

Derbyshire Countryside Service

Volunteer programme

October 2014 to March 2015



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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For further information contact:

- Loggerheads Country Park
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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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October

Wednesday 1st 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 are essential. Meet between Maeshafn village and Old Youth Hostel. (SJ 205 608)

Friday 3rd 10^{am} – 1^{pm}

Hedge-laying

Help us carry on the really good work we did at the start of the year with hedge-laying along the path for views over to Galch Hill. Meet at Bryn Stanley, off Lon Llewellyn entrance to Mount Wood, Denbigh (SJ 047 658)

Wednesday 8th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

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Tuesday 14th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Path Work

Help improve the paths for all by continuing the path improvements work on the busy paths around the Park. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 15th October 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Healthy Hillside

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Wednesday 15th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Moel Famau



The Country Park is a busy site, come and help keep it looking its best. Meet at Bwlch Penbarras car park (SJ 162 606)

Wednesday 22nd 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

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Wednesday 22nd - Thursday 23rd 10^{am} – 3^{pm}
Board – Walking

Help is needed on the boardwalk leading to Gronant Dunes near Prestatyn. Repairing damaged planks to provide access over the salt marshes to the viewing platform and the Little Tern colony. Entrance gate to Presthaven Holiday Camp

Tuesday 28th 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)

Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}
Make Hay and Hedges

Joint working party with North Wales Wildlife Trust. Come and help us on the Prestatyn-Dyserth Way and Maes Hiraddug Nature Reserve. We will have a wide variety of tasks on offer including ones that are family friendly. Tasks range from hay raking, installing path steps, cutting back, hedge-laying and many more. Meet at Prestatyn-Dyserth Way car-park, Dyserth (SJ 062 792)

Wednesday 29th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Arboretum



The arboretum is in need of some attention helping to thin out some of the trees. Meet at Coed Moel Famau car park. (SJ 174 613)



November

Tuesday 4th 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 5th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

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Wednesday 5th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Woodland management

Come along to help with the woodland management of an area of woodland, including work to an overgrown corner to gain light and space to the paths, making a bonfire from the brash we cut.

Meet at Coed Y Morfa Community

Woodland, Prestatyn

(SJ 058 823)

Thursday 6th and Friday 7th 10^{am} – 1^{pm}

Sprucing up the hedge

Help clear this Denbigh footpath so that it can be fully accessible once again. We'll also be hedge laying and burning the big brash piles.

Meet at the bottom of Bryn Seion car-park, Denbigh (SJ 045 663)

Tuesday 11th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Pond Life



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

Wellies essential!

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

Wednesday 12th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

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Tuesday 18th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

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Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 19th - Thursday 20th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Clearing out the hedge

We will work on clearing along the boundaries of the site and finishing off the fencing in some sections.

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

Wednesday 19th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

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

Tuesday 25th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Coed Llangwyfan



Help cut back the laid hedge at Llangwyfan. Hopefully a bonfire and jacket potatoes to follow if we get enough brash cut!

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

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

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Wednesday 26th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Habitat piles

Clear out some of the dead wood along the hedges and recycle them into habitat piles, which we will place around the wet meadow. Meet at Rhuddlan Nature Reserve, Station Road

November



December

Tuesday 2nd 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Winter Tidy Up

Come and help maintain the paths and drains around the Park after the autumn leaves have fallen.

Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

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

Massive Hedge Cut

Continuing the work we started last year on the long old hedge at the entrance to the site of Maes Gwylim. A lot more cutting and we'll get the fires burning.

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

Wednesday 3rd 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

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Wednesday 10th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

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 for the first 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 to be confirmed, please register your interest with the warden team. Nearer the date you can contact Loggerheads Country park to find out more information, 01352 810 614.

Thursday 11th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Clean up at 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!

Meet at Coed Moel Famau car park (SJ 174 613)

Friday 12th 10^{am} – 1^{pm}

Denbigh fire for Christmas

Help in the annual end of year clearing up of the brash. The question is: will the fire be bigger than last year?!

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

Tuesday 16th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Coppicing

Help us continue this important traditional woodland management technique, which will increase biodiversity within the woodland at Loggerheads. Jacket spuds cooked on the fire to keep us warm! Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

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

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Wednesday 7th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

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

Friday 9th 10^{am} – 1^{pm}

Absolute Access

The day will be spent cutting back along the path to Galch Hill to keep the access open.

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

Wednesday 14th 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 20th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Coppicing continued

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Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 21st 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

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Sprucing up the Hedge

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Meet at the bottom of Bryn Seion car-park, Denbigh (SJ 045 663)

Tuesday 27th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Scrub clearance

Help to cut back the scrub to improve this internationally important limestone grassland. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 28th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

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Wednesday 28th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Freshen up Rhuddlan

We will have maintenance work across the reserve to get this ever improving site ready for the start of the year.

Meet Rhuddlan Nature Reserve, Station Road

February

Tuesday 3rd 10^{am} – 3^{pm}



Bog Trotting

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

Wednesday 4th - Thursday 5th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Opening up the Ponds

Come and help us open up the paths at this small site north of Ruthin, felling trees to open up the pond more and using the timber as edging along the bank.

Meet at Llanynys Pond lay-by, Rhewl (SJ 101 620)

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Tuesday 10th – Wed 11th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Hedge Laying

A continuation of the on-going hedge laying programme in the open field area behind Bruton Park. A bonfire to clear the brash will help warm up on this winters day. Meet Bruton Park Community Woodland Entrance

Tuesday 10th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Loggerheads Maintenance

Help with ongoing maintenance at Loggerheads.

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Hedge-laying and more

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Tuesday 24th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Scrub clearance

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

Wednesday 25th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

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March

Tuesday 3rd 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Footpath work

Help improve the paths for all our visitors by continuing the path improvements work on the busy paths at Loggerheads. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

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Wednesday 4th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Buckthorn Bashing

Join us for the annual event of buckthorn clearing in the dunes at Tower Beach. After several years there is now a big difference to the area.
Meet at Ffordd Idwal, Tower Beach, Prestatyn (SJ 051 832)

Wednesday 4th 10^{am} – 3^{pm}

Coed Llangwyfan



Come along and lend a hand helping to improve this forest site. Meet at Coed Llangwyfan, top car park, on the road between Nannerch and Llangwyfan. (SJ 139 668)

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Friday 13th 10^{am} – 1^{pm}

Hedge-laying

No more to say, bring a strong arm!
Meet at Bryn Stanley, off Lon Llewellyn entrance to Mount Wood, Denbigh (SJ 047 658)

Tuesday 17th 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)

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Helping hand

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Open up the Orchard

Cutting in the orchard area ready for the huge fruit glut we'll have this year!
Meet at Rhuddlan Nature Reserve, Station Road



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.a.williams@denbighshire.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 gatiâu, 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@denbighshire.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.a.williams@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.

