

Dee Valley Volunteer Programme

Event Round Up

Invasive Species Removal at Pontcysyllte Aqueduct

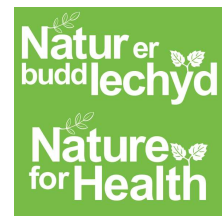
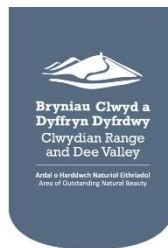
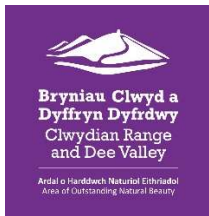
One recent volunteer task included invasive species removal at Pontcysyllte Aqueduct. Snowberry (*Symphoricarpos albus*) is a deciduous shrub which can spread and colonise an area to form a dense thicket. This invasive species can inhibit the growth of native species of plants. Volunteers and rangers managed to remove a small section of snowberry under the Aqueduct, with another session planned for Thursday 8th February. Thank you to all volunteers who took part!



Wildflower Seeding at Llantysilio Church

Volunteers helped the Ranger Team in preparing the ground at Llantysilio Church ready to be sown with a wildflower meadow mix. The mixture included yellow rattle (*Rhinanthus minor*), field scabious (*Knautia arvensis*) and red campion (*Silene dioica*) to name a few!



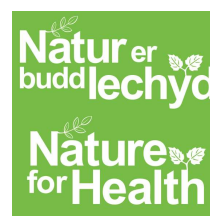
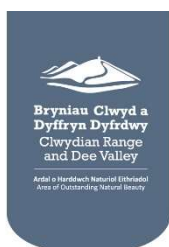
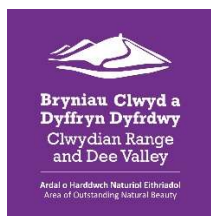


Coppicing and Weaving

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 St Collen Hall. A variety of items have been woven at the sessions, including some tree guards and wreath bases.

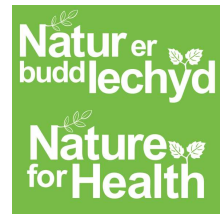
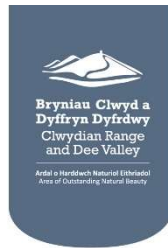
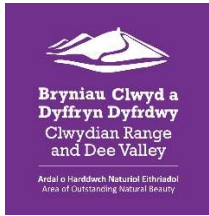




Guided Walks across the Dee Valley

Over recent months the Ranger Team have begun leading guided walks across the Dee Valley again. Recent guided walks include Trevor Community Miles, Pen y Pigyn, Llangar Church and Corwen – Cynwyd Railway, and ‘Stepping Across Borders and Time’ in Chirk. With a new list of guided walks taking place across the Dee Valley between January – March, feel free to come and explore some of the picturesque walks on offer.





Volunteer Programme January - March 2024

January

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 11th 10am – 3pm

Habitat Management at Dinas Brân

Come and join the Ranger Team at Dinas Brân to do some general habitat management at the site

Meet along Panorama Walk

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Monday 15th 10am – 12pm

Furniture Installation on Offa's Dyke National Trail

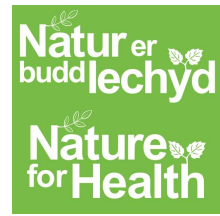
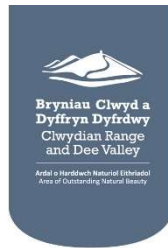
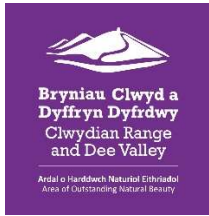
Help the Ranger Team install a new fingerpost on Offa's Dyke National Trail

Meet along Panorama Walk, near Trevor Hall Wood

Grid Reference: SJ 24710 42806

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Tuesday 16th 10am – 2pm

Moorland Management

Join the Rangers and the Moorland Field Officer for habitat management and tree removal on Bwlch y Groes

Meet at Bwlch y Groes layby

Grid Reference: SJ 14942 45044

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Wednesday 17th 10am – 3pm

Habitat Management at Pen y Pigyn

Come along and help the Rangers remove Western Hemlock at Pen y Pigyn to help enhance the broadleaved woodland

Meet at Green Lane car park, Corwen

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Wednesday 24th 10am – 3pm

Monthly Corwen – Cynwyd Railway Coppicing Session

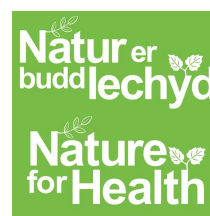
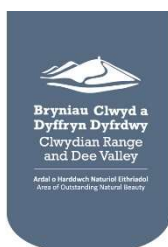
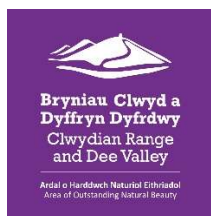
Lend a hand with this traditional woodland management technique that promotes and enhances the biodiversity within the woodland

Meet at Llangar (Stamp) layby, Cynwyd

Postcode: LL21 0HW

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Thursday 25th 10am – 12pm

Monthly Weaving Session

Using the materials collected from Corwen – Cynwyd Railway, come along to Corwen Community Garden for a chat and a cuppa whilst learning how to weave various items

Meet at Corwen Community Garden

Postcode: LL21 0DN

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February

Thursday 1st 10am – 3pm

Habitat Management on Caer Drewyn

Give the Rangers with habitat management on Caer Drewyn

Meet at Huw Jones Leisure Centre, Corwen

Postcode: LL21 9RW

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Thursday 8th 10am – 3pm

Invasive Species Removal at Pontcysyllte Aqueduct

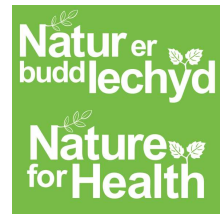
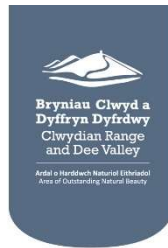
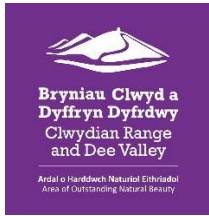
The task this week is to help remove Common Snowberry (*Symphoricarpos albus*) at the picturesque site of Pontcysyllte Aqueduct

Meet at Trevor Basin, Trevor

Postcode: LL20 7TT

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Tuesday 13th 10am – 2pm

Moorland Management

Join the Rangers and the Moorland and Field Officer for our monthly Moorland Management session

Meeting Location: TBC

Thursday 15th 10am – 2pm

Furniture Installation on Offa's Dyke National Trail

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

Meet at Llandegla Village car park

Postcode: LL11 3BJ

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Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd 10am – 3pm

Habitat Management at Pen y Pigyn

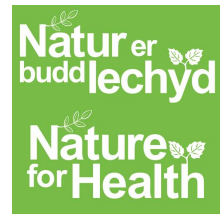
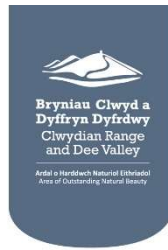
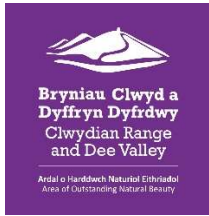
Continuing the work from previous sessions, come and have a go at some habitat management work at Pen y Pigyn

Meet at Green Lane car park, Corwen

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Wednesday 28th 10am – 3pm

Monthly Corwen – Cynwyd Railway Coppicing Session

Come along to our monthly coppicing session at Corwen – Cynwyd Railway

Meet at Llangar (Stamp) layby, Cynwyd

Postcode: LL21 0HW

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Thursday 29th 10am – 12pm

Monthly Weaving Session

Join the Rangers for a weaving session at the historic Plas Newydd, Llangollen

Meet at Plas Newydd, Llangollen

Postcode: LL20 8AW

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March

Thursday 7th 10am – 3pm

Habitat Management on Caer Drewyn

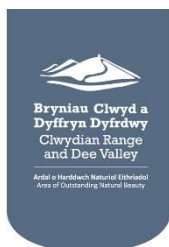
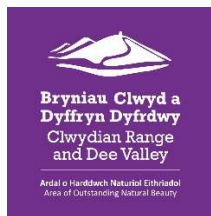
Join the Rangers with habitat management on Caer Drewyn

Meet at Huw Jones Leisure Centre, Corwen

Postcode: LL21 9RW

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Tuesday 12th 10am – 2pm

Moorland Management

Join the Rangers and the Moorland and Field Officer for our monthly Moorland Management session

Meeting Location: TBC

Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th 10am – 3pm

Habitat Management at Pen y Pigyn

Continuing the work from previous sessions, come and have a go at some habitat management work at Pen y Pigyn

Meet at Green Lane car park, Corwen

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Thursday 21st 10am – 3pm

Monthly Corwen – Cynwyd Railway Coppicing Session

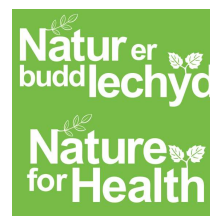
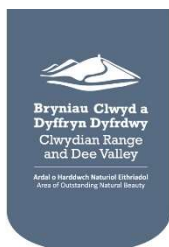
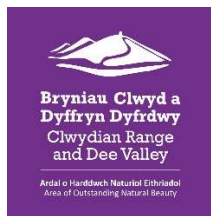
Join the Rangers for the final coppicing session of the season

Meet at Llangar (Stamp) layby, Cynwyd

Postcode: LL21 0HW

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Thursday 28th 10am – 2pm

Horseshoe Falls Maintenance

Come and join the Ranger Team at Horseshoe Falls to do some general maintenance at the site

Meet at Llantysilio Green car park

Postcode: LL20 8BT

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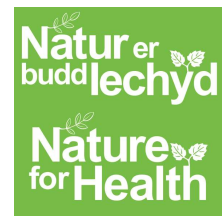
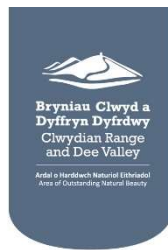
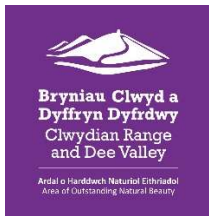
These events are not suitable for children below age 16. Please let us know in advance if you are planning to attend. No experience necessary. For more information on our volunteering activities, please contact us.

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Events

Wenffrwd and Llangollen Canal Guided Walk

Wednesday 10th January 13:30 - 15:30

Meet: Wenffrwd Local Nature Reserve, Llangollen, LL20 7UH

Book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/taith-gerdded-guided-walk-wenffrwd-llangollen-canal-tickets-776884651907?aff=ebdsoporgprofile> or contact Hannah on 07880023259 or hannah.law@denbighshire.gov.uk

Snowdrops at Llantysilio Church Short Walk

Friday 2nd February 10:30 – 12:00

Meet: Llantysilio Green, Llantysilio, Llangollen, LL20 8BT

Book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/taith-gerdded-fer-eirlysiau-snowdrops-at-llantysilio-church-short-walk-tickets-776899125197?aff=ebdsoporgprofile> or contact Dwynwen on 07467681229 or dwynwen.williams@denbighshire.gov.uk

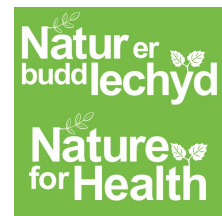
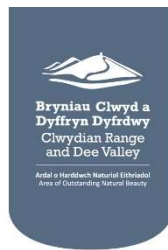
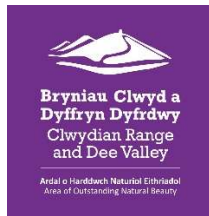
Walking the Picturesque from Arch to Arch

Monday 4th March 13:30 - 16:00

Trevor & Garth Community Centre, Heol Penderyst, Trevor, Llangollen, LL20 7UD

Book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cerdded-y-darluniadwy-o-fwa-i-fwa-from-arch-to-arch-tickets-776904802177?aff=ebdsoporgprofile> or contact Dwynwen on 07467681229 or dwynwen.williams@denbighshire.gov.uk





Exploring Caer Drewyn Iron Age Hillfort

Tuesday 26th March 10:00 - 13:00

Meet: Corwen War Memorial Park, Green Lane, Corwen, LL21 0DN

Book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/crwydro-bryngaer-caer-drewyn-expolring-the-hillfort-tickets-776908473157?aff=ebsoporgprofile> or contact Sam on 07918 224784 or samuel.langdon@denbighshire.gov.uk

