

Walk 1

approx 2hrs 20 minutes

North West from Trefonen

This walk may be shortened by using paths and lanes back to Trefonen. The views from Summerhill are well worth the effort, however. There is a WW1 Centenary Trail Interpretation Board to view at the start of this walk.

From the playing field car park, face away from the Oswestry Road and exit the field through the village hall car park, on to School Lane.

Turn right up School Lane, passing the school on your right, then on your left you will see two plaques on the stone cottages opposite the graveyard. The numbering has changed but this is where **1 & 2** School Lane used to be. (**5 Edward Earnest Dyke & Daniel Considine**) Carry on along the road until you come to the Memorial Cross. Stop for a while to take in the 31 names of those killed in WW1 and those killed in WW2. Turning right follow the main road to the entrance gate of the graveyard where there are war graves to visit if you wish.

Continue on past the white cottage, formerly **Church House (7 George Edward Dyke)** to Trefonen church and yard. At the church gates, cross the main road taking great care, to follow Chapel Lane opposite as it bears right, past the converted chapel, where on the left a recently renovated cottage formerly **1, Chapel Lane (8&9 Thomas Sudlow Dyke & William Dyke)**.

Retrace your steps past the converted chapel and chapel graveyard (note the memorial on the wall nearest the chapel). Pass the Barley Mow Inn turning right up Bellan Lane past the shop and Malthouse Lane. Turn right up Old Post Office Lane. Continue past **'Bryn Celyn' (1&3 John Burrows, Thomas Carsley)** on your left and on past Silverdale Drive and Hollies Lane, eventually turning left up Sandrock Lane. **Sandrock (26 Richard Richards)** is the last house on the left. The public right of way goes through the property's gate and immediately through the small wrought iron gate to the left of the garage. There are no waymarks or other indications of a path at this point.

Pass the garage and the oil tank and follow the fence to the stile. After another stile the path crosses a field, then enters a wood through a kissing gate, eventually turning left and right over stiles, to a track and on to Little London Lane. Turn right and follow the lane as it becomes an unmetalled track. Eventually, the path continues straight ahead through a metal gate at a junction with a bridleway which also is the access to 'Fieldway' formerly **Brook House, (25 Humphrey Reynolds)**. Having passed through the gate, follow the path through the field as it rises slightly, through a wooden gate onto a tarmac lane.

Follow the lane as it goes downhill, then take the first lane on the right which makes its way sharply uphill past **Woodhouse (18 Edward Owen Jones)** on the right. On the right after another 80m, just after a farm gate, cross the stile. The path bears right to join the farm track which leads past New Barns Farm. Turn left on reaching the lane.

In about 400m, the lane bends left, but a footpath continues straight ahead through a gate on a track which can be muddy. Continue straight on through a gate and follow the wooded winding path, over a stile, until it opens into a field by a waymark post.

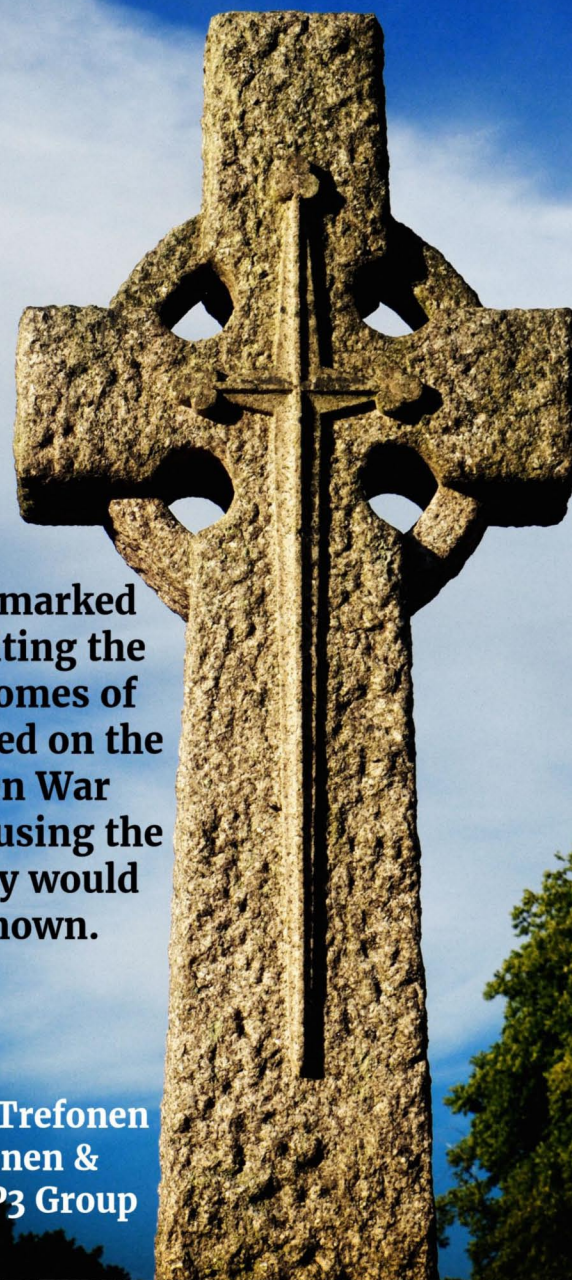
Savour the views as you walk to the double stiles in the bottom left corner of the field. Having crossed the stiles aim diagonally left to then follow the hedge on the far side to arrive at a field gate, then a kissing gate and steps at a T junction.

Turn right to follow the more major road downhill for about 150m, past the farm, then take the Offa's Dyke footpath signed over a stile on the right. After about 60m, leave Offa's Dyke to bear left and downhill over two stiles in quick succession (though it can be easier to use the farm gate) and to the stile in the bottom corner of the field hedge.

On your right you pass the backs of the cottages known as Pottery Row where you will see the plaque for **2 Pottery Row (11 Alfred Francis)**.

Carry on down the field until you come to join the Oswestry to Trefonen road near the new cemetery. Turn right along the pavement

World War 1 Centenary Trails around Trefonen, Treflach & Nantmawr



Four waymarked walks visiting the former homes of those named on the Trefonen War Memorial using the paths they would have known.

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in the direction of Trefonen crossing carefully when necessary and enter the playing field through a gate on your left. Here you may visit the new Celtic Cross pit memorial which was commissioned in 2014 to mark the Centenary of WW1 and return to your car.

It is also worth a visit to the church which houses three memorials linked to WW1 – a plaque to **Charles Cunningham Dumville-Lees** and two memorial scrolls one of which has been renovated bearing the names of all those who went to war from Nantmawr School

