

Volunteer Programme

October 2016 to March 2017

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



Bryniau Clwyd a Dyffryn Dyfrdwy
Clwydian Range and Dee Valley

Ardal o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

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Welcome



Volunteering can be a hugely rewarding experience for those who would like to offer some of their free time to support our community.

At Denbighshire County Council our various services all offer opportunities for volunteers and details of what is available and how to apply can be found on the Council Website by just logging on to Denbighshire County Council.

Our Countryside Service use volunteers in a variety of locations, such as in the Summer at the Gronant Dunes Little Tern Colony where volunteer efforts have gone a long way towards securing the future of this threatened species and all year round carrying out a variety of duties within Loggerheads Country Park and the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, which includes the Clwydian

Range of hills, down to the Dee Valley and the Offa's Dyke National Trail.

There are so many ways in which you can contribute and it is worth remembering that for those such as Students in the long holiday period and hoping to start a career, a period of volunteering can look very impressive on your CV!

A big thank you to all who have contributed their time so freely and there is a welcome waiting for anyone ready to join the team.

Hugh Irving
Denbighshire County Council
Lead for Volunteering Strategy



In memory of John Cureton
who was a volunteer for
many years and will be
sadly missed.

9th October 1934 to 23rd July 2016



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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  **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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OCTOBER



Saturday 1st 10am - 12pm **Glyndyfrdwy litter pick**

Join members of the local community carrying out a litter sweep at Glyndyfrdwy village in the Dee Valley. Meet in the layby on the A5 East of the village.

Wednesday 5th 10am - 3pm **Exposing the Past**

Come and help us uncover some of the historical, industrial features from the under growth for all to see. Meet at the small car park on hairpin bend below Hillside Gardens, Prestatyn. (SJ 071 821)

Thursday 6th 10am - 3pm **Coppicing the Line**

Come and help coppice an area of hazel on the banks of the River Dee along the former railway line between Corwen and Cynwyd . Meet at Stamp lay-by (SJ 062 423)

Friday 7th 10am - 2pm **Clear the Site**

Come to help us prepare an area for planting of fruit trees later on this month. Meet at Bryn Stanley, off Lon Llewellyn entrance to Mount Wood, Denbigh (SJ 047 658)

Monday 10th 10am - 1pm **Plas Newydd, Llangollen**

Help the gardener installing drains in the dell, wellies needed!!

Tuesday 11th 10am - 3pm **Butterfly glades fencing**

Help us create a new fence on the butterfly glades to make the area better for conservation grazing. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park

Wednesday 12th 10am - 3pm **Path Improvements**

Come and help us improve some of the well used paths on and around Prestatyn Hillside, including sections of the Offa's Dyke Trail. Sturdy footwear essential. Meet at the car park on hairpin bend below Hillside Gardens, Prestatyn. (SJ 071 821)

Tuesday 18th 10am - 3pm **Moel Famau** **- Heathland Management**

Help remove conifer regen off the heathland. Meet at Bwlch Penbarras (top) car park (SJ 162 606)



Wednesday 19th 10am - 3pm **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)



Friday 21st 10am - 1pm **Shake, Wattle and Roll**

Using the hazel that we will coppice at the start, come and help erect wattle fencing along the footpaths. Meet at Bryn Stanley, off Lon Llewellyn entrance to Mount Wood, Denbigh (SJ 047 658)

Wednesday 26th 10am - 3pm **Moel Findeg**

Come and help clear scrub off the heathland of the Local Nature Reserve. Meeting point between Maeshafn village and the Old Youth Hostel (SJ205 608)

Wednesday 26th 10am - 2pm **Harbour Planting**

Finishing off the major Marram grass transplant to the new sand dune at the Harbour. Meet at Pont y Ddraig car-park, Rhyl Harbour.

Thursday 27th 10am - 3pm **Stake and hazel**

Come along and help convert coppice material from the Prestatyn Dyserth way into hedging stakes to be used in hedge laying events throughout the winter. Meet at Meliden goods shed car park, Meliden (SJ060806).



Tuesday 1st 10am - 3pm

Create a new path

Help us finish creating a new path and improve a hidden corner of Loggerheads! Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 2nd 10am - 3pm

Prestatyn Hillside - Woodland work

Lend a hand to continue with the ongoing woodland improvements in Bishops Wood. Meet at the small car park on the hairpin bend below Hillside Gardens, Prestatyn (SJ 071 821)

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Moel Famau

- Heathland Management

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Thursday 3rd 10am - 3pm

Blood, sweat and volunteers

Help is needed to repair sections of fence on the path that leads to the summit of Castell Dinas Bran. This will hopefully keep visitors to the main path and reduce damage to the surrounding grassland which was recently designated a SSSI. Meet at the main car park (market Street) Llangollen.

Friday 4th 10am - 3pm

Woodland management

Come along to help with the woodland management of an area of woodland, including work on an overgrown area 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).

Tuesday 8th 10am - 3pm

Grassland fencing

Help us finish a new fence on the butterfly glades to make the area better for conservation grazing. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 9th 10am - 3pm

Moel Findeg

Come and help clear scrub off the heathland of the Local Nature Reserve. Meeting point between Maeshafn village and the Old Youth Hostel (SJ205 608)

Tuesday 15th 10am - 3pm

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 16th 10am - 3pm
Moel Findeg
Come and help clear scrub off the heathland of the Local Nature Reserve. Meeting point between Maeshafn village and the Old Youth Hostel (SJ205 608)

Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th 10am - 3pm
Opening up the Views
Come to help open up views of the Brickfields Pond and we will also be working to connect two of our sites together. Meet at Brickfields Pond, Rhyl.

Thursday 17th 10am - 3pm
Planting and Improvements
A lot of hard work was carried out to transform this site which was a trunk road for the Tesco Development. It now includes a Conservation Hedgerow, Wildflower Meadow, Community Orchard and woodland area. Help out with plug planting, hedgerow maintenance and winter pruning. Meet at Ffordd Parc Playing Fields, Prestatyn.

Tuesday 22nd 10am - 3pm
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.

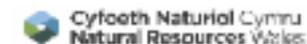
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Prestatyn Hillside - Scrub clearance
Help with scrub clearance to improve this internationally important grassland. Meet at the small car park on the hairpin bend below Hillside Gardens, Prestatyn (SJ 071 821)

Thursday 24th 10am - 3pm
Hedging Practice
Get ready for the 2016 Volunteer Hedge-laying Competition next month with a little bit of practice continuing a hedge that we started last year. Meet at Tarquin Drive, off Bryn Cwnin Road in Rhyl (SJ 027 801)

Friday 25th 10am - 1pm
Orchard Planting
Help us plant fruit trees on the edge of Mount Wood. We will try to source local varieties for this sunny spot, such as the Denbigh Plum. Meet at Bryn Stanley, off Lon Llewellyn entrance to Mount Wood, Denbigh (SJ 047 658)



Tuesday 29th 10am - 3pm
Coed Alex - Woodland Management
Coed Alex is a small woodland near Coed Llangwyfan. Help us thin out birch trees and remove dense stands of scrub. Meet at Coed Llangwyfan, top car park, on the road between Nannerch and Llandyrnog. (SJ 139 668)



Wednesday 30th 10am - 3pm
Moel Findeg
Come and help clear scrub off the heathland of the Local Nature Reserve. Meeting point between Maeshafn village and the Old Youth Hostel (SJ205 608)

DECEMBER



Thursday 1st 10am - 3pm

Thinin' Pen y Pigyn!

Woodland management at Pen y Pigyn. We'll be looking to thin out the natural regeneration on-site following the clear-fell here some 15 years ago. Meet at the main car park, Corwen (SJ 080 435)

Tuesday 6th 10am - 3pm

Coppicing

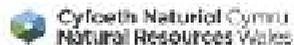
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Wednesday 7th 10am - 3pm

Moel Famau

Clean up at House for a Grouse

On-going management is needed to stop this open area being overtaken by conifer regeneration. Meet at Coed Moel Famau car park (SJ 174 613)



Wednesday 7th 10am - 3pm

Christmas Clearing

Help with woodland work at Bruton Park widening the paths and allowing more light into the wood, whilst keeping warm burning the brash (there may be marshmallows!). Meet at Tarquin Drive off Bryn Cwnin Road, Rhyl (SJ027801).

Thursday 8th 10am - 3pm

Annual Volunteer Hedgelaying Competition

Venue to be confirmed.

Hedgelaying is an important craft to regenerate hedgerows by encouraging new growth from ground level. Come along as part of a team.

Friday 9th 10am - 1pm

Spud how you like it

The annual end of year bonfire at Mount Wood. Jacket potatoes cooked to perfection... possibly. Also a bit of clearing up round the wood so it is ready to enter the New Year. Meet at Bryn Stanley, off Lon Llewellyn entrance to Mount Wood, Denbigh (SJ 047 658)

Monday 12th 10am - 1pm

Plas Newydd, Llangollen

Help the gardener prune some over grown shrubs in the garden.

Tuesday 13th 10am - 3pm

Christmas Clean!

Help spruce up the Park for the festive season carrying out some essential maintenance on the well walked footpaths. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 14th 10am - 3pm

Woodland Work

Lend a hand to continue with the ongoing woodland improvements in Bishops Wood. Meet at the small car park on hairpin bend, below Hillside Gardens, Prestatyn (SJ 071 821)

Wednesday 21st 10am - 3pm

Moel Findeg

Christmas on the Heath

Come and help clear scrub off the heathland of the Local Nature Reserve, Christmas bonfire to celebrate end of the year. Meeting point between Maeshafn village and the Old Youth Hostel (SJ205 608)





Wednesday 4th 10am - 3pm

Moel Findeg

Work off the Christmas excess by helping clear scrub off the heathland at Moel Findeg. Meeting point between Maeshafn village and the Old Youth Hostel (SJ205 608)

Thursday 5th 10am - 4pm

Coppicing the Line.....again

Come and work off the turkey, the Quality Streets and the Christmas pud! More help is needed to coppice hazel stools and give an opportunity for Spring flowers to carpet the woodland floor. Meet at Stamp lay-by (SJ 062 423).

Thursday 5th 10am - 3pm

Fire Away

Burning the brash from the site to open up the hay meadow ready for the summer. Meet at Glasdir, off North Link Road, Ruthin (SJ 118 590)

Tuesday 10th 10am - 3pm

Coppicing

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Wednesday 11th 10am - 3pm

Prestatyn - Path Improvements

Come and help us improve some of the well used paths on and around Prestatyn Hillside, including sections of the Offa's Dyke Trail. Sturdy footwear essential. Meet at the small car park on hairpin bend below Hillside Gardens, Prestatyn (SJ 071 821)

Wednesday 18th 10am - 3pm

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Entrance Improvements

The car-park is long overdue a work party day so we will be working our way along the fences and allowing the planted trees some space to grow. Meet at Coed y Morfa car-park, Prestatyn

Tuesday 24th 10am - 3pm

Improving the Woodland

Come and spend the day helping to remove non-native tree saplings from the internationally important woodland. Meet Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 25th 10am - 3pm

Coed Alex

Coed Alex is a small woodland near Coed Llangwyfan. Help is needed to thin out the trees, jacket potatoes cooked on the fire to keep us warm. Meet at Coed Llangwyfan top car park, on the road between Llangwyfan and Nannerch (SJ 139 668)



FEBRUARY

Wednesday 1st 10am - 3pm **Opening up the view**

Help us open up some views overlooking Prestatyn from a few of our well used paths. Meet at the small car park on hairpin bend below Hillside Gardens, Prestatyn (SJ 071 821)

Wednesday 1st 10am - 3pm **Moel Findeg**

Come and help clear scrub off the heathland of the Local Nature Reserve. Meeting point between Maeshafn village and the Old Youth Hostel (SJ205 608)

Thursday 2nd 10am - 3pm **Glade creation**

Come and help remove scrub and briars from around the Gorsedd stones at Coed Pen y Pigyn in a bid to create a wildflower rich sunny glade. Meet at the main car park Corwen (SJ 080 435).

Monday 6th 10am - 1pm **Plas Newydd, Llangollen**

Help the gardener transplant primroses around the gardens.

Wednesday 8th 10am - 3pm **Moel Findeg**

Come and help clear scrub off the heathland of the Local Nature Reserve. Meeting point between Maeshafn village and the Old Youth Hostel (SJ205 608)

Wednesday 8th 10am - 3pm **Wildlife corridors**

Continue on the hedge-laying along the cycle track at Bruton Park. Meet at Tarquin Drive, off Bryn Cwnin Road in Rhyl (SJ 027 801)

Thursday 9th 10am - 3pm **Continuing the Coppice**

Last year we cleared a great view along the Prestatyn Dyserth Way, Our Coppice rotation Scheme ensures we have lots of material and with this we will build up thick habitat hedges, great for wildlife and the site users. Meet at Meliden goods shed car park, Meliden (SJ060806).

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**Wednesday 15th 10am - 3pm
Prestatyn Hillside
- Exposing the past**

Come and uncover some of the historic industrial features of the site for all to see. Meet at the small car park on hairpin bend, below Hillside Gardens, Prestatyn (SJ 071 821)

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**Wednesday 22nd 10am - 3pm
Coed Nercwys Viewpoint**

Help to keep the viewpoint clear at the southern end of the forest. Meet at Coed Nercwys, northern car park (SJ 218 593)



**Thursday 23rd 10am - 3pm
Pathway to the ponds**

We will be working on a connecting path to the old railway track and beyond along the old pond. Meet at Llanynys Pond lay-by, Rhewl (SJ 101 620)

**Tuesday 28th 10am - 3pm
Scrub Clearance**

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





Tuesday 7th 10am - 3pm
Improving the Woodland
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Wednesday 1st 10am - 3pm
Moel Findeg

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Thursday 2nd 10am - 4pm
Access Work

Help is needed to maintain the popular History Trail in and around Llangollen in preparation for the up and coming season. Meet at the main car park (Market Street) Llangollen (SJ 214 420).

Tuesday 7th 10am - 3pm
Tree Planting

Two years ago saw the creation of a small wildlife area in a corner of the playing fields of Park View, Come and help plant some additional trees and wildflowers and Marginals to help the site again for the summer. Meet Park View Playing Fields, Rhyl

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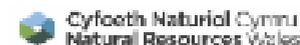
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Wednesday 8th 10am - 3pm
Going round in Circles

Come to dig out the last area of path round the site and start putting down the stone and dust to make ease of access. Meet at Glasdir, off North Link Road, Ruthin (SJ 118 590)

Tuesday 14th 10am - 3pm
Nature Area Llangwyfan

Help us to clear away the gorse and scrub that is growing across the nature area up to the Hillfort embankments. We will be having a fire to keep us warm. Meet at Coed Llangwyfan top car park, on the road between Nannerch and Llangwyfan (SJ 139 668).



MARCH



Wednesday 15th 10am – 3pm

Prestatyn - Path Improvements

Come and help us improve some of the well used paths on and around Prestatyn Hillside, including sections of the Offa's Dyke Trail. Sturdy footwear essential. Meet at the small car park on hairpin bend below Hillside Gardens, Prestatyn (SJ 071 821)

Thursday 16th 10am - 2pm

Top off the Dune

We will finish off the Buckthorn bashing work to open up the top of the dune above Tower Beach. Consecutive years of work has made a real difference. Meet at Ffordd Idwal, Tower Beach, Prestatyn (SJ 051 832)

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Wednesday 29th 10am - 3pm

Hedge Back and Sides

Get the hedges ready for the Spring and give this new Local Nature Reserve. Meet at Rhuddlan Local Nature Reserve, Station Road



Tuesday 28th 10am - 3pm

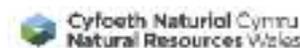
Springing into life

Join us in the wildlife garden and around the tea gardens in a Spring tidy. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

Wednesday 29th 10am - 3pm

Moel Famau

Help to tidy up at Moel Famau before the busy Easter holidays. Meet at Bwlch Penbarras car park (SJ 162 606)





Mae'r Criw Cefn Gwlad
a gynhelir gan Ardal o Harddwch
Naturiol Eithriadol Bryniau Clwyd a
Dyffryn Dyfrdwy, yn berffaith ar gyfer
pobl ifanc rhwng 11 a 18 oed sydd
eisiau dysgu mwy am y dirwedd
anhygoel ar eu stepen drws ac nad
ydynt yn poeni am faeddu wrth weithio
ac archwilio yn yr awyr agored.

Young Rangers is perfect for youngsters
aged between 11 and 18 years old who want to
learn more about the amazing landscape on their
doorstep and don't mind getting messy, working
in and exploring the great outdoors.

Rangers need to bring waterproofs, warm clothes
and sturdy footwear and most importantly a packed
lunch! Young Rangers meet 9 days over the year,
either on Saturdays during school term time or
sometimes weekdays during the school holidays.

We have two groups, one based at Loggerheads
and Moel Famau Country Parks and another based
in the Dee Valley. We visit other areas throughout the
Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding
Natural Beauty and Denbighshire countryside.
Young Rangers get involved in practical
conservation, wildlife surveys, visit ancient hillforts
and outdoor recreational activities.



Mae angen i Geidwaid ddod â dillad sy'n dal dŵr, dillad
cynnes, esgidiau cadarn ac yn bwysicaf oll, pecyn bwyd!
Peidiwch â dod ag unrhyw beth gwerthfawr gan y gallai
fynd ar goll neu gael ei ddirodi. Mae aelodaeth yn
gyfyngedig ac mae'n rhaid i'ch lle yn y grŵp fod wedi ei
gadarnhau cyn mynychu'r digwyddiadau. Mae Ceidwaid
lfanc yn cyfarfod am tua 9 diwrnod yn ystod y flwyddyn,
naill ai ar ddydd Sadwrn yn ystod y tymor ysgol neu yn
ystod yr wythnos ar wyliau'r ysgol.

Mae gennym dau grŵp, un wedi ei leoli ym Mharciau
Gwledig Loggerheads a Moel Famau
ar llall yn Nyffryn Dyfrdwy. Rydym yn
ymweld ag ardaloedd eraill ledled Ardal
o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol Bryniau
Clwyd a Dyffryn Dyfrdwy a chefn gwlad
Sir Ddinbych. Mae'r Criw Cefn Gwlad
yn ymwneud a chadwraeth ymarferol,
arolygon bywyd gwyllt, ymweld â
bryngaerau hynafol a gweithgareddau
awyr agored.



For more information please contact Loggerheads Country park,
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please e-mail: clwydianrangeanddeevalley@denbighshire.gov.uk

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