

## **INFORMATION SHEET: CONSERVATION EVENT IN SNOWDONIA June 2022**

### **Help to preserve Snowdonia's upland environment by joining a team of BMC volunteers**

Many BMC members will enjoy using Snowdonia for hill walking and climbing. In association with the National Trust and the BMC Cymru North Wales Area, the BMC North West Area is arranging conservation projects in the mountains of Snowdonia. Works may involve path maintenance, drainage projects, stepping stones, vegetation clearance or cairn-scattering, led by the local National Trust Rangers.

The first project is being held on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022**.

Volunteers ideally attend both days. Accommodation is available in National Trust bunkhouse for nights of 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June. Maximum number of volunteers 16.

### **Why it's worthwhile**

Our uplands are under pressure as never before with increased footfall and rainfall, combining to produce increased erosion. This causes unsightly scars on the landscape and damages precious upland habitats. Path maintenance, which may involve drainage projects and vegetation clearance, is therefore very important.

### **What will the work involve?**

Spending around 6 to 8 hours a day, working as part of a small team, supervised and directed by National Trust staff, in various conservation projects in Snowdonia. Precise project and nature of work will be decided by the National Trust Ranger depending on number of volunteers and weather conditions at the time. It is hoped that we will be working on the Watkin Path up Snowdon.

### **What will you need to bring?**

You will need to bring sturdy walking boots (gaiters recommended), waterproofs, warm layers and hat, along with sufficient food and drink, suitably equipped for a full day out in the mountains. You will also need a pair of heavy duty (gardening style) gloves. All other tools will be supplied by the National Trust. For those staying overnight you will also need sleeping bag, camping mat and pillow, spare clothing and food (to be discussed later).

### **Where will the work take place?**

Precise location of the work will be decided nearer the time, but will be on National Trust land in the Snowdonia National Park. Basic bunkhouse accommodation is available in a National Trust bunkhouse just east of Beddgelert ([Beudy'r Gelli Bothy](#)) from the Tuesday night to Friday morning of the project. We will meet the National Trust Rangers at the Bothy at 8.00-8.30am each day. Final parking details will be given prior to the event.

### **Who can take part?**

Adults only (older than 18). No dogs, sorry!

### **You should consider not attending this event if:**

- you have any of the recognised symptoms of respiratory infections including COVID-19, which are:
  - continuous cough
  - high temperature, fever or chills

- shortness of breath
  - loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell
  - unexplained tiredness, lack of energy
  - muscle aches or pains that are not due to exercise
  - not wanting to eat or not feeling hungry
  - headache that is unusual or longer lasting than usual
  - sore throat, stuffy or runny nose
  - diarrhoea, feeling sick or being sick
- you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 recently or have reason to suspect that you are presently suffering from COVID-19.

**Interested?**

Please contact BMC volunteer Steve Charles to register via [stevecharles25@gmail.com](mailto:stevecharles25@gmail.com).  
Places will be allocated on first come first served basis and priority given to those able to come for both days of the project.

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