

Volunteer Programme

April 2019 to September 2019

Denbighshire Countryside Service and the
Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area
of Outstanding Natural Beauty



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Clwydian Range and Dee Valley

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Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

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Welcome

There are a range of opportunities for you to get involved in the work of Denbighshire Countryside Service and the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB - and we need your help!



From Rhyl & Prestatyn in the north, along the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley and to Hiraethog in the west, 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.

denbighshirecountryside.org.uk
clwydianrangeanddeevalleyaonb.org.uk
denbighshirevolunteers.co.uk



*Mondays are
volunteer days in
The Lord's Garden*

If you love gardens and would enjoy helping in the historic gardens at Nantclwyd Y Dre, we want to hear from you! All abilities welcome.

**Please contact 01824 709822
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For further information contact:

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Park office**



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North Denbighshire (Rhyl)



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AONB Llangollen office



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**Check us out on social media for
up to date information and events**



**Denbighshire Countryside Service
Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB**



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@DenbshireCside**

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.



APRIL



- **Gronant Dunes**

**Monday 8th 10am-3pm
Rhyl Harbour – Marram Grass
Transplant**

Marram grass is vital for building and maintaining sand dune habitat. Come and help us repopulate the dunes with this important plant species. Meet at Rhyl Harbour car park. LL18 5AX.

**Wednesday 10th 10am - 3pm
Riverside Fencing - Loggerheads**

Come and help create weaved fences along our well used paths. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.



Thursday 11th 10am

Spring Clean at Llantysilio Green

Come and help undertake works to the start of the Pontcysyllte & Llangollen Canal World Heritage Site in preparation for another busy season. Meet at Llantysilio Green Car Park.

Tuesday 16th 10am - 3pm

Riverside fencing - Loggerheads

Come and continue to create weaved fences along our well used paths. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Tuesday 16th 10am-1pm

Spring Clean Cymru at Glan Morfa Estuary

Join us for a site clean up at Glan Morfa Local Nature Reserve to coincide with Keep Wales Tidy's 'Spring Clean Cymru' month. All equipment provided. Meet at Marsh Tracks Car Park, Marsh Road, Rhyl. LL18 2AD.

**Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th
10am – 3pm**

Start of the Fencing

Come along to prep the Gronant site for the arrival of the little Tern, focus of the task being securing the outer fence, signage and roping off. Meet at the Gateway opposite Presthaven Entrance.

Tuesday 23rd 10am – 3pm

**Moel Famau Country Park
Improvements – Spring clean**

Help the Country Park ranger keep the park looking its best with access improvements and maintenance work. Meet at Bwlch Penbarras car park. (SJ 161 605)



Tuesday 30th 10am - 3pm

Riverside Fencing

Help us finish tidying the riverside fencing and path edging along the riverside trails. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.



MAY

**Wednesday 8th 10am – 3pm
Prestatyn Hillside – 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)



- **Prestatyn Hillside**

Tuesday 14th 10am - 3pm
Path maintenance - Loggerheads

Help us to keep the paths looking their best. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 15th 10am - 3pm
Coed Nercwys Shepherds Cottage and Enclosure

Continue the great work done to improve this historical gem in the middle of the forest. Clear around the cottage ready for lime mortaring the footings and clear scrub species from the wild flower meadow. Meet at the main forest car park.
(SJ 218 593)



Tuesday 21st 10am - 1pm
Plas Newydd Historic Gardens Llangollen

Help the Gardener plant summer flowering plants throughout the gardens. Meet outside the tearooms.
LL20 8AW.

Tuesday 21st 10am - 3pm
Loggerheads Path Improvements

Come and help improve one of our well used paths in the Country Park. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Tuesday 28th 10am - 3pm
Moel Famau Path Improvements

Help the Country Park ranger keep the park looking its best with access improvements and maintenance work. Meet at Bwlch Penbarras car park. (SJ 161 605)



Wednesday 29th 10am - 3pm
Bridge Maintenance - Moel Findeg

Help improve the bridge at Moel Findeg Nature Reserve. Meet between Maeshafn village and old youth hostel. (SJ 205 608)



JUNE



**Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th
10am – 3pm Dry Stone Walling**
Learn traditional technique of
building a dry stone wall. We will be
rebuilding the old forest boundary at
Coed Nercwys. Meet at the main
forest car park. (SJ 218 593)



Tuesday 11th 10am - 3pm
Path Improvements

Come and help improve one of our well used paths in the Country Park. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 12th 10am – 3pm
Prestatyn Hillside – 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 13th and Friday 14th 10am
Mount Woods – Dry Stone Walling
Learn about this traditional skill from an experienced instructor, whilst helping us repair the dry stone wall at Mount Wood. Meet at Bryn Stanley, off Lon Llewellyn entrance to Mount Wood, Denbigh. (SJ 047 658)

Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th 10am– 3pm
Drystone Walling - Horseshoe Pass, Llangollen

Come and help restore a section of a tumbled down dry stone boundary wall, near the horseshoe pass, with an experienced instructor. Meet at the layby at the top of the horseshoe pass, opposite the Ponderosa cafe. (SJ 192 480)

Wednesday 19th 10am – 3pm
Moel Famau Country Park Improvements

Help the Country Park ranger keep the park looking its best with access improvements and maintenance work. Meet at Bwlch Penbarras car park. (SJ 161 605)



Tuesday 25th 10am - 3pm
Walk and Work - Loggerheads

Help survey and cut back footpaths in the area. We will be walking various routes so you will need to be happy walking and carrying your bag for most of the day. Meet and finish at Loggerheads Car Park but we may travel to other sites nearby. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

JULY



Tuesday 2nd 10am – 3pm
Arboretum Improvements – Coed Moel Famau

Help continue the work improving the arboretum, clearing the bases around young trees and tidying up the footpaths. Meet at Coed Moel Famau car park. (SJ 171 610)



Thursday 4th 10am
Balsam Bashing!

Help is needed to remove the invasive Himalayan Balsam from the banks of the river Dee. Meet at the main car park, Corwen. LL21 0DN.

Tuesday 9th 10am – 3pm
Balsam Bashing

Help is needed to remove dense stands of the highly invasive Himalayan Balsam from the banks of the River Alyn. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 10th 10am – 3pm
Prestatyn Hillside – 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)



Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th 10am
Corwen - Cynwyd Railway line - Charcoal Making

Try your hand at traditional charcoal making, free charcoal for all participants! Tuesday – filling the kiln, Wednesday – lighting the kiln, Friday – bagging the product. Meet Stamp lay-by. (SJ 064 422)

Wednesday 17th 10am – 3pm
Coed Nercwys – Shepherds Cottage and Enclosure

Continue the great work done to improve this historical gem in the middle of the forest. Clear around the cottage ready for lime mortaring the footings and clear scrub species from the wild flower meadow. Meet at the main forest car park. (SJ 218 593)



AUGUST



Thursday 1st 10am Eglwyseg Escarpment

Help is needed to build up sections of the Offa's Dyke path as it traverses along the spectacular Eglwyseg escarpment. As parking is limited, please meet at Market Street Car Park, Llangollen at 10am and we will travel to site from there.

Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th Lime mortar workshop Coed Nercwys

Learn a new skill whilst protecting a piece of history. 2 days lime stone mortar workshop at the Old Shepherd's Cottage, Coed Nercwys. Booking essential as weather dependant. Ring Loggerheads Country Park to book, 01824 71 2757



Tuesday 13th 10am - 3pm Bench Making - Loggerheads

Help construct new wooden benches for the Park from locally sourced larch. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Tuesday 20th 10am – 3pm Moel Famau Country Park Improvements

Help the Country Park ranger keep the park looking its best with access improvements and maintenance work. Meet at Bwlch Penbarras car park. (SJ 161 605)



Wednesday 21st 10am – 3pm Prestatyn Hillside – 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)



SEPTEMBER



Monday 2nd , Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th 10am - 3pm Charcoal Making

Try your hand at traditional charcoal making, free charcoal for all participants. Monday – filling the kiln, Tuesday – lighting the kiln, Thursday – bagging the product. Meet at Loggerheads Car Park.

Wednesday 11th 10am – 3pm Prestatyn Hillside – 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 12th 10am

Moor Path Work

Come and join us for essential maintenance to the Offa's Dyke footpath as it crosses Cynr y Brian moor towards Llandegla. Meet at the layby where the National Trail leaves the road (SJ 234 495), or lift available from Market St Car Park, Llangollen at 9.30am.

Monday 16th 10am-3pm

Brickfields Pond - Viewpoint Clearance

Help us open up viewpoints over the pond, and cut back scrub encroachment on the footpaths. Meet at Brickfields Office, Rhyl. LL18 2YR.

Tuesday 17th 10am – 3pm

Gorse Clearance

Help is needed to clear Gorse growing off a local scheduled ancient monument. We will provide lifts from Loggerheads Country Park.

Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th 10am – 3pm

Dry stone walling - Coed Nercwys

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



Thursday 19th 10am

Gro Isa, Corwen

Help us repair the historic slate fencing and begin to renovate the hedges. Meet at the main car park, Corwen. LL21 0DN.

Tuesday 24th 10am – 3pm

Moel Famau Country Park Improvements

Help the Country Park ranger keep the park looking its best with access improvements and maintenance work. Meet at Bwlch Penbarras car park. (SJ 161 605)



Wednesday 25th 10am – 3pm

Coed Llangwyfan - Tidy Up

Help keep the site looking its best, enjoy the beautiful views whilst you work around the forest. Meet at Coed Llangwyfan top car park, on the road between Nannerch and Llangwyfan. (SJ 139 668)



Nature for Health

Boosting your health & wellbeing with nature

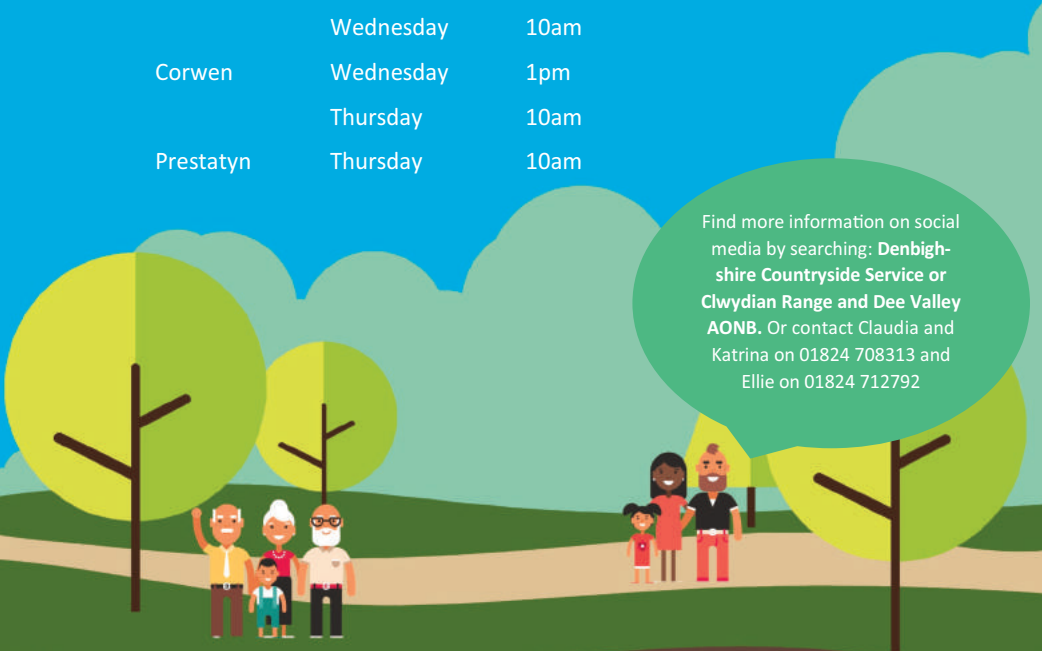


Are you looking to get active and learn new skills in 2019?

The Nature for Health project is all about getting out into nature to benefit your physical and mental health. Come along to one of our free weekly activities. Whether it is a walk, practical conservation task or an arts and crafts workshop, there is so much you can get involved in!

You can find our free weekly walking and countryside sessions in the following places:

| Location | Day | Time |
|------------|-----------|------|
| Rhyl | Tuesday | 10am |
| Llangollen | Tuesday | 10am |
| | Wednesday | 10am |
| Corwen | Wednesday | 1pm |
| | Thursday | 10am |
| Prestatyn | Thursday | 10am |



Find more information on social media by searching: **Denbighshire Countryside Service** or **Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB**. Or contact Claudia and Katrina on 01824 708313 and Ellie on 01824 712792

Denbighshire Countryside Service is working in partnership with Denbighshire Housing to deliver the project with support from Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and Bangor University. This 18-month pilot project will run in Rhyl, Prestatyn, Llangollen and Corwen.