

LARGE ORGANISATIONS

Bat Conservation Trust: Training, Discussions, News and Events, Links to local groups
<http://www.bats.org.uk/>

British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) volunteering opportunities in Wales http://www.btcv.org.uk/cgi-bin/office_opps.cgi?region=wa weekend projects available.

British Trust for Ornithology - see main website for the various surveys that you can become involved in <http://www.bto.org/index.htm> . Bird ringing training <http://www.bto.org/ringing/ringinfo/become-a-ringer.htm> . Other training courses <http://www.bto.org/notices/trgworkshops.htm>. BTO local contacts in Wales <http://www.bto.org/regional/wales.htm>

Butterfly Conservation http://www.butterfly-conservation.org/text/50/bc_wales.html provides opportunities to take part in butterfly and moth recording schemes

Countryside Council for Wales – Some opportunities as voluntary wardens on National Nature Reserves and for bat workers, divers and cavers.
Website: <http://www.ccw.gov.uk/> Enquiry line 0845 1306 229

Countryside Council for Wales - Welsh Student Sponsorship Scheme – AmNawdd provides sponsorship for students following environmental courses in Welsh Universities. The Scheme is run jointly with the Forestry Commission Wales and Environment Agency Wales. Students receive £1000 in Sponsorship during the course, as well as carrying out work placement with bursary. Up to 40 students are sponsored each year under the scheme. Website: www.mantais.ac.uk

Countryside Jobs Service <http://www.countryside-jobs.com/> useful website for all sorts of environmental training courses, plus jobs listings. Useful to look at the job adverts to see what sort of extra curricular experience you will need to build up.

Groundwork Wales <http://groundworkwales.sequence.co.uk/Index.html>

Gwent Wildlife Trust Tel: 01600 740358 – see web site for details of volunteer work days <http://www.gwentwildlife.org/volunteers/index.htm> some weekend working is available. Also see the Events section for day courses and work-party days.

Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (IEEM): many jobs ask for membership of this organisation, student membership is available. They have also produced “Rooting for a Career in Ecology or Environmental Management” and “What a Graduate Should Know”; download these documents from <http://www.ieem.org.uk/> - careers/jobs – careers advice

Marine Conservation Society - Volunteering opportunities throughout Wales on a variety of projects in marine conservation, please see website for further details - <http://www.mcsuk.org/support/how-to-help/volunteer+projects>
Tel: 01989 566017 Also see <http://www.mcsuk.org/newsevents/events/wales> for details of local events.

National Trust volunteering opportunities http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-trust/w-volunteering/w-generalopportunities-search_opportunities.htm

RSPB Cymru Headquarters tel: 029 2035 3000, volunteering web pages
<http://www.rspb.org.uk/volunteering/>

Tidy Towns Project – volunteers ‘adopt’ their local area and focus on its ongoing care, from litter picks to habitat management. Project officers assigned to groups to provide advice. Small grants and training are available.

Website: www.keepwalestidy.org Tel: 029 2072 6994

Email: tidy.towns@keepwalestidy.org

Wales Biodiversity Partnership: <http://www.biodiversitywales.org.uk> – site containing biodiversity news & events in Wales, useful info, biodiversity guidance and links to Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) partnerships in Wales.

SOUTH WALES GROUPS

Bridgend County Borough Council - Rob Jones (Countryside Management Officer) runs a volunteer team on the coast doing practical work, litter clearance and social events. He can be contacted on 01656-643160 or by email: Robert.jones@bridgend.gov.uk

Bryn Coch Environmental Group – Contact Lynne John on 01639 632067/ 07851 791923 The group carry out a variety of conservation work including an annual Toad Patrol and welcome new volunteers.

Carmarthen Association of Voluntary Services (CAVS) run Green Days Environmental Volunteering Scheme. This is an opportunity for public sector organisations and businesses in Carmarthenshire to volunteer to make a positive difference to the local environment from nestbox building to counting butterflies. Contact Rachel Lovell, Volunteering Officer/ Swyddog Gwirfoddoli, Carmarthenshire Volunteer Centre, Canolfan Gwirfoddoli Sir Gar, 10 John Street, Llanelli, SA15 1UH
Tel: 01554 778601 Fax/Facs: 01554 759552 Email/ Epost: rachel@cavs.org.uk

Cardiff Naturalist’s Society <http://www.cardiffnaturalists.org.uk/>

Cardiff Bat Group - Catalena Angele is the main contact, she shares the secretarial role. Her email is Catalena.Angele@museumwales.ac.uk . Otherwise it is Danielle Cowell (Chair) Danielle.Cowell@museumwales.ac.uk 02920573304.

Dyffryn Clydach Environmental Group - Group Secretary: Margaret Smith.
Telephone: 01639 681112 or e-mail: mags.bin@ntlworld.com

Friends of Craig Gwladus - carry out various conservation projects within the park and will always welcome volunteers. Please contact Chaela Carrell in the Biodiversity Unit for Neath Port Talbot Council to find out when they meet. 01639 686168 or email on c.carrell@npt.gov.uk

Friends of Forest Farm (Cardiff) <http://www.forestfarm.org.uk/> volunteering opportunities available.

Friends of Margam Park - carry out various projects within the park e.g. gardening, preservation work, walks, setting up a cycle hire centre etc. Please contact Jackie, the group secretary for further information:
jackie@jackieradford.info. www.friendsofmargampark.info

Friends of the Silent Valley Nature Reserve (Gwent), volunteering opportunities available <http://www.silentvalley.org/>

Glamorgan Bird Club <http://www.glamorganbirds.org.uk/>

Gwent Ornithological Society : <http://www.gwentbirds.org.uk/> includes Goldcliffe Ringing Group

Glamorgan Fungal Group - Teifion Davies, 14, Meadow View, Dunvant, Swansea, Glam, Wales. SA2 7UZ.

Glamorgan Moth Recording Group: list of contacts:

David Slade (NMGW), Tel: 02920 573 330, E-mail: david.slade@nmgw.ac.uk

Barry Stewart (County Recorder), Tel: 01792 539447, E-mail: moonmoths@ntlworld.com

Mike Powell (Secretary), Tel: 02920 762182, E-mail: Mike.Powell2@Coorsbrewers.com

Gower Ornithological Society - <http://www.glamorganbirds.org.uk/goscontacts.htm>

Groundwork Caerphilly, see: <http://groundworkwales.sequence.co.uk/index.html>

Gwent Fungus Group [email: gwentfungusgroup@btinternet.com] or see GWT website.

Kenfig National Nature Reserve

Contact David on 01656-743386 Email: carrington@bridgend.gov.uk

Local Badger Groups (e.g. Gwent and Glamorgan groups)

<http://www.badgerland.co.uk/badgergroups/wales.html>

Local Bat Groups (Cardiff, Gwent, Glamorgan, Vale and Bridgend, Monmouth):

http://www.bats.org.uk/batgroups/batgroups_list_wales.asp

Millennium Coastal Park - Practical conservation work is undertaken in three local nature reserves as well as many other sites managed for conservation, whilst enjoying spectacular views over the sand banks and mud flats of the Loughour Estuary. For further information please contact Simeon Jones (sldjones@sirgar.gov.uk / 01554 772 368)

Monmouthshire Moth & butterfly Recording Group contacts:

Secretary: Kevin Dupé, Phone 01633 216599, e-mail k.dupe@ccw.gov.uk;

Chairman: Roger James, Phone 01633 215627, e-mail smallranunculus@btinternet.com

Neath Port Talbot Biodiversity Forum - Survey volunteering opportunities. Contact: Rebecca Sharp r.sharp@npt.gov.uk t. 01639 686149

Neath Port Talbot Keep Wales Tidy - Facilitates volunteers throughout the community. Any environmentally friendly volunteers welcomed at monthly meetings held in the Renewal Area Offices in Aberavon. Please contact Kathryn Britton on 01639 896760 or 07776 188 613 or email Kathryn.britton@keepwalestidy.org

Ruperra Conservation Trust (Caerphilly County): <http://www.ruperra.org.uk/>

Swansea Canal Society - have regular monthly committee meetings, and work parties throughout the year to improve the canal environment. Social events are organised for the benefit of the membership. Contact via the secretary, Christine Thomas 4 Leyshon Road, Ynysmeudwy, SA8 4LP or via email to info@swansea-canalsociety.com

West Glamorgan Amphibian and Reptile (WGARG)

<http://www.wgarg.co.uk/index.html>

Wildlife in Newport Group (WING) - Roger James 01633 215627 see GWT events list <http://www.gwentwildlife.org/events.htm> work tasks tend to be on Sundays.

Wildlife Trust of South & West Wales - Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales (Tel: 01656 724100 for Tondu office) – volunteer work parties from Tondu (Bridgend) on Wednesdays and Fridays http://www.welshwildlife.org/aboutVolunteering_en.link

WWT National Wetland Centre Wales/Canolfan Gwlyptir Genedlaethol Cymru

Volunteers do a wide variety of jobs and are an essential part of our work. Please contact Eleanor Keatley Office Manager - eleanor.keatley@wwt.org.uk, Tel: 01554 741087 Ext 20, WWT National Wetland Centre Wales/WWT Canolfan Gwlyptir Genedlaethol Cymru, Llwynhendy, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire SA14 9SH/Llwynhendy, Llanelli, Sir Gaerfyrddin SA14 9SH, Website: wwt.org.uk

For West Wales contact the Welsh Wildlife Centre: Welsh Wildlife Centre, Cilgerran, Cardigan, SA43 2TB Tel: 01239 621212

Ystalyfera Development Trust - Development Worker (Adult Education), New Learning Network, Ystalyfera Development Trust, The Old Railway Inn, Commercial Street, Ystalyfera, Swansea, SA9 2HS, Tel. 01639 843965

MID WALES GROUPS

Brecknock Wildlife Trust volunteers - reserves work parties tend to be on Tuesdays but are occasional Saturdays. Website:

<http://www.brecknockwildlifetrust.org.uk/volunteer.html>

Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust

Although we firmly believe you are never too young to start learning about the natural world around you, it is also true that our programme of events cater for all ages and abilities. Whether you are interested in learning to birdwatch or want to get involved with monitoring and species identification, there is something for everyone. In addition, we try to take environmental education to a wider audience by providing speakers to give presentations to local community groups. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Eley on 01938 555654 or email eley@montwt.co.uk; Website: <http://www.montwt.co.uk/>

Radnorshire Wildlife Trust

From hedge laying, coppicing, and bracken cutting to helping in our shop, headquarters or visitor centre, volunteers carry out a huge range of tasks. Volunteers are the foundation upon which our Trust has been built, and people's time given freely is an integral part of our success. Involving people from all sectors of society is fundamental to the ethos of The Wildlife Trusts. As well as providing opportunities for people to enjoy the outdoors by getting involved, finding out about wildlife close to home and by helping to improve or protect a local area, volunteers help us to make a positive contribution to quality of life, health and social networks. To find out more about opportunities for helping to protect your local environment please contact info@rwtwales.org; Website: <http://www.rwtwales.org>

NORTH WALES GROUPS

Conwy Countryside Service - biodiversity projects, surveys, events and practical management experience.

Website: <http://www.conwy.gov.uk/doc.asp?cat=1515&doc=1496>

Denbighshire Countryside Service have regular volunteer activities with a programme that is sent out twice a year. These are mainly site management activities.

Website: www.denbighshire.gov.uk/countryside Tel: 01352 810586

Email: loggerheads.countrypark@denbighshire.gov.uk

Address: Loggerheads Country Park, Nr Mold, Denbighshire, CH7 5LH

Denbighshire County Council – Biodiversity officer sometimes has volunteer surveying events and holds a list of volunteers to contact when something comes up.

Website: www.biodiversityindenbighshire.co.uk Tel: 01824 708234
Email: biodiversity@denbighshire.gov.uk

Gwynedd Council have a range of activities and surveys that you can take part in. Many of the surveys will be a chance to learn valuable ecology skills out in the field.

Website: www.gwynedd.gov.uk/biodiversity-volunteer or
www.gwynedd.gov.uk/bioamrywiaeth-gwirfoddoli

Moelyci Environmental Centre have an active and sociable volunteer programme with several projects welcoming volunteers. Volunteer days are generally Tuesdays - composting and recycling, Wednesdays - conservation and ecology, Thursdays - market Garden. Contact the office or check out our website for more details:

Website: www.moelyci.org Tel: 01248 602793 Email: office@moelyci.org
Address: Moelyci Farm, Lon Felin Hen, Tregarth, Gwynedd, LL57 4BB

North East Wales Wildlife (NEWW) offer a range of volunteer activities, from practical habitat management and estate work to survey and monitoring. They welcome groups and individuals and can accommodate corporate groups. They also hope to provide work experience opportunities for those pursuing a career in the conservation sector.

Tel: 01352 742238 Email: volunteer@newwildlife.org.uk
Address: NEWWildlife, 17 Nant Alyn Road, Rhydymwyn, Mold, CH7 5HQ

North Wales Wildlife Trust, see web site for details of many volunteering opportunities, including marine. Also see the Events section for list of talks and walks.

www.wildlifetrust.org.uk/northwales 01248-351541 nwwt@wildlifetrustswales.org

Snowdonia Mammal Group carry recording and surveys for mammals and also other activities towards the production of a Mammal Atlas e.g. research, mapping and writing. Training is provided. They are particularly keen on volunteers who can write in Welsh.

Tel Contact: Kate Williamson, 07900 267547 or Email: harlechkat@aol.co.uk

Snowdonia National Park Authority have a range of activities and occasional surveys offering a good chance to build up experience of field work.

Email contact: kate.williamson@eryri-npa.gov.uk

