

Denbighshire Countryside Service

# Volunteer programme

April to September 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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and Dee Valley

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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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# April

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>**

## **Prestatyn Hillside/Bishops Wood**

### **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)

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>**

## **Moel Findeg Local Nature Reserve**

Site maintenance, thresholds and infrastructure improvements around the LNR

Meet at the Eastern site entrance between the village of Maeshafn and the former youth hostel building (SJ 205 608)

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>**

## **Grazing Glasdir**

Come to help prepare our Glasdir site ready for winter sheep grazing by erecting a stock proof fence on the site. There are also guards to go around fruit trees

Meet at the lay-by opposite Glasdir housing estate (SJ 119 590)

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>**

## **Path Work**

Come and help create a new path in Loggerheads car park.

Meet at Loggerheads Country Park

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> - 3<sup>pm</sup>**

## **Prestatyn Hillside/Bishops Wood**

### **Keeping on Top of Things!**

See April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>**

## **Coed Moel Famau maintenance**



Help out at Coed Moel Famau improving facilities and general maintenance. Meet at Coed Moel Famau car park, no need to pay, wait for the warden to swipe you through the barrier. (SJ 174 613)

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 1<sup>pm</sup>**

## **Wonder Weaving**

Help to reinvigorate the borders of the zigzag path at Mount Wood by dead hedging. We will replace the traditional weaved stock fences with freshly coppiced hazel.

Meet: Mount Wood entrance sculpture (by Bryn Stanley estate) (SJ 047 658)

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>**

## **Coed Moel Famau maintenance**



Help out at Coed Moel Famau improving facilities and general maintenance. Meet at Coed Moel Famau car park, no need to pay, wait for the warden to swipe you through the barrier. (SJ 174 613)

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>**

## **Dinas Bran**

Help is needed to install a new stile along the path that skirts along the lower slopes of Castell Dinas Bran.

Meet at Market Street Car Park (please do not Pay & Display, permits will be issued).

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> - 3<sup>pm</sup>**

## **Moel Findeg Local Nature Reserve**

Removing invasive plants from the heath, fence repairs, footpath improvements

Meet: Eastern site entrance halfway between the village of Maeshafn and the former youth hostel building (SJ 205 608)



# May

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> - 3<sup>pm</sup>**

**Prestatyn Hillside/Bishops Wood**

**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)

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> - 3<sup>pm</sup>**

**Little Tern Fencing**

Good weather, loads of fish and lots of voles for kestrels is what we're hoping for this year. One more thing, the electric fence that we'll put up today will keep foxes out.

Meet: Field gate at Gronant dunes, by entrance to Presthaven (SJ 074842)

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> - 3<sup>pm</sup>**

**Gro Isa - Features for the future!**

Help is needed to replicate the unusual traditional stone boundaries that exist in this area. We are hoping to prevent spoil from an old tip (that includes shards of old glass bottles and pottery) from being strewn onto the path by industrious rabbits by installing a new section of stone slab 'fencing'.

Meet at the main car park, Corwen (please do not P&D - parking permits will be issued)

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> - 3<sup>pm</sup>**

**Coed Moel Famau maintenance**



Help out at Coed Moel Famau improving facilities and general maintenance. Meet at Coed Moel Famau car park, no need to pay, wait for the warden to swipe you through the barrier. (SJ 174 613)

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> - 3<sup>pm</sup>**

**Path repair**

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

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> - 3<sup>pm</sup>**

**Moel Findeg Local Nature Reserve**

Removing invasive plants from the heath, fence line and infrastructure maintenance  
Meet at the Eastern site entrance (SJ 205 608)

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> - 3<sup>pm</sup>**

**Moel Findeg Local Nature Reserve**

Removing invasive plants from the heath, fence repairs, footpath improvements  
Meet: Eastern site entrance halfway between the village of Maeshafn and the former youth hostel building (SJ 205 608)

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> - 3<sup>pm</sup>**

**Dry Stone Walling, Caer Drewyn**

Help restore the old boundary wall (not the ramparts!) at Caer Drewyn.

Come along and learn or improve your dry stone walling skills with an experienced instructor.

Meet at the Leisure Centre car park, Corwen.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> - 3<sup>pm</sup>**

**Shepherd's Cottage and Enclosure**



Continue the great work done to reveal this historical gem in the middle of the forest. We need to continue the clearance around the cottage ready for lime mortaring the footings and clear scrub from the wildflower meadow. Meet at Coed Nercwys northern car park (SJ 218 593)





# May

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>

## 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 entrance gate to Mount Woods (SJ 047 658)

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>  
10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>

## Riverside Woods, walling skills

Come along and learn or improve your dry stone walling skills with an experienced instructor. Suitable for all levels, from first timers to experienced hands!

Either meet at Market Street car park, Llangollen for 9.45am (Please do not Pay & Display, permits will be issued) or at the Hawthorn Sculpture at Riverside Woodlands for 10am (0.5 miles out of Llangollen on the A539 – no parking here though)

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>

## Prestatyn Hillside/Bishops Wood

Removing invasive plants from the hillside, fence and footpath improvements  
Meet at the car park below Hillside Gardens (SJ 071 821)

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 1<sup>pm</sup>

## Litter Pick-nic

Join us and the Rhyl Environmental Association for a litter pick-nic at Brickfields Pond. We will have other countryside tasks going on as well as the litter pick. Please bring lunch with you for afterwards.

Meet at Brickfields Pond (SJ 013804)



# 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 Caergwrle area, location and date confirmed on booking. Booking essential, please ring 01352 810614. 6<sup>pm</sup>-10<sup>pm</sup>.

## Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>

### Odd Jobs

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

## Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup>- 3<sup>pm</sup>

### Moel Findeg Local Nature Reserve

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Meet at the Eastern site entrance  
(SJ 205 608)

## Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup>- 3<sup>pm</sup>

### Shepherd's Cottage and Enclosure Natural



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 ready for lime mortaring the footings and clear scrub from the wildflower meadow. Meet at Coed Nercwys northern car park (SJ 218 593)

## Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>

### Balsam Bash in Llangollen

Help is needed to clear Balsam off the banks of the River Dee around Llangollen. Meet at Market Street car park (please do not P&D – parking permits will be issued)

## Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> - 3<sup>pm</sup>

### Prestatyn Hillside/Bishops Wood

We'll be walking up Prestatyn Hillside on the Offa's Dyke National Trail cutting back the thorny scrub that invades the path  
Meet at the car park below Hillside Gardens  
(SJ 071 821)

## Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>

### Path repairs

Help to widen the paths around the woodland on our Bruton Park site, a real hidden gem in Rhyl. We'll also work at the newly planted orchard on this day.  
Meet at the end of Maes y Gog Road in Rhyl (which is entrance to Maes Gwilym)  
(SJ 031 819)

## Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup>- 3<sup>pm</sup>

### Dry Stone Walling



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

## Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> -3<sup>pm</sup>

### Moel Findeg Local Nature Reserve

Removing invasive plants from the heath, fence line and infrastructure maintenance  
Meet at the eastern site entrance  
(SJ 205 608)



# June

**Friday 21st 10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>**

## **Flower Power**

Two activities for the price of one!

In the morning, help is needed to remove stands of the highly invasive Himalayan Balsam from the banks of the River Dee.

This will be followed in the afternoon by undertaking a vegetation survey of the meadow area at Gro Isa to determine how the meadow management of the site is coming along.

Meet at the main car park, Corwen (please do not P&D – parking permits will be issued).

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>**

## **Ragwort pulling**

Help rid the site of ragwort at Rhuddlan. After 3 years of work, especially by the infamous Doncaster Pete, we are finally getting somewhere with this task!

Meet at main car-park, Rhuddlan nature reserve (SJ 020 777)

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 1.30<sup>pm</sup>**

## **Balsam Bash, BBQ and Vegetation Survey at Dol Afon**

As part of the Dee Day, The Invasion, come along to Dol Afon - the AONB's newest site – and help us remove invasive stands of Balsam. No need for you to pack a lunch as we will be enjoying a BBQ, whatever the weather!

For those interested, we'll also be undertaking a vegetation survey in the afternoon to help determine future management of the site, feel free to join us on this too.

Meet at the main car park Corwen (please do not Pay & Display, permits will be issued).

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup>**

## **Himalayan Balsam**

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 Country Park.





# July

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>

## Arboretum



Help rejuvenate the arboretum by clearing around the young trees to help them grow strong and improving pathways. Meet at Coed Moel Famau car park, the warden will swipe you through the barrier (SJ 174 613)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>

## Short Back and Sides

Come help with the formative pruning of trees at Coed y Morfa. Having gained a Green Flag Community Award in 2012 this woodland is beginning to gain the attention it deserves.

Meet at Coed y Morfa Community Woodland, Prestatyn (down Lon Coed) (SJ 058 823)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>  
10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>

## Dry Stone Walling



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Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>

## Stile Installation

Help is needed with key access improvements in the Dee Valley. We will be installing a new oak stile close to Llandrillo. Meet at the main car park Llandrillo (SJ 035372)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>

## Scrub Clearance

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

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>

## 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 the Cilcain Pumping Station (SJ 172 647)

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>

## Manic Organic

The community allotments at Coed Y Morfa are situated on an area of land previously used as a recycling sorting centre. Work on the site has included the creation of 50 raised growing beds. Come and join the team of volunteers that look after the DCC plot and surrounding areas. Meet at Coed Y Morfa Car Park (SJ 058 823)

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> & Friday 26<sup>th</sup>  
Charcoal Making at Cynwyd, Corwen

Try your hand at traditional charcoal making and take home a free bag of charcoal (Food always tastes better of the BBQ after you've made the charcoal yourself!)

Tuesday – fill the kiln, Wednesday – lighting and burning, Friday – bagging the charcoal. Meet in layby off the B4401 in Stamp (SJ 060 420)

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>

## Bindweed Bashing

The Rhuddlan Nature reserve site is coming on well since being planted in 2010, come and help out around the reserve with clearing bindweeds and unwanted vegetation from the new trees.

Meet at Rhuddlan Nature Reserve Car Park (SJ 020 777)



# August

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> - 3<sup>pm</sup>**

## **Woodland Maintenance**

The community woodland at Glan Morfa was heavily planted with trees in 2007. Some volunteers might remember it was done mainly in the pouring rain! It is now time to repair the protection guards and trim back any wayward side shoots.

Meet at Glan Morfa small car-park (end of Marsh Road, Rhyl) (SJ 007 803)

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> - 3<sup>pm</sup>**

## **Path work**

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

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> - 3<sup>pm</sup>**

## **Eglwyseg Escarpment**

Come and help with the annual maintenance along the ODP as it traverses along the Eglwyseg escarpment.

Meet at Market Street Car Park (please do not Pay & Display, permits will be issued)

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> - 1<sup>pm</sup>**

## **Stool making**

A bit ambitious perhaps but the aim is for everyone to make a simple greenwood stool that can each hold my weight. We will probably use a mix of ash and hazel as our base product

Meet: Mount Wood entrance sculpture (by Bryn Stanley estate)

SJ 047658

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**10<sup>am</sup> - 3<sup>pm</sup>**

## **Dry Stone Walling**

**Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru**  
Natural Resources Wales

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

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> - 3<sup>pm</sup>**

## **Access Improvements, Coed Nercwys**



**Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru**  
Natural Resources Wales

Help to improve the access around this busy site. Meet at the northern car park, Coed Nercwys (SJ 218 593)



# September

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>

## Coppice structure

Help make a structure out of a mix of newly cut hazel and willow, to create a nice feature at this community woodland.

Meet: Glan Morfa small car-park (end of Marsh Road, Rhyl)

SJ 007803

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>

## End of Summer Tidy Up

 Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru  
Natural Resources Wales

Help to give the Country Park a tidy up after the busy summer season, meet at Bwlch Penbarras car park (SJ 162 606)

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>

## Forest Boundary

 Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru  
Natural Resources Wales

Come and help to restore the stone wall boundary at the entrance to Coed Nercwys with a qualified dry stone walling instructor.

Meet at the northern entrance, Coed Nercwys (SJ 218 593)

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>

## Moor Path Work

Annual maintenance is needed to repair eroded sections of the Offas Dyke Path as it crosses Llandegla Moor. Lift available from Market Street Car Park at 10.00am, or meet us on site where the ODP leaves the Worlds End road (SJ 234 495) at 10.30

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>

## Scrub Clearance

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

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>am</sup> – 3<sup>pm</sup>

## Access Improvements, Coed Llangwyfan

 Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru  
Natural Resources Wales

Help to improve the access around this busy site. Meet at Coed Llangwyfan, top car park, on the road between Nannerch and Llandyrnog (SJ 139 668)





# Charcoal Making at Cynwyd, Corwen

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> & Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July

Try your hand at traditional charcoal making and take home a free bag of charcoal (Food always tastes better off the BBQ after you've made the charcoal yourself!)

Tuesday – fill the kiln, Wednesday – lighting and burning, Friday – bagging the charcoal.  
Meet in layby off the B4401 in Stamp (SJ 060 420)



# Mae'r Morwennol Fach Angen Eich Help Chi!

## Barbeciw Gwirfoddolwyr

Dydd Gwener 3 Mai 2013 6.30<sup>pm</sup> - 8.30<sup>pm</sup>

Dewch i ymuno â ni am Farbeciw yn gynnar gyda'r nos ar y traeth fel diolch yn fawr i chi, bob un o'n gwirfoddolwyr. Mae croeso i bawb! Bydd gwirfoddolwyr y forwennol fach wedi bod yn gweithio'n galed yr wythnos hon yn gosod ffensys morwenoliaid. Maen nhw'n cael eu gosod o gwmpas y coloni bob blwyddyn i atal llwynogod, felly bydd pawb yn haeddu'r barbeciw!

Twyni Gronant yw cartref yr unig goloni fridio o'r forwennol fach yng Nghymru. Mae Gwasanaeth Cefn Gwlad Sir Ddinbych wedi bod yn rheoli'r coloni ers 2005 ac rydyn ni'n dibynnu ar help gan wirfoddolwyr. Mae gan wirfoddolwyr rôl hanfodol mewn cadw'r cudyll coch a brain i ffwrdd trwy waeddi'n uchel neu wrth ddefnyddio'r cynn aer a thanio'r pistolau cychwyn a fydd yn ar gael. Yn anffodus, y llynedd, dim ond 27 o forwenoliaid bach ifanc a oroesodd allan o 125 o barau bridio. Cysylltwch â swyddfa Brickfield ar 10745 356197 i helpu.

Mae'n bosibl cysylltu â Gwardeniaid y Morwennol Fach rhwng 1 Mai a 31 Gorffennaf ar y rhifau isod:

07920 592956 / 07920 592992 / 07920 593506





# The Little Tern Needs Your Help!



## Volunteer BBQ

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2013 6.30<sup>pm</sup> – 8.30<sup>pm</sup>

Come to join us for an early evening BBQ on the beach as a thank you to all our volunteers.

Everyone is welcome. The little tern volunteers will have been working hard this week putting up the tern fencing, put up around the colony each year to stop foxes, so it will be well deserved.

Gronant Dunes is home to the only breeding colony of little tern in Wales. Denbighshire Countryside Service have been managing the colony since 2005 and we rely on help from volunteers. Volunteers have a crucial role in keeping kestrels and crows at bay by shouting loudly or by using the air horns and starter pistols provided. Sadly, last year saw only 27 little tern young successfully fledge from 125 breeding pairs. Please contact Brickfield office on 01745 356197 to help.

Tern Wardens are able to be contacted from May 1<sup>st</sup>-July 31<sup>st</sup> on the numbers below:

07920 592956 / 07920 592992

07920 593506

