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Dee Valley Volunteer Programme

October – December

Event Round Up

Corwen Community Garden – An update

With the summer coming to a close, we'd like to thank all the volunteers for their help in the community garden, and there is still plenty to do over the winter months! There has been lots of fruit and veg to harvest over the last few weeks, with huge swedes, strawberries and long runner beans. The tomato plants are also coming along nicely and should soon be ready! Besides harvesting, our volunteers have been busy keeping on top of weeding and watering the planters, while being rewarded with fresh produce.

The Nature for Health team has been running lots of events in the garden, including the forage and feast session with plenty of good food made, using the garden's produce. Our light gardening sessions will continue over the winter months, so come down and have a chat, a cuppa and learn a few things about gardening (or teach us a thing or two!)





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Scything and Drystone Walling

With the help of the Little Learning Company, we have been able to run scything and drystone walling sessions. It gave volunteers the opportunity to pick up some handy new skills while taking part in outdoor activities.

The scything events took place in Dôl Llangar and Corwen Community Orchard, with our instructor Phil and lasted two days at each site. The course offered an introduction to scything, which taught volunteers how to set up their scythe, sharpening methods and the basic scything technique. Huge thanks to the volunteers for helping to cut and collect the wildflower meadows, helping to ensure it will grow back more diverse than before.

Our drystone walling courses enabled volunteers to get to grips with the basics and put their skills to use rebuilding old walls in Coed Pen y Pigyn and on Caer Drewyn Iron Age Hillfort. Both walls had deteriorated significantly over many years. The walls have since been restored and are now in much better shape.





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Himalayan Balsam Bashing

Our volunteers have been getting involved in the bashing of Himalayan Balsam, which is a non-native, invasive species, and can become a problem as it easily spreads between riverbanks, gardens, and waste areas. The plant species will quickly outcompete other species, due to its low light tolerability.

Bashing is the process of uprooting the roots of the plant, and snapping it in multiple places, which makes for quite a satisfying job! Volunteer sessions have taken place over the summer at Ty Mawr and the Llangollen Old Railway. A big thank you to everyone that attended!





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Volunteer Programme October - December 2024

October

Every Wednesday Afternoon 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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Tuesday 1st 10am – 2pm

Pond Restoration

Get stuck in with helping the Rangers restore a small pond at the foot of Caer Drewyn Iron Age Hillfort. Ponds and wetland habitats are significantly important for a wide range of species.

Meet at Huw Jones Leisure Centre, Corwen

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Thursday 10th 10am – 3pm

Woodland Management at Pen y Pigyn

Come along and help the Rangers remove Western Hemlock (*Tsuga heterophylla*) at Coed Pen y Pigyn to help enhance the broadleaved woodland.

Meet at Green Lane car park, Corwen

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Monday 14th 1pm – 3pm

Moorland Management

Join the Rangers and the Moorland and Field Officer for our monthly Moorland Monday session. This session will include tree removal on the moorland.

Meet at Bwlch y Groes layby, Glyndyfrdwy

Grid Reference: SJ 14942 45044

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Thursday 24th 10am – 3pm

Habitat Management and Mindfulness on Dinas Brân

Come and join the Ranger Team at Dinas Brân to do some general habitat management on the site. The task on hand is gorse removal. From 1pm, our Nature for Health Officer will also be running a mindfulness session.

Meet along Panorama Walk

Postcode: LL20 8EG

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Thursday 31st 10am – 3pm

Coppicing and Broom Making

Lend a hand with this traditional woodland management technique that promotes and enhances the biodiversity within the woodland. We will also be using the materials collected to learn how to make brooms.

Meet at Green Lane car park, Corwen

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November

Monday 11th 1pm – 3pm

Moorland Management

Join us again for our monthly Moorland Monday session.

Meet at Bwlch y Groes layby, Glyndyfrdwy

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Wednesday 20th 10am – 3pm

Tree Planting

Help the Ranger Team with tree planting on Caer Drewyn. Planting trees on this site will help tackle climate change.

Meet at Huw Jones Leisure Centre, Corwen

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Thursday 28th 1pm – 3pm

Tree Planting

Join us again to lend a hand with tree planting on Llangollen Old Railway.

Meet at Wenffrwd Nature Reserve, Llangollen

Postcode: LL20 7UH

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December

Tuesday 3rd 10am – 3pm

Habitat Management on Caer Drewyn

Come and join the Ranger Team on Caer Drewyn to do some general habitat management on the site. The task on hand is gorse removal.

Meet at Huw Jones Leisure Centre, Corwen

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Thursday 12th 10am – 3pm

Woodland Management at Pen y Pigyn

Continuing the work from the previous sessions, we will be looking at removing more Western Hemlock (*Tsuga heterophylla*) at Coed Pen y Pigyn to help enhance the broadleaved woodland.

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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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