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Dee Valley Volunteer Programme

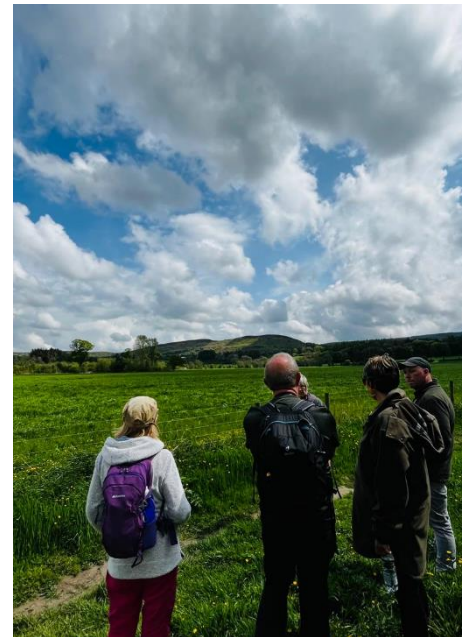
July - September

Event Round Up

Guided walks across the Dee Valley

As a new season was upon us, we've had various guided walks over the last few months. A thank you for everyone who have come out to unearth the gems of our valley. These guided walks are a great opportunity to explore the Dee Valley, meet new people and see what makes it special. From the Bluebells of Corwen-Cynwyd Railway Line, discovering the Bat species at Horseshoe Falls, and learning more about the iconic Curlew. Come along with the National Landscape team and discover the sites and species as the seasons change.

Have a look at what's coming up over the next few months.





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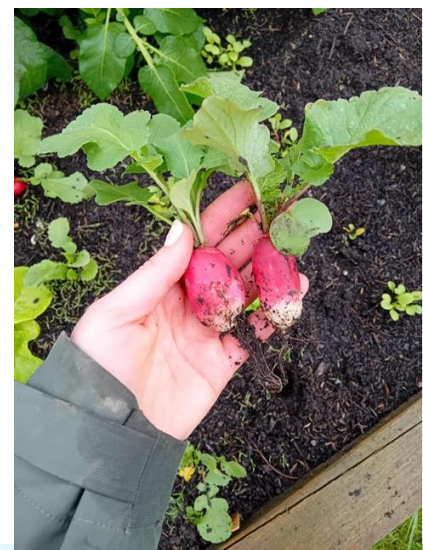
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Corwen Community Garden – An Update

The Community Garden is full of life thanks to the growing group of volunteers who attend weekly gardening sessions there every Wednesday afternoon. Volunteers have been very busy planting, watering and weeding at the Community Garden over the last few months, whilst also enjoying a cuppa and a chat with the Nature for Health team. The community can now begin to harvest lettuce, radish and rhubarb in the garden, as well as different herbs.

The grass in the community garden has been left to grow long for “No Mow May” which has allowed more flowers to bloom. This has created lots of food and habitat for insects and small mammals as well as a beautiful spot to sit and enjoy the scenery.

Thank you to everyone who has visited, volunteered and shared their experiences in the garden over the last few months.





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New Picnic Table – Llantysilio Green

Getting ready for Summer – volunteers and university placement students helped the rangers to build a new picnic table at Llantysilio Green, overlooking the Horseshoe Falls. This is one of three tables going to be built here to replace the old one, and to provide more seating for families and people with disabilities or limited mobility at the top of the slope, where they can still enjoy the views.

The tables are built out of larch grown in North Wales, to cut down on carbon emissions related to transport and to support local business, and they are untreated, to reduce chemical pollution. Despite being a softwood, larch is very durable, so these tables should hopefully last many years. The funding for these benches came as part of the Levelling Up package for the Horseshoe Falls car park as a whole, improving the area for people's safety, convenience, and enjoyment.





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Volunteer Programme July- September 2024

July

Every 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, Corwen

Postcode: LL21 0DN

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Thursday 4th 1pm – 3pm

Bracken Bashing and Mindfulness

Come along and join the Rangers for a bracken bashing session on Dinas Brân. This work will aid the growth of the important U1 grassland. Nature for Health will also be on site looking at the connection between nature and wellness.

Limited lifts available from Market Street, Llangollen. Please let us know if you require a lift*

Meet at the pancake on Dinas Brân, Llangollen

Grid Reference: SJ 21736 42971

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Thursday 11th 10am – 12pm

Balsam Bashing at Tŷ Mawr Country Park

Lend a hand removing this invasive species at Tŷ Mawr. Himalayan balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*) was introduced to the UK in 1839. It is now classed as an invasive weed which is present on/near riverbanks and ditches and prevents native species of plants from growing.

Meet at Tŷ Mawr Country Park, Cefn Mawr

Postcode: LL14 3PE

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Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th 10am – 4pm

Scything and Stook Making at Corwen Community Garden

Connect with nature and rediscover this traditional method of grassland management. Tools and equipment provided.

Booking essential*

Meet at Corwen Community Garden, Corwen

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Wednesday 17th 10am - 3pm

Vegetation Surveys Drop-in Session at Corwen-Cynwyd

Come along with the biodiversity and ranger team to get to know what's on our sites. A great opportunity to practice or improve your identification skills.





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Meet at Llangar (Stamp) layby, Cynwyd

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August

Thursday 1st 10am – 12pm

Balsam Bashing

Join the Rangers on Llangollen Old Railway to help remove this invasive species.

Meet at Wenffrwd Nature Reserve, Llangollen

Postcode: LL20 7UH

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Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th 10am – 12pm

Scything and Stook Making at Dôl Llangar

Connect with nature and rediscover this traditional method of grassland management. Tools and equipment provided.

Booking essential*

Meet at Llangar (Stamp) layby, Cynwyd

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Thursday 8th 10am-3pm

Vegetation Surveys Drop-in Session at Dôl Corwenna

Come and join the biodiversity and ranger team to get to know what's on our sites. A great opportunity to practice or improve your identification skills.

Meet at Corwen Community Garden, Corwen

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Thursday 15th 9:45am – 12pm

Litter Picking along Llangollen Canal

Join the National Landscape Rangers and other volunteer groups in this joint litter pick along Llangollen Canal.

Meet at Llantysilio Green car park

Postcode: LL20 8BT

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Tuesday 20th 9:30am – 4pm

Drystone Walling

Have a go at drystone walling at Coed Pen y Pigyn. With the guidance of an instructor, learn this traditional method of boundary maintenance.

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Thursday 29th 10am – 2pm

Waymarking the National Trail

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

Meeting Location: TBC

September

Thursday 5th 10am – 12pm

Llantysilio Litter Pick

Come along and join the Rangers litter picking on Llantysilio. All equipment will be provided.

Meet near the Ponderosa Cafe

Meeting Location: LL20 8DR

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Monday 16th 10am – 12pm

Moorland Mondays

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

Meeting Location: TBC

Thursday 26th 10am – 12pm

Wildflower Sowing

Join Ranger Dwynwen sowing wildflower seeds at Horseshoe Falls. Horseshoe Falls is part of the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct & Canal World Heritage Site.





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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

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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Meandering Over the Moorland

Tuesday 6th August 13:00 – 16:00

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

What3Words:///marzipan.contacts.grace

Book: Contact Dwynwen on 07467681229 or
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Twilight Walk and Perseid Meteor Shower

Monday 12th August 20:00 – 23:30

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

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

Walking through Heather and Bilberry

Thursday 22nd August 10:00-12:00

Meet at Bwlch y Groes layby

Grid Reference: SJ 14942 45044

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Nocturnal Stroll: Bat Walk

Monday 9th September 19:30-21:00

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

What3Words:///piles.troll.tower

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

