

Denbighshire Countryside Service

Volunteer programme

April to September 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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Ardal o Outstanding Natural Beauty

This volunteer programme is dedicated to John Hollingworth, volunteer and friend of the Countryside Service.



Clwydian Range and Dee Valley
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

For further information contact:

- Loggerheads Country Park
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- 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 2nd 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)

Friday 4th 10^{am} - 1pm

Entrance Enhancement

Help improve the entrance from Bryn Stanley into a more formal area for visitors.

Meet at Bryn Stanley, off Lon Llewellyn entrance to Mount Wood, Denbigh (SJ 047 658)

Tuesday 8th 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Access Improvements

Help is needed to improve the pedestrian access into the car park at Loggerheads.

Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 9th 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Healthy Heath

Site maintenance, thresholds and infrastructure improvements around Moel Findeg Local Nature Reserve.

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

Thursday 10th - Friday 11th 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 the entrance gate to Presthaven Holiday Camp

Wednesday 16th 11^{am} - 3^{pm}

Coed Moel Famau

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Natural Resources Wales

Help continue the work to improve the area at the Arboretum.

Meet at Coed Moel Famau (SJ 174 613)

Wednesday 16th 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)

Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Coppicing the Track

Help us coppice the hazel along this old railway line, work we do on a rotation basis.

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

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

Fencing Repairs

Come and lend a hand repairing the fences on the Riverside Trial using the material we coppiced in the winter.

Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 23rd 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Healthy Heath

Site maintenance, thresholds and infrastructure improvements around Moel Findeg Local Nature Reserve.

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

Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Footpath maintenance

Why not come along and help us improve the path at Pen y Pigyn?

We'll be installing a series of new stone drains to improve the condition of the path as it meanders to the viewing area.

Meet main car park, Corwen 10am

Tuesday 29th 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Dead Hedging

It's time to replace and expand the wattle fences around the picnic tables.

Meet at Rhuddlan Nature Reserve car-park, off Station Road (SJ 020778)

May

Tuesday 6th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Tidy Up

Lend a hand tidying up the Park ready for the busy summer period.

Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Tuesday 6th – Thursday 8th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Gronant Set Up

The annual summer event on the dunes, where a 2km perimeter fence and 2km of electric fencing are put up within a week! Gronant holds the only colony of little terns in Wales so please come down and help this rare seabird, which is just a stone's throw away from Prestatyn.

Meet at Gronant Dunes, entrance gate opposite Presthaven Holiday Park (SJ 089841)



Wednesday 7th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Healthy Heath

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

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

Wednesday 14th 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)

Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th and

Friday 16th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Dry Stone Walling

Come and learn the skill of dry stone walling. Full tuition provided from a qualified stone walling instructor.

Meet at Corwen Leisure Centre car park, LL21 9RW

Thursday 15th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Shepherd's Cottage and Enclosure



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 16th 10^{am} – 1^{pm}

Wattle fencing

After a short break at Mount Wood we are back to renew the wattle fences.

Meet at Bryn Stanley, off Lon Llewellyn entrance to Mount Wood, Denbigh (SJ 047 658)

Tuesday 20th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Fencing Repairs

Come and lend a hand repairing the fences on the Riverside Trial using the material we coppiced in the winter.

Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 21st 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Path Repairs

Join us for some essential path repairs on the lovely Velvet Hill - trying to level out some of its many paths.

Meet at 10^{am} in Llantysilio Green car park. (SJ 198 433)

Wednesday 21st 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Moel Famau



Come along and help keep the Moel Famau Country Park looking Outstanding before a busy time.

Meet at Bwlch Penbarras car park (SJ 174 613)

Friday 23rd 10^{am} – 2^{pm}

Tree Pruning and Pond Creation

Come help prune the trees on the edge of Mount Wood that were planted by the local school. The trees will provide a good canopy over the new pond.

Meet at Bryn Stanley, off Lon Llewellyn entrance to Mount Wood, Denbigh (SJ 047 658)

Wednesday 28th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Healthy Heath

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

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



June

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

Path Work

Help is needed to repair the well-used steps at the back of the Mill.

Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 4th 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

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 5th and Friday 6th 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Bridge Building

Two bridges need replacing at Brickfields so come to help us build new ones from scratch. There is also a good chance of seeing water vole whilst we work!

Meet at Brickfields Pond office (SJ 013804)

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

Pond Dipping Platform

Help build a dipping platform on the pond at Rhuddlan Nature reserve. A popular site needs an additional platform for smaller visitors to get access to the water.

Meet at the Rhuddlan Nature Reserve Car Park

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

Healthy Heath

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

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

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

Removing Himalayan Balsam

Help to remove invasive Himalayan Balsam from the riverbanks to allow other more delicate plants to thrive! Wellies essential. Meet at Loggerheads.

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

Path repairs on Dinas Bran

Help is needed on the lower path on Dinas Bran to fix areas of muddier patches with some drainage improvements.

Meet at 10 am in Market Street car park, Llangollen for a lift (please do not Pay & Display, permits will be issued)

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

Shepherd's Cottage and Enclosure

 **Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru**
Natural Resources Wales

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)



Tuesday 24th 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Scything

Scything is a great traditional way of maintaining a meadow, a feature we are improving at Rhuddlan. This event will be led by local expert Sion Jinkinson.

Meet at Rhuddlan Nature Reserve car-park, off Station Road (SJ 020778)

Booking Essential – Please contact Loggerheads Country Park, 01352 810 614 to book on. Maximum 10 people

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

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)



July

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Wednesday 2nd 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Coed Moel Famau



Help continue the work to improve the Arboretum.

Meet at Coed Moel Famau (SJ 174 613)

Wednesday 2nd 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

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)

Friday 4th 10^{am} - 4^{pm}

Big Dee Day – The Invasion!

Help remove Himalayan Balsam along the course of the River Dee.

Meet at Sports Pavilion car park, Green Lane, Corwen (SJ 079 437)

Friday 4th 10^{am} – 1^{pm}

Access work

Come help improve the viewpoint path and keep it accessible for all.

Meet at Bryn Stanley, off Lon Llewellyn entrance to Mount Wood, Denbigh (SJ 047 658)

Tuesday 8th 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Bracken Clearance

Come and help remove invasive bracken from the internationally important grassland at Loggerheads.

Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 9th 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

Friday 11th 10^{am} - 4^{pm}

Big Dee Day – The Invasion!

Gro Isa

More Balsam. More Bashing! On the banks of the river at Gro Isa, Corwen.

Meet at Sports Pavilion car park, Green Lane, Corwen (SJ 079 437)

Wednesday 16th 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

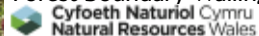
Healthy Heath

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

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

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

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 18th 10^{am} - 4^{pm}

Big Dee Day – The Invasion!

Dol Afon

More Balsam. More Bashing! On the banks of the river at Dol Afon, Corwen.

Meet at main car park, Corwen.

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

Path Clearance

Lend a hand cutting back the well-used paths around Loggerheads.

Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 23th 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Woodland work

Help prune the side shoots off the trees we planted 8 years ago.

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

Tuesday 29th Wednesday 30th and

Friday 1st 10^{am} - 4^{pm}

Charcoal Making

Try your hand at traditional charcoal making, free charcoal for all participants!

Tuesday – fill the kiln, Wednesday - lighting and burning, Friday – bagging the product.

Meet at Gipsy Lane, park at Trefor Community Centre, LL20 7UD

Wednesday 30th 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 the Cilcain Pumping Station (SJ 172 647)

Wednesday 30th 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Scything

This is to introduce a new way of maintaining the meadow area at this Ruthin reserve. The event will be led by local expert Sion Jkinson.

Meet at Glasdir reserve, Ruthin at lay-by off Ruthin North Link Road (SJ 118590)

Booking Essential – Please contact Loggerheads Country Park, 01352 810 614, to book on. Maximum 10 people



August

Friday 1st 10^{am} – 1^{pm}

Path maintenance

Help clear along the paths of Mount Wood to retain its good access.

Meet at Bryn Stanley, off Lon Llewellyn entrance to Mount Wood, Denbigh (SJ 047 658)

Thursday 7th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Routing Ragwort, Gipsy Lane

Help is needed to manage stands of ragwort that grow on the former railway line that is adjacent to agricultural land.

Park at Trefor Community Centre, LL20 7UD

Wednesday 13th 11^{am} – 3^{pm}

Dry stone walling



Help is needed to continue to rebuild the boundary wall on Moel Famau. Come along and learn or improve your technique with an experienced instructor.

Meet at Bwlch Penbarras car park (SJ 174 613)

Thursday 14th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Offa-ring a Hand

Help is needed to clear out the drainage ditches adjacent to the Offa's Dyke Path as it crosses the stunning moorland at Cyn y Brain - Lift available from Market Street Car Park at 9.30am, or meet us on site where the ODP leaves the Worlds End road

(SJ 234 495) at 10^{am}

Thursday 14th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Maintenance on the cut

Help out for the day at the new Conservation and fishing site. The Rhyl Cut has been transformed into a water body that is ideal for wildlife, help out clearing areas and opening up view points along the banks.

Meet at Brickfields Pond, Rhyl

Tuesday 19th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Drainage Improvements

Lend a hand improving the drainage around the park.

Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Thursday 21st 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Eglwyseg Escarpment

Come and help with the annual maintenance along the ODP as it traverses along the Eglwyseg escarpment – the most dramatic section of the entire National Trail.

Meet Market Street Car Park 10.00am (please do not Pay & Display, permits will be issued).

Tuesday 26th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Tree Maintenance

Help prune the trees from the 2010 planting at the Rhuddlan reserve.

Meet at the Rhuddlan Nature Reserve car-park, off Station Road (SJ 020778)

Tuesday 2nd 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Scrub Clearance

Loggerheads has a variety of different habitats that make it such a special place.

Help us remove scrub on the limestone pavement to preserve the delicate habitat.

Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 10th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Forest Boundary Walling



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

Meet at the main (northern) car park (SJ 218 593)

Wednesday 17th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Access improvements

Help get ready for more hedge-laying with a clearance along the paths at Bruton Park woodland.

Meet at Tarquin Drive, off Bryn Cwnin Road in Rhyl (SJ 027 801)

Thursday 18th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Llangwyfan – Tidy up



Help give this site a tidy up after the busy Summer months.

Meet at Coed Llangwyfan top car park (SJ 138 669)

Wednesday 24th 11^{am} – 3^{pm}

Ditch work

Help improve the site for water vole with some much needed maintenance of the ditches.

Meet at Brickfields Pond office (SJ 013804)

September



Cyfleoedd pellach i wirfoddoli gyda Gwasanaeth Cefn Gwlad Sir Ddinbych.

Further Opportunities to volunteer in Denbighshire Countryside Service.

Bioamrywiaeth

Mae cyfleoedd i wirfoddoli gyda'n Tim Bioamrywiaeth, er enghraifft, helpu gyda digwyddiadau cyhoeddus ac i ymgymryd ag arolygon bywyd gwyllt, naill ai o dan oruchwyliaeth neu ar eich pen eich hun, yn dibynnu ar brofiad. Yn y gorffennol, mae rhai o'n gwirfoddolwyr wedi cyflawni eu prosiectau eu hunain, felly os oes gennych ddiddordeb arbennig neu syniad, cysylltwch â ni.

Am fwy o wybodaeth, cysylltwch â'r Swyddog Bioamrywiaeth, Lizzy Webster ar Elizabeth.webster@denbighshire.gov.uk neu edrychwch ar y dudalen bioamrywiaeth ar Facebook: [facebook.com / NEWBioNet](https://www.facebook.com/NEWBioNet) neu gyfrif twitter @NEWBioNet yn ogystal â'r wefan bioamrywiaeth www.biodiversityindenbighshire.co.uk Hyfforddiant Arweinydd Cerdded Gwirfoddol



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Am fwy o wybodaeth, cysylltwch â Katrina Day, Swyddog Datblygu Cerdded a Cherdded Nordig, Katrina.day@denbighshire.gov.uk, neu ewch i'r dudalen Facebook: Troedio Clwyd Walks a'r wefan: www.denbighshirecountryside.org.uk/lets_walk/



Biodiversity

There are opportunities to volunteer with our Biodiversity Team, for example helping out with public events and undertaking wildlife surveys, either under supervision or on your own, depending on experience. In the past we have even had volunteers carrying out their own projects, so if you have a particularly interest or idea please get in touch.

For more information please contact the Biodiversity Officer, Lizzy Webster Elizabeth.webster@denbighshire.gov.uk or check out the biodiversity Facebook page: [facebook.com/NEWBioNet](https://www.facebook.com/NEWBioNet) or twitter account @NEWBioNet And the biodiversity website www.biodiversityindenbighshire.co.uk



Volunteer Walk Leader Training

The Volunteer Walk Leaders Training Day is designed to establish a group of local adults trained to promote and lead walks on an on-going basis. The training will give you the skills to lead safe and enjoyable walking sessions for people of all ages and abilities. To promote the health benefits of walking and motivate people to take up walking as a form of physical recreation and help people tailor health walking to meet their individual needs.

For more information please contact Katrina Day, Walking and Nordic Walking Development Officer, Katrina.day@denbighshire.gov.uk or visit the Facebook page: Troedio Clwyd Walks and the website: www.denbighshirecountryside.org.uk/lets_walk/



Gardd yr Arglwydd

Mae Gardd yr Arglwydd yn Nantclwyd y Dre Rhuthun wedi derbyn grant o £177,600 gan Gronfa Dreftadaeth y Loteri i adfer yr ardd restredig Gradd II. Bydd digon o gyfleoedd i gymryd rhan yn y 18 mis. Bydd y gweithgareddau'n cynnwys adfer mortar calch, gwneud clwydi cyll, adfer perllannau a llawer, llawer mwy. I gael rhagor o wybodaeth am sut i gymryd rhan, cysylltwch â Wendy Williams ar e-bost wendy.a.williams@denbighshire.gov.uk neu dros y ffôn ar 01824 708232



Photo by Mick Brummage



Photo by Sarah Slater

The Lord's Garden

The Lord's Garden at Nantclwyd y Dre Ruthin has been awarded a £177,600 grant from the Heritage Lottery to restore the Grade II listed garden. There will be plenty of opportunities to get involved of the 18 months. Activities will include lime mortar restoration, hazel hurdle making, orchard restoration and much, much more. For more information on how to get involved contact Wendy Williams on email wendy.a.williams@denbighshire.gov.uk or by phone on 01824 708232