

Volunteer Programme

April to September 2018

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
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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.



For a Braille, large print or tape version of this call free on 0800 243980

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North Denbighshire (Rhyl)

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South AONB (Llangollen office)

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

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Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB**

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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 4th 10am - 3pm
Moel Famau Country Park
tidy up**

Help to tidy up the park before the busy Easter holidays with the start of the summer programme of maintenance. Meet at Moel Famau, Bwlch Penbarras car park (SJ161605)



**Friday 6th 10am - 1pm
Plas Newydd Historic Garden
Llangollen**

Help the gardener in the maintenance of the gardens with tasks such as weeding, edging and planting. Meet outside the tearooms.

**Saturday 7th 10am - 12noon
Beach Clean**

Joint event with the North Wales Little Tern Group and Keep Wales Tidy. Come and help us clear up the beach and dunes of litter. Meet at Barkby Beach lower car-park.

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

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

**Wednesday 11th 10am - 3pm
Dragon Eggs**

Setting out the electric fencing in preparation for nesting small nesting waders and the potential for breeding terns. Meet at Pont y Ddraig car-park, Rhyl Harbour.

**Thursday 12th, Friday 13th
and Monday 16th
Dry stone walling**

Meet at Rhuddlan Nature Reserve.

**Wednesday 18th 10am - 3pm
Bridge Building**

Come along to help with improving access to the new bird hide, we will be building a timber bridge to cross a small brook. Meet at Glasdir, Ruthin.

**Wednesday 18th 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 19th 10am
Spring Clean at Llantysilio Green**

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

**Wednesday 25th 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 (SJ161605)



**Thursday 26th 10am - 4pm
Taster Day**

Come and try your hand at walling – no experience necessary. Coed Pen y Pigyn, Corwen. Meet in the main car park, LL21 0DN.





Tuesday 1st – Friday 4th

10am - 3pm

Fencing Gronant

Come to help at the annual set up with the putting up of fencing and boards all ready for the forthcoming Little Tern breeding season. Meet at Gronant Dunes (parking at Lower Gronant opposite Crofter's Café).

Tuesday 8th 10am - 3pm

Loggerheads Riverside Fencing

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

Wednesday 9th 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 14th - Wednesday 16th

10am - 4pm

Dry stone walling

Coed Pen y Pigyn, Corwen
Meet in the main car park, LL21 0DN



Tuesday 15th 10am - 3pm

Hazel Inclusive

Our annual coppicing day on a section along the Prestatyn-Dyserth Way. Meet at Y Shed, Meliden.

Wednesday 16th 10am – 1pm

Plas Newydd Historic Gardens Llangollen

Help the gardener plant summer flowering plants throughout the gardens. Meet outside the tearooms.

Wednesday 16th 10am – 3pm

Coed Nercwys - Shepherd's 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).



Thursday 17th 10am

Give the limestone grassland a hand

Come along and help manage the internationally important limestone grassland at Creigiau Eglwyseg. We will hopefully see many of the special floristic species that thrive here, such as early-purple orchids and the Llangollen whitebeam - an internationally endangered species whereby the world's entire population is centred on the Eglwyseg! As parking is limited, please meet at Market Street Car Park, Llangollen at 10.00am and we will travel to site from there.

Tuesday 29th 10am - 3pm
Path Maintenance

Help to improve Moel Findeg Nature Reserves footpaths. Meet between Maeshafn village and old youth hostel (SJ 205 608)



**Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th
10am - 3pm**

Drystone Walling

Learn the 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 5th 10am - 3pm
Junction Kop**

Join us in weaving several wattle fences to help mark the junction between the start of the mountain bike track on top of the hill and the path down to the roundhouse. Meet at Marsh Tracks car-park, Glan Morfa.

**Tuesday 12th 10am - 3pm
Loggerheads Walk and Work**

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.

**Tuesday 12th 10am - 3pm
Kitting out the hide**

Help to build benches and a platform at the new Glasdir bird hide. Meet at Glasdir.

**Tuesday 12th – Thursday 14th
10am - 4pm**

Dry stone walling

Coed Pen y Pigyn
Meet in the main car park, LL21 0DN



**Wednesday 13th 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 14th 10am
Balsam Bashing!**

Help is needed to remove dense stands of Balsam from the banks of the River Dee. Meet at the Sports Pavilion Car Park, Corwen (SJ079 437)

**Thursday 14th 10am - 1pm
Living Marram**

Help to stabilise the dunes by planting marram in the open areas. Meet at Rhyl Harbour.

**Wednesday 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 (SJ161605)



**Tuesday 26th 10am - 3pm
Loggerheads Drainage
Improvements**

Help us improve the drainage issues we have on one of our well used paths at Loggerheads. Meet at Loggerheads Country Park.

**Tuesday 3rd 10am - 3pm
Arboretum Improvements**
Help to continue the work improving the arboretum, clear the bases around the young trees and tidy up the paths. Meet at Coed Moel Famau car park (SJ171610)



**Tuesday 3rd 10am - 3pm
Boardwalk Empire**

Join up for some boardwalk repairs, chance to help out building these important timber structures. Meet at the entrance gate to Presthaven Holiday Camp.

**Wednesday 4th 10am - 2pm
NO!**

Help to clear the newly fenced areas of the grazing project at Gronant dunes of ragwort. Meet at Gronant Dunes (parking at Lower Gronant opposite Crofter's Café).

**Thursday 5th
Dry Stone Walling
Competition - Gop Hill**

Please contact Ros on 01824 712794 if you would like to participate

**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 - 3pm
Pruning Quest**

Side pruning the establishing trees at this community woodland site and coppicing hazel for wattle. Meet at Coed y Morfa community woodland.

**Tuesday 17th 10am - 3pm
Coed Nercwys - Shepherd's
cottage and enclosure**

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



**Tuesday 17th 10am - 3pm
Clearing the hedge**

Help to clear out any unwanted growth out of last year's competition hedge also clearing around the trees planted on the banks behind. Meet at Rhuddlan nature Reserve.

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Wednesday 8th 10am - 3pm Rhuddlan Scything

Help to scythe round the orchard and clear the old fencing. Meet at Rhuddlan Nature Reserve car-park.

Monday 13th – Wednesday 15th 10am - 4pm Dry stone walling

Corwen Community Garden, Corwen. Meet in the main car park, LL21 0DN



Wednesday 22nd 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 23rd 10am - 3pm Trimming Undergrowth

Assist in the development of the orchard area by clearing the ground under the fruit trees and lopping the branches along the boundary. Meet at Glasdir, Northern Link Road, Ruthin.

Tuesday 7th 10am - 3pm Loggerheads Grasslands

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



Thursday 23rd 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 10.00am and we'll travel to site from there.

Tuesday 4th 10am - 3pm
Moel Famau Country Park tidy up
Help the Country Park ranger keep the park looking its best with access improvements and maintenance work. Meet at Moel Famau, Bwlch Penbarras car park (SJ161605)



Friday 7th 10am - 2pm
Viewpoint Woods
Help to clear the area round the viewpoint and improve the access to it from each side. Meet at Mount Wood, Denbigh.

Friday 7th 10am - 1pm
Plas Newydd Historic Garden
Llangollen

Have a go at trimming the topiary with the gardener. Meet outside the tearooms.

Saturday 8th 10am - 4pm
Taster Day

Come and try your hand at walling – no experience necessary. Coed Pen y Pigyn, Corwen
Meet in the main car park, LL21 0DN



Tuesday 11th 10am - 3pm
Loggerheads Drainage Improvements
Help us improve the drainage issues we have on one of our well used paths. We will bring in stone to create new drainage channels and rebuild existing ones. 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 10am
Moor Path Work
Come and join us for essential maintenance to the Offa's Dyke Path as it crosses Cynr y Brain moor towards Llandegla. Meet in the lay-by where ODP leaves the road at SJ234 495 for 10,00am, or lift available from Market St Car Park, Llangollen at 9.30am



Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th 10am - 3pm
Dry stone walling
Help to continue rebuilding the old forest boundary at Coed Nercwys. Meet at the main forest car park, (SJ 218 593)



Thursday 20th – Sat 22nd 10 am - 4 pm
Dry stone walling
Caer Drewyn, Corwen, Corwen Leisure Centre Car Park, LL21 9RW



Wednesday 26th 10am - 3pm
Coed Llangwyfan - Tidy up
Help keep the site looking its best, enjoy beautiful views whilst you work around the forest. Meet at Coed Llangwyfan top car park, on the road between Nannerch and Llangwyfan (SJ139 668)

Thursday 27th 10am - 3pm
Xylem Yield
Come to help tidy up the boundaries of the site by hedge-laying some of the larger trees and repairing the fences. Meet at Llanynys ponds, Rhewl.

Gronant Little Terns

Young Rangers

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.



For more information please contact 01824 712 757 or e-mail clwydianrangeanddeevalley@denbighshire.gov.uk



Lots of opportunities to help out and get involved during May to end of July. Staff on site every day so come down and learn a bit about one of our rarest seabirds. Help make the last year of EU LIFE+ Little Tern Recovery Project a successful one.

Rural Skills Training Programme



This year we will be running a series of free training courses in dry stone walling and other rural skills, thanks to funding from Cadwyn Clwyd.

Most of the courses will be run in the Corwen area, but will also be run on Moel Famau and in Rhuddlan. They will offer opportunities for complete beginners or more experienced wallers to come and hone their skills. Courses will be led by qualified dry stone walling instructors and will run

for 3 days at a time – you are welcome to stay for as long or short as you wish. Please bring your own lunch and drinks and ensure you have suitable clothing (including waterproofs / hats). Steel toe capped shoes should be worn if possible.

If you would like attend, please contact Ros Stockdale on 01824 712794, or on ros.stockdale@denbighshire.gov.uk

Look out for the pale blue boxes



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