

Walk 2

approx 1 hr 50 mins

North and East from Trefonen

This interesting walk passes 'Woodhill'. Previously home to the Dumville Lees family, local benefactors and especially Charles who went down with his destroyer off Finland, victim of a German mine one year after the war had finished. Coed-y-Go and Llwynymaen were mining areas in the nineteenth century. Hard to imagine today.

From the playing field car park, face away from the Oswestry Road and exit the field through the gate to the right of the slide and swings

Cross School Lane, following the footpath signs past the garages, through gates with the hedge on your left, and across the bridge. Once through the next gate, bear slightly left on a broad uphill path. Follow the waymarks through the wood, over a brow and turn left on the tarmacked track from Pentre Farm.

The track takes you past the farm of **Woodhill (11 Charles Cunningham Dumville-Lees)**. The house can be seen through the iron gates on the right. A better view of the front of the house can be obtained by taking a short diversion via the path 50m further on the right, over the drive to the field, and turning immediately right, all on public paths. Return to the tarmac track.

Follow the tarmac to a junction at **Woodhill Lodge (29 William Salter)** Just opposite the Lodge the blue plaque for both Charles Dumville Lees and William Salter can be seen on a finger post.

From here turn left onto the lane passing Brook House Residential Home, and over the brook. After about 150m, cross the stile on your left.

Follow the lane for about 800m with views over the Morda valley to your right. Take great care crossing the potentially busy Oswestry to Trefonen road and over the stile which is almost opposite the lane.

Once over the stile, the grassy path is followed behind what was the Ashfield Hotel, to reach a stony private track which is also a public footpath with no waymarks. Turn left on the track which leads down and over a bridge and bears left. The path continues across gravel in front of, and surprisingly close to, a house. Immediately after the house a large green arrow points to the right a wooden structure. The public path waymark is, however, to the left of the structure! Whichever way you choose, the potentially slippery path then leads quite steeply through native woods and rhododendrons to a lane where a sign for Llanforda Estates is sited.

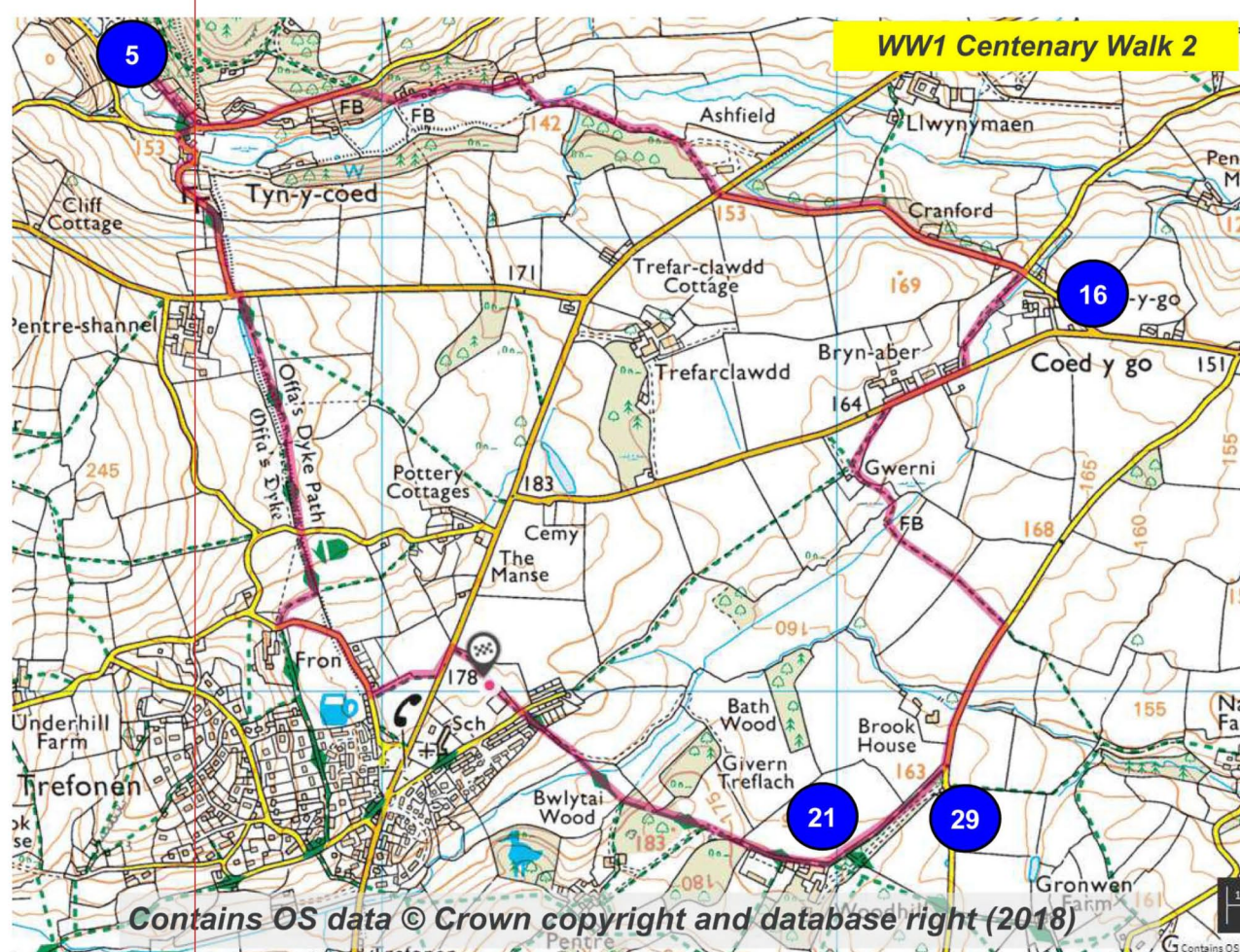
Turn left on the lane and after about 400m the Offa's Dyke path leads right along a track. 'Riverside' formerly called **Glanrafon, (5 Richard Davies)** is 100m further up the track before the path enters the woods. Do not enter the woods but return to the lane. Turn right to cross the infant River Morda, then immediately left, past what was The Old Mill Inn, and up the steep lane to the Llansilin road. Follow the Offas Dyke footpath signs over the stile on the opposite side of the road and continue along the dyke which is well defined.

Follow the path through fields and over stiles to cross a lane and continue on the Offa's Dyke footpath as it goes downhill then turns right by a new wooden gate keeping heading down to your right to emerge through a gate onto Chapel Lane. Turn left along Chapel Lane for about 200m. Just after the houses on your left a kissing gate on the left leads to a path across a field, to another kissing gate on the Oswestry Road. The playing field is directly in front of you.



Follow this waymarked path over fields, the path bears right, then left, past a pond to emerge at the house called 'Gwerni'. At this point ignore the path leading left across the driveway, and also the path straight ahead along the fence to the road. Take the faint path bearing right which emerges onto the road by Coed-y-Go cottages.

Turn right on the road and after 150m take the path on the left at the end of the cottages. Follow the waymarks as it bears right. A delightful stream will soon be on your right, with **Coed-y-Go Farm (16 Thomas Henry Hughes)** beyond it. Use the stile by the stone bridge to emerge onto the lane and turn left. (The entrance to Coed-y-Go Farmhouse is on the main road).



Information and advice...

- Walks are marked by blue discs on stiles and gates.
- Houses have large blue plaques on or near them.
- It may be necessary to deviate from the walk to see the plaque
- The estimated walking times are a guide only and depend on your fitness and the weather.
- Be aware that paths can be muddy when wet so sensible walking shoes or boots with good grip are essential.
- Although a local group maintains the paths in this area, they can become a little overgrown at some times of year. A walking pole can be useful to clear occasional nettles and brambles.
- Phone signal is variable, but there are public telephones as marked on the route maps.
- There is a shop (open every day) and a pub (closed some days) in Trefonen. The pub in Treflach is closed some days, and is up for sale at the time of writing. There is no shop or pub in Nantmawr.
- Public transport is limited, but there are occasional buses from Oswestry to this area and beyond.
- Shropshire County Council supports Parish Path Partnership (P3) volunteer groups who care and maintain local footpaths. Contact SCC Outdoor Partnerships for more information or how to volunteer.
- For more information about the names on the memorial and in this pamphlet visit –

<http://www.trefonen.org/lights-out-trefonen-ww1.html>

