 14th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Boardwalk Empire

The recent storm damage has identified a need for some boardwalk repairs, chance to help out building these important timber structures. Meet at Entrance gate to Presthaven Holiday Camp

Friday 21st 10^{am} – 1^{pm}

Wattle fencing

After a short break at Mount Wood we are back to make some wattle fences.
Meet at Bryn Stanley off Lon Llewellyn entrance to Mount Wood, Denbigh
(SJ 047 658)

Tuesday 25th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Loggerheads

Lend a hand removing invasive scrub from Loggerheads' precious grasslands! Meet at Loggerheads.

Thursday 27th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Orchard work

Help clear round the orchard to keep it in the best of health.
Meet at Brickfields Pond office (SJ 013804)



September

Thursday 3rd 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Glan Morfa Tidy Up

A day helping tidying up the site and getting it ready for the winter

Meet at Glan Morfa Car Park

Tuesday 8th – Wednesday 9th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Forest Boundary Walling

Help to continue rebuilding the old forest boundary at Coed Nercwys.

Meet at the main forest car park.

(SJ 218 593)



Tuesday 15th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Woodland work

Help us to remove non-native trees from the internationally important woodland at Loggerheads. Meet at Loggerheads.

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

Hedge Clipping

More work on the old hedgerow to help try to open it up for hedge-laying in future.

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

Tuesday 22nd 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Cleaning the Heritage

It will be full steam ahead maintaining our railway heritage with painting the loading crane and clearing vegetation that has established itself in the structures.

Meet at Prestatyn-Dyserth Way car-park, Dyserth (SJ 062 792)

Tuesday 29th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Coed Alex

Help to continue with the work in this small woodland, near Coed Llangwyfan.

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



Wednesday 30th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Hedge pruning

Help prune up the hedges along the main path ready for the winter.

Meet at Rhuddlan Nature Reserve car-park off Station Road (SJ 020 778)



Gardd yr Arglwydd, Rhuthun

Mae angen eich cymorth yng Ngardd yr Arglwydd! Mae'r cynllun i adfer Gardd yr Arglwydd yn brosiect cyffrous sy'n cael ei ariannu gan Gronfa Dreftadaeth y Loteri a'i nod yw adfywio'r ardd ganoloesol yn Nantclwyd y Dre yn Stryd y Castell, Rhuthun. Mae diwrnodau i wirfoddolwyr bob dydd Llun. Bydd y tasgau'n amrywio bob wythnos ac yn cynnwys adfer y cynllun plannu hanesyddol, creu clwydi coed cyll a thocio'r berllan i'w hadfer. Bydd y prosiect yn parhau am 12 mis. A ydych yn barod i dderbyn yr her? Mae rhagor o wybodaeth ar gael gan Wendy Williams ar 01824 708232 neu drwy gysylltu drwy'r e-bost ar wendy.jones@sirddinbych.gov.uk

Gwirfoddoli yn Ne Sir Ddinbych

Eleni byddwn yn rhoi cynnig ar ffordd newydd o ddarparu digwyddiadau i wirfoddolwyr yn ne'r sir drwy drefnu rhestr e-bostio ar gyfer pobl sydd am ddysgu sgiliau newydd, ennill profiad neu roi help llaw. Wrth i'r gwaith ddatblygu yn ystod y flwyddyn, byddwn yn anfon gwybodaeth at bobl drwy'r e-bost am gyfleoedd i ymuno â'r tîm a chymryd rhan. Mae hyn yn debygol o gynnwys gwaith i osod camfeydd a gatiau, rheoli cynefinoedd mewn coetiroedd, cynnal llwybrau, adfer nodweddion treftadaeth a llosgi grub. Os hoffech dderbyn gwybodaeth am y cyfleoedd hyn, cysylltwch â Ros ar 01978 869615 neu gysylltu drwy'r e-bost ar ros.stockdale@sirddinbych.gov.uk.

The Lord's Garden, Ruthin

The Lord's Garden needs you! The Lord's Garden restoration is an exciting Heritage Lottery Funded project to rejuvenate a medieval garden at Nantclwyd y Dre on Castle Street, Ruthin. Regular volunteer day are held on Mondays. Tasks vary each week and include restoring the historic planting scheme, creating hazel hurdle fencing and restorative orchard pruning. We have 12 months to complete the project. Will you take the challenge? For more information contact Wendy Williams on 01824 708232 or by email on wendy.jones@denbighshire.gov.uk

Volunteering in South Denbighshire

This year we'll be trying a new approach to volunteer events in the South of the County, as we will be setting up an e-mailing list of people interested in learning new skills, getting some experience or just wanting to lend a hand. As work develops over the year we'll e-mail people on the list with upcoming opportunities to join the team and get involved. This is likely to include installing stiles and gates, habitat management in woodlands, path maintenance, restoration of heritage features and heather burning. If you think you would be interested in receiving these updates, please contact Ros on 01978 869615 or e-mail ros.stockdale@denbighshire.gov.uk.



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