

Coedwig Cymunedol Llyn Parc Mawr Mehefin 2024– Gorfffenaf 2026 Arian I Bawb



Llyn Parc Mawr Community Woodland Mehefin 2024–July 2026 Awards for All



Since June 2024, The National Lottery's Awards for All grant has supported Llyn parc Mawr Community Group to hold monthly volunteer days, clearing invasive species, tree planting, litter picking, path clearing and generally maintaining the woodland.

Volunteering – tree plantin/Gwirfoddoli – plannu coed

Hyfforddiant offer i wirfoddolwyr 2024



Volunteers have benefitted from annual opportunities to learn tool maintenance and sharpening techniques from local experienced craftsman, Ynys Twca.

Tool training for Volunteers 2024

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Cynllun Ceidwaid Ieuenctid Ymddiriedolaeth Bywyd Gwylt Gogledd Cymru



In 2024 and 2025 Llyn Parc Mawr hosted a Youth Ranger scheme working in partnership with North Wales Wildlife Trust and Bangor University, where young people attend events daily for 2 weeks, to up-skill participants in practical conservation work and climate issues.

North Wales Wildlife Trust Ranger Scheme

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As part of the programme, Llyn Parc Mawr Community Woodland Group provided:

- **an introduction day to the scheme,**
- **a training day on Eco-literacy and carbon accounting,**
- **a willow weaving and bushcraft day,**
- **provided a space for First Aid Training and**
- **the final celebration day.**

North Wales Wildlife Trust Ranger Scheme

— Diwrnod dathlu —

The Youth Ranger celebration days were public events where the youth rangers, Llyn Parc Mawr Community Woodland Group and the North Wales Wildlife Trust ran activities for families to spark an interest in nature for local families, and to give confidence to the youth rangers who might then be more successful when applying for jobs in the sector and have gained valuable experience.



North Wales Wildlife Trust Ranger Scheme —



Volunteering – litter pick/Gwirfoddoli – casglu sbwriel

At every volunteer day there has been a broad mix of young and more experienced volunteers, and a wide range of jobs carried out and skills learnt. The project manager is also a lecturer in Forestry at Bangor University with a wealth of forestry knowledge and practical skills.

Volunteering—installing hazel panels/Gwirfoddoli — paneli cyll

Gwirfoddoli – Clirio rhywogaethau ymledol



Volunteers benefit from increased physical exercise as well as gained knowledge, as work is carried out in many different parts of the Llyn Parc Mawr 64-hectare site.

Volunteering – clearing invasive species

Gwirfoddoli – Clirio rhywogaethau ymledol



Volunteering – clearing invasive species

Diwrnod Dathlu Gwirfoddoli 2024

At the end of each year Llyn Parc Mawr has held a volunteer celebration event, with warm fresh cooked vegetarian seasonal food and a craft activity such as willow weaving.



Volunteer Celebration Day 2024

Xmas Crafts Event 2025 Digwyddiad Crefft Nadoliğ





Winter Volunteering/Gwirfoddoli Gaeaf



At every volunteer session, volunteers are provided with hot drinks, fruit, refreshments including a healthy vegetarian lunch cooked on site.

Winter Volunteering/Gwirfoddoli Gaeaf

Volunteers have planted hundreds of trees over the past couple of years and expanded the area under management from 24 hectares to 60 hectares!



Tree planting 2025/Plannu coed



Tree planting 2025 Plannu coed

Gwobr Baner Gwyrdd 2025-2026

Llyn Parc Mawr Community Woodland Group were awarded the Green Flag award again in July 2025.



Green Flag Award 2025-2026

Partneriaeth gyda Ymchwil Coedwig – gwirio am chwilod ymledol



Llyn Parc Mawr Community Woodland Group became involved in a project with Forest Research to monitor for the presence of *Ips typographus*, an invasive non-native spruce bark beetle. Traps were installed at Llyn Parc Mawr to attract this species only. This project is ongoing and fortunately none have been found.

Partnership with Forest Research – checking for invasive beetles

Royal Forestry Society visit/Ymweliad Cymdeithas Coedwigaeth Frenhinol



In November 2025, Llyn Parc Mawr Community Woodland Group hosted the Royal Forestry Society's annual woodland visit. 77 people attended.

Ymweliad â'r Gymdeithas Goedwigâeth Frenhinol 2025



Royal Forestry Society Visit 2025

Gwirfoddoli — plannu ac ail-botio



Volunteering — planting and re-potting

Bangor University Conservation Volunteer students 2026



In 2025, Llyn Parc Mawr Community Woodland Group forged a new partnership with Conservation students from Bangor University. The group attended monthly volunteer days during term time, learning practical woodland management skills and volunteering experience.

Myfyrwyr gwirfoddolwyr cadwraeth Prifysgol Bangor 2026



Volunteering – Lunch time/Gwirfoddoli – Amser cinio

Bangor University Volunteers and LIPM volunteers



Myfyrwyr gwirfoddolwyr Prifysgol Bangor a Llyn Parc Mawr

Bangor University Conservation Volunteer students



Myfyrwyr gwirfoddolwyr cadwraeth Prifysgol Bangor

Bangor University Conservation Volunteer students



2026, due to requests from Bangor University to provide volunteer experience for every conservation volunteer student, Llyn Parc Mawr Community Woodland Group provided extra midweek volunteer days for students. Over 4 sessions a total of 169 students took part in this practical conservation work at Llyn Parc Mawr, clearing Himayalan Cotoneaster and other invasive species.

Myfyrwyr gwirfoddolwyr cadwraeth Prifysgol Bangor

Bangor University Conservation Volunteer students



Myfyrwyr gwirfoddolwyr cadwraeth Prifysgol Bangor

Gwirfoddoli – cynnal llwybrau



Volunteering – path maintenance

Gwirfoddolwyr 2026



Volunteers 2026

Diwrnod gwirfoddoli/Volunteer day





Volunteering/Gwirfoddoli

Diwrnod gwirfoddoli/Volunteer day



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Conservation volunteer bespoke day / Gwirfoddoli Myfyrwyr Cadwraeth pwrpasol



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Forestry First Aid Training/Hyfforddiant Cymorth Cyntaf Coedwigaeth



The Awards for All grant funded a First aid plus Forestry training course, with certification .

Forestry First Aid Training/Hyfforddiant Cymorth Cyntaf Coedwigaeth



The course was incredibly realistic, provided by Realism Training.

Forestry First Aid Training/Hyfforddiant Cymorth Cyntaf Coedwigaeth



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**8 people gained certificates in
First Aid plus Forestry.**

Shrink pot course/Cwrs pot crebachu



Another course provided for volunteers – making traditional shrink pots using hand tools.

Shrink pot course/Cwrs pot crebachu



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Tool maintenance and sharpening course/Cwrs cynnal a chadw offer



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Foraging course/Cwrs Chwilota am fwyd



The last training course that was provided as part of the Awards for All fund was a Foraging session, run by local forager Jules Cooper.

Foraging course/Cwrs Chwilota am fwyd



During this session volunteers learnt about the wild foods that grow in Llyn Parc Mawr and how to safely forage.

A photograph of a gravel path leading into a lush green forest. Several people are walking away from the camera on the path. The trees are tall and dense, with sunlight filtering through the leaves. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

Feedback from volunteers...

**"Being out in nature
takes me away from the
stresses of my work"**

**"There are lots of trees
and birdsong, the
volunteering work makes
me feel like I'm making a
difference."**

**"I always enjoy helping.
I've met like-minded
people and come away
much less stressed. I'd
be interested in getting
more involved with Llyn
Parc Mawr as an
organisation."**

The background of the slide is a photograph of a gravel path leading into a dense forest. Several people are walking away from the camera on the path. The trees are lush green, suggesting a summer or early autumn setting. The lighting is bright, with shadows cast on the path.

Feedback from volunteers...

"I saw a wasps nest for the first time, looked like a football in the bushes!"

"Being outdoors with others helps me manage anxiety."

"Doing this (volunteering) helps to maintain my mental health and wellbeing"

🙏 HEARTFELT THANKS TO OUR FUNDERS 🙏

🙏 Many thanks to the National lottery Awards for All Award, which has funded the running and organizing of volunteer days and training events at Llyn Parc Mawr Community Woodland from June 2024 to July 2026. 🙏

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