

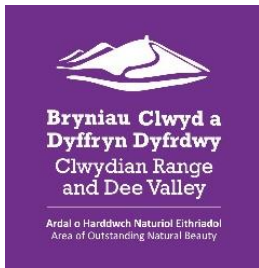
Dee Valley Volunteer Programme

Event Round Up

Western Hemlock Removal at Coed Pen y Pigyn

Some of the recent volunteer tasks have included western hemlock (*Tsuga heterophylla*) removal at Coed Pen y Pigyn. Coed Pen y Pigyn is an ancient oak woodland surrounded by conifer plantations. Western hemlock self-seeds at Coed Pen y Pigyn, and its removal is an ongoing challenge. Volunteers have been busy tackling the issue at monthly sessions since October, with a remarkable difference at the site. Thank you very much for all your hard work!





Waymarking the National Trail

Recently, volunteers and rangers have been busy updating a number of fingerposts and waymarks along Offa's Dyke National Trail. Offa's Dyke National Trail is a 177-mile trail running the Welsh – English border that partly follows King Offa of Mercia's boundary from the 8th Century. Today, the trail is a very popular walking route which follows some of the most beautiful landscapes and scenery, with a nod to some of the history between Wales and England. Join us for future sessions waymarking this spectacular route!



Coppicing and Weaving

Over recent months' volunteers have been busy coppicing along Corwen – Cynwyd Railway. The method of coppicing is a traditional form of woodland management. By cutting trees and shrubs at ground level and creating a coppice stool, this allows new shoots to grow from the base. Coppicing can help increase biodiversity by allowing light through the woodland canopy and encouraging ground flora to grow.



The by-product of the coppicing sessions has been used as material for weaving. Recently, volunteers have partaken in weaving sessions at Corwen Community Garden and Plas Newydd Historic House. A variety of items have been woven at the sessions, including some tree guards, wreath bases and even heart shaped decorations for Diwrnod Santes Dwynwen!

We will be running future coppicing and weaving session this Autumn/Winter.

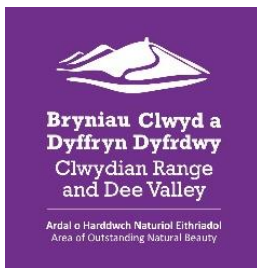


Big Garden Tidy Up

Volunteers, rangers and Nature for Health have been busy preparing Corwen Community Garden for the coming growing season. Along with our weekly Wednesday afternoon session, we had a Big Garden Tidy Up in early March. This involved preparing the raised beds for the spring, planting some seeds, and relocating some of the perennial plants. The garden looks fantastic and is now ready for new growth. Thank you very much to all the volunteers who have managed to come along to the garden over recent weeks!

Weekly sessions are still running at the Community Garden every Wednesday afternoon 1pm – 3pm. Come along for a cuppa, chat and some light gardening!





Volunteer Programme April - June 2024

April

Wednesday Afternoons 1pm – 3pm

Light Gardening Session

Join the Rangers for some light gardening, a chat and a cuppa every Wednesday afternoon at Corwen Community Garden.

Meet at Corwen Community Garden

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Thursday 4th 10am – 1pm

Wattle Fence Making

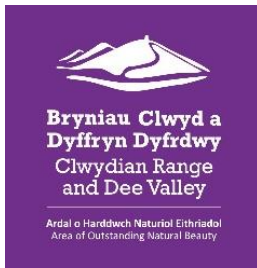
Come and join the Ranger Team at Corwen – Cynwyd Railway Line to learn how to make a wattle fence using some of the coppiced hazel from previous sessions.

Meet at Llangar (Stamp) layby, Cynwyd

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Thursday 11th 10am – 2pm

Waymarking the Llangollen History Trail

Help the Ranger Team install a new fingerpost on Llangollen History Trail.

Meet at Llantysilio Green car park

Postcode: LL20 8BT

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Monday 15th 10am – 12pm

Moorland Mondays

Join a Ranger and the Moorland Field Officer for a variety of moorland tasks.

Meet at Bwlch y Groes layby

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Tuesday 16th 10am – 3pm

Protecting the Panorama

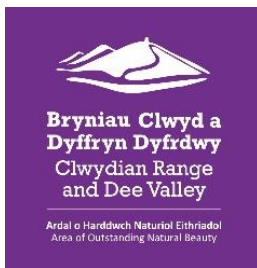
Give the Rangers a hand installing new site furniture along the Panorama. The signs will help protect the Special Area of Conservation.

Meet along Panorama Walk

Postcode: LL20 8EG

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Wednesday 24th 10am – 2pm

Picnic Bench Building

Join Ranger Sam constructing a new picnic bench at Horseshoe Falls.

Meet at Llantysilio Green car park

Postcode: LL20 8BT

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May

Thursday 2nd 10am – 3pm

Accessing Green Spaces - Step Building

Give the Rangers with repairing and building new steps at Corwen Cutting.

Meet at Huw Jones Leisure Centre, Corwen

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Thursday 9th 10am – 3pm

Accessing Offa's Dyke National Trail

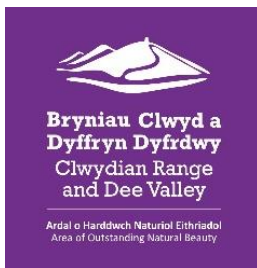
Lend a hand with path maintenance along Offa's Dyke National Trail. This will involve helping tackle erosion due to illegal off-roading.

Meet at Llangollen Market Street Car Park, Llangollen

Postcode: LL20 8RB

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Monday 13th 10am – 12pm

Moorland Mondays

Join the Rangers and the Moorland Field Officer for our monthly Moorland Monday session.

Meeting Location: TBC

Thursday 16th 10am – 12pm

Wenffrwd Nature Reserve and Llangollen Old Railway Litter Pick

Come along and join us litter picking along Llangollen Old Railway, Wenffrwd Nature Reserve and Llangollen Canal.

Meet at Wenffrwd Local Nature Reserve

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Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd 10am – 4pm

Drystone Walling

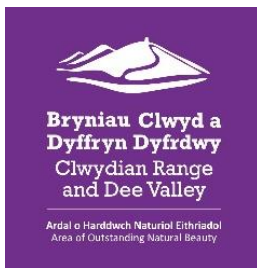
Continuing the work from previous years, come and learn the traditional method of drystone walling at Coed Pen y Pigyn.

Meet at Green Lane car park, Corwen

Postcode: LL21 0DN

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Thursday 30th 10am – 1pm

Bracken Bashing and Vegetation Survey

Join Ranger Hannah bracken bashing at Dôl Llangar. This will be followed by a short vegetation survey. Come along to learn something new or brush up on some old skills.

Meet at Llangar (Stamp) layby, Cynwyd

Postcode: LL21 0HW

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June

Thursday 6th 10am – 2pm

Bracken Bashing

Join Ranger Dwynwen bracken bashing on Dinas Brân. This unique U1 grassland is home to a variety of special species of plants that thrive in a short sward community maintained by grazing.

Meet along Panorama Walk

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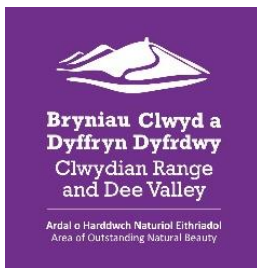
Monday 10th 10am – 12pm

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Meeting Location: TBC





Thursday 13th 10am – 2pm

Bracken Bashing

Lend a hand with bracken bashing on Caer Drewyn. Caer Drewyn is one of the best preserved Iron Age hillforts in Wales.

Meet at Huw Jones Leisure Centre, Corwen

Postcode: LL21 9RW

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Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th 10am – 4pm

Drystone Walling

Come along and learn the traditional method of drystone walling on Caer Drewyn.

Meet at Huw Jones Leisure Centre, Corwen

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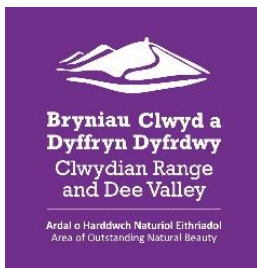
Thursday 27th 10am – 2pm

Waymarking the National Trail

Help the Ranger Team install new waymarking on Offa's Dyke National Trail.

Meeting Location: TBC





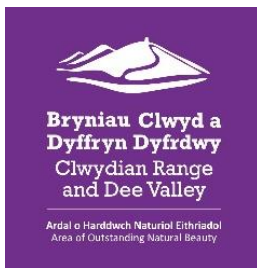
These events are not suitable for children below age 16. Please let us know in advance if you are planning to attend. No experience necessary. For more information on our volunteering activities, please contact us.

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Events

Curlew Walk

Wednesday 10th April 13:00 - 16:30

Meet at Llandegla Village Car Park, Llandegla, LL11 3BJ

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Book: Eventbrite or contact Morgan on 07342 062889 or morgan.vaughanjones@denbighshire.gov.uk

Bluebells on Corwen-Cynwyd Railway Line

Wednesday 1st May 10:00 – 12:00

Meet at Llangar (Stamp) layby, Cynwyd, LL21 0HW

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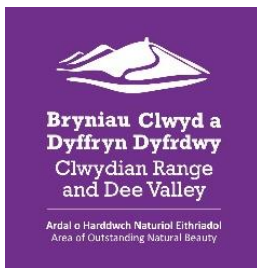
Wednesday 15th May 13:00 – 16:00

Meet at Llandegla Village Car Park, Llandegla, LL11 3BJ

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Nocturnal Stroll: Bat Walk

Monday 20th May 19:00 – 21:00

Meet at Llantysilio Green Car Park, Llantysilio, LL20 8BT

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Book: Eventbrite or contact Sam on 07918 224784 or samuel.langdon@denbighshire.gov.uk

Dusk Chorus of the Nightjar

Friday 31st May 19:00 – 22:30

Meet at Llangollen Market Street Car Park, Llangollen, LL20 8RB

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Exploring Dinas Brân

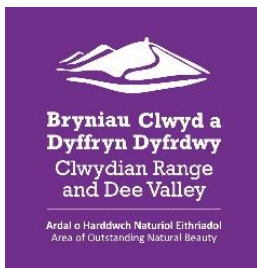
Friday 28th June 10:00 – 13:00

Meet at the Pavilion, Llangollen, LL20 8SW

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Swift Spotting and Walking the Picturesque - 'Stepping Across Borders and Time'

Tuesday 9th July 13:00 – 16:00

Meet at the Health Centre Car Park, Colliery Road, Chirk, Wrexham, LL145DH

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Book: Eventbrite or contact Hannah on 07880023259 or hannah.law@denbighshire.gov.uk

Evening Amble on the Panorama

Wednesday 31st July 18:00 – 20:00

Meet along Panorama Walk, Llangollen, LL20 8EG

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Meandering Over the Moorland

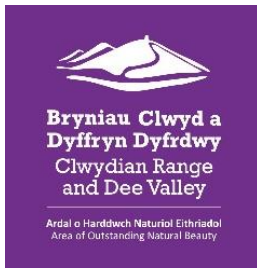
Tuesday 6th August 13:00 – 16:00

Meet at Ponderosa Café, Horseshoe Pass, Llangollen, LL20 8DR

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Book: Eventbrite or Dwynwen on 07467681229 or dwynwen.williams@denbighshire.gov.uk





Twilight Walk and Perseid Meteor Shower

Monday 12th August 20:00 – 22:30

Meet at Green Lane Car Park, Corwen, LL21 0DN

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Walking through Heather and Bilberry

Thursday 22nd August 10:00-12:00

Meet at Bwlch y Groes layby

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Book: Eventbrite or Dwynwen on 07467681229 or dwynwen.williams@denbighshire.gov.uk

Nocturnal Stroll: Bat Walk

Monday 9th September 18:30-21:00

Meet at Plas Newydd Historic House and Gardens, Llangollen, LL20 8AW

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