

# Dee Valley Volunteer Programme April – June 2025

## **Event Round Up**

## Western Hemlock Removal at Coed Pen-y-Pigyn

One of our recent volunteer sessions involved western hemlock (*Tsuga heterophylla*) removal over at Coed Pen Y Pigyn. Coed Pen-y-Pigyn is a semi-ancient upland oak woodland which has regenerated after the conifer plantation was felled in 1992. Western hemlock has self-seed at Coed Pen-y-Pigyn and its removal is an on-going challenge. However, thanks to the continuous support and hard work by volunteers to tackle its removal, it has made a significant difference to the site.





**Clwydian Range** and Dee Valley National Landscape

## Offa's Dyke Way Marking

Recently, volunteers and rangers have been busy updating several waymarks along Offa's Dyke National Trail. Offa's Dyke path is a 177 mile (285 km) long trail running through the borderlands of England and Wales that partly follows King Offa of Mercia's boundary from the 8th Century. Even today, the trail is still a very popular walking route which follows some of the most spectacular landscapes and scenery, from wild moorlands to well cultivated wide river valleys



and ancient woodlands. The walk also consists of some historical features such as the surviving remains of former inhabitants of the picturesque corridor path, to abbeys and hillforts. Please come and join us for future sessions waymarking this spectacular route!



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Clwydian Range and Dee Valley National Landscape

## Pond Creation at Corwen Community Garden

Volunteers, rangers and Nature for Health have been very busy in Corwen Community Garden. Exciting news, we now have a pond! Over a couple of sessions, we made great progress in sculpting out the shape of our new pond. With the final session putting the liner down, it is just a matter of time to allow the pond to fill naturally with rainwater. A welcome addition

to the garden, we cannot wait to see how it looks this time next year! We have also been busy planting seeds, tidying up the beds, and cuttings. Thank you very much to all the volunteers who have managed to come along to the garden over recent weeks! Please come along if you fancy a bit of fresh air and a natter with a brew.







## **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

Postcode: LL21 0DN

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Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am - 12pm

Wildflower Plug Planting

Come and join the Ranger Team and Nature for Health at Wenffrwd Nature Reserve to plant wildflower plugs next to a new section of path leading to Llangollen Canal. A free parking pass for the day will be provided.

Meet at Wenffrwd Nature Reserve, Llangollen

Postcode: LL20 7UH

What3Words:///overlook.decorate.skirting



## Tuesday 8th 10am - 1pm

#### Protecting Dinas Brân SSSI

Help the Rangers with some general habitat management tasks on Dinas Brân Site of Special Scientific Interest. The main task at hand is to remove gorse litter after recent habitat work.

Meet along Panorama Walk

Postcode: LL20 8EG

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Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 1pm – 3pm

## Wattle Fence Making and General Garden Tasks

Come along for a cuppa, chat and lend a hand at Corwen Community Garden to create and install a wattle fence around the new pond. There will also be a variety of other garden tasks to complete.

Meet at Corwen Community Garden

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## Tuesday 15th 10am - 2pm

#### Horseshoe Falls Tidy Up

Join the Rangers at Horseshoe Falls World Heritage Site to complete some general tasks on site ready for the Easter break.

Meet at Llantysilio Green, Llantysilio

Postcode: LL20 8BT

What3Words:///vintages.crafts.contour

Thursday 24th 10am - 2pm

## **Habitat Management**

Get stuck in with helping the Rangers with removing gorse litter on Caer Drewyn Iron Age Hillfort. There will also be an opportunity to do some vegetation surveys.

Meet at Huw Jones Leisure Centre, Corwen

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## May

Thursday 1st 10am - 2pm

**Accessing Green Spaces - Step Building** 

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

Meet at Huw Jones Leisure Centre, Corwen

Postcode: LL21 9RW

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Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 10am – 3pm

Coed Pen y Pigyn Tidy Up

Lend a hand with general tidy up tasks at Coed Pen y Pigyn. There will also be an opportunity to look at the benefits of all the habitat works completed on site by volunteers over the winter.

Meet at Green Lane Car Park, Corwen

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# Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 10am – 12pm

#### **Bench Installation**

Join the Rangers on Dinas Brân to help restore one of the benches along the main path up to the Scheduled Ancient Monument. With limited parking near site, lifts will be available from Llangollen.

Meet at Market Street Car Park, Llangollen

Postcode: LL20 8NB

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Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am – 3pm

Seed Sowing on Llantysilio Mountain

After the devastating wildfire on Llantysilio Mountain in 2018, join us in sowing a variety of heather moorland species seeds on areas yet to recover.

Meeting Location: TBC

Thursday 29th 10am - 3pm

**Drystone Walling on Caer Drewyn** 

Come along and give the traditional skill of drystone walling a go. Drystone walls are an important type of boundary between landowners in the countryside. No previous experience in drystone walling is necessary.

Meet at Huw Jones Leisure Centre, Corwen

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#### **June**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 2pm-4pm

## **Bracken Bashing and Vegetation Survey**

Join the Rangers 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

What3Words:///sleepless.pausing.newsprint

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 10am – 2pm

#### **Bench Installation**

Come along and have a go at installing some benches in Corwen with the Rangers and Nature for Health. The benches installed will provide visitors of the sites an opportunity to take a breath while enjoying the picturesque views.

Meet at Green Lane Car Park, Corwen

Postcode: LL21 0DN

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## Thursday 26th 10am - 2pm

## **Drystone Walling on Caer Drewyn**

Come along and give the traditional skill of drystone walling a go. No previous experience in drystone walling is necessary.

Meet at Huw Jones Leisure Centre, Corwen

Postcode: LL21 9RW

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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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