

## Walk 4

approx 2 hrs

### Around Nantmawr

Starting from the village of Nantmawr, this walk uses the Offa's Dyke National Trail to access views across to the Tanat valley from near the old quarry before making a circuit of Nantmawr valley. Warning: the route up from Nantmawr is steep and grassy. The steepest section can be avoided by using other footpaths shown on the map.

Start from the information board and telephone box in Nantmawr. Parking is limited here, but it is possible to park further down the road and round the bend.

Walk downhill from the 'phone box and take the Offa's Dyke footpath sign on your right. After a stile, the path bears left as it opens into a field, crosses two stiles then climbs sharply uphill to a bench and a stile. Turn right on Quarry Lane passing **Stone House (2 Francis Henry Carsley)** on your left. After about 80m, take the footpath over an awkward stile in the hedge on the left and follow the fence quite steeply uphill across a stile, to the top of the next field. Cross the stile and turn immediately left. Stay close to the fence on your left as Nantmawr quarry is passed on your right. A stile and field gate lead into an open meadow with excellent views. Further up, the path crosses a stile and continues straight ahead then keeping the fence on your right, until you come to a signpost by a wooden pedestrian gate. Do not pass through the gate, but turn left and back on yourself to follow the Offa's Dyke path down through Jones' Rough. As you reach the lane the house on your right is **Sycamore Cottage (31 John Hugh Wooding)**. Walk down the lane away from the cottage and turn right at the junction.

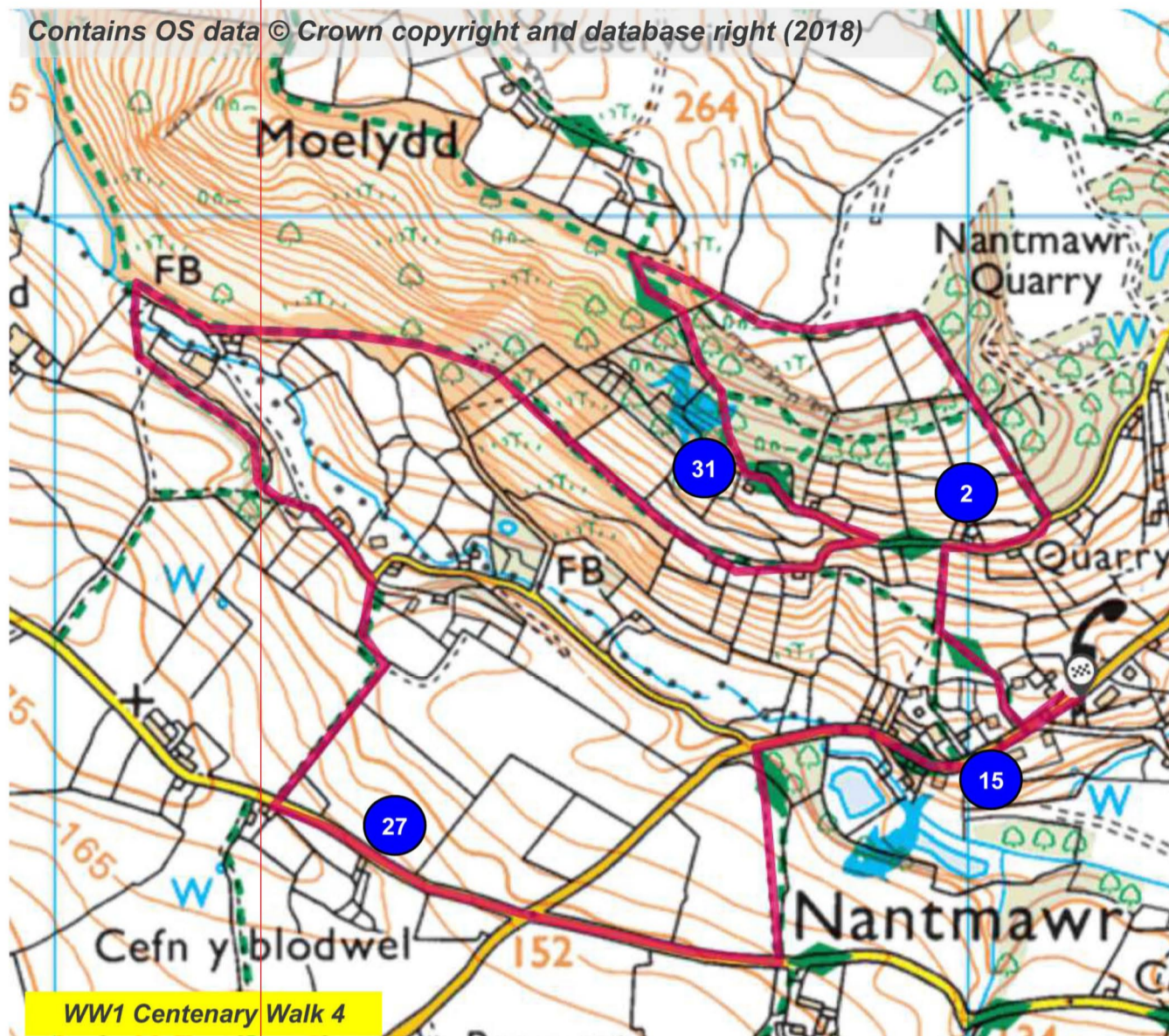
Turn left on the track, then over a stile, and cross a well-constructed bridge over the stream. From the bridge bear left up the slope, past a waymark post and over the stile to follow the wooded path along the fence/hedge. It can be necessary to walk above the path when wet to avoid muddy areas. Eventually the path arrives at a waymark post in a small gully. Turn slightly left and downhill to a stile, across a small paddock and stile, then turn right on the lane.

After 100m, as the lane bends left, take the footpath on the right at the start of the entrance drive to 'The Bank'. The newly diverted path makes its way uphill through hedge gaps and stiles, to the lane at Cefn Blodwel. Turn left on the lane and continue straight ahead at the crossroads (take care when crossing this road).

After about 200m, take the Offa's Dyke path over a stile on the left and follow it downhill to a gate within a gate and into a wood. At the lane, turn right across the bridge into Nantmawr. Be cautious at the bend, then take a moment to visit **(15 Sister Gladys Corfield Hughes)** grave by turning left up a drive and through a metal gate which houses the blue plaque into the graveyard. Return to the road then turn left immediately passing **Cambrian House** where Gladys was born. Continue on up the hill to what is now called Carvers Cottage on the left opposite the phone box, formerly **Greenfields (27 Richard Parry Roberts)** The blue plaque to him can be seen on the left of the garden gate on the brick wall of the house's vehicle parking place.

Two houses are not visited on these walks but still have blue plaques – **Llwynymapsis (Charles Henry Hughes & George Hughes)** on the left on the road from Trefonen to Morda and – **Corner House (Alfred Griffiths)** on Blodwel bank going down on the left before the turn to Porthywaen.

Research has so far been unable to tell us where **Charles Henry Rogers** was born but we know he lived in Oswestry at some time.



This lane continues past a turning area then becomes a track leading to a field gate. The footpath continues straight ahead, undefined in places but near the right-hand field boundary, before crossing a stile into a more wooded area. Eventually emerge into an open field with telegraph poles which roughly follow the line of the path. There is a small quarry on your right after which the path meets a track.

### Trefonen War Memorial

Name	Regiment	Death	Age
John Samuel Burrows	Kings Shropshire Light Infantry	18/08/1916	26
Francis Henry Carsley	Kings Shropshire Light Infantry	18/09/1918	25
Thomas Carsley	Kings Shropshire Light Infantry	13/02/1919	39
Daniel Considine	South Lancashire Regiment	23/08/1918	24
Richard Davies	Kings Shropshire Light Infantry	25/01/1916	19
Edward E Dyke	Royal Air Force	12/04/1919	33
George Edward Dyke	Kings Shropshire Light Infantry	05/10/1918	42
Thomas Sudlow Dyke	Kings Shropshire Light Infantry	27/09/1917	27
William Dyke	Rifle Brigade	28/05/1918	23
Thomas John Ellis	Royal Welsh Fusiliers	22/02/1917	24
Alfred Francis	Montgomeryshire Yeomanry	05/11/1918	26
Alfred Griffiths	Kings Shropshire Light Infantry	05/09/1916	33
Charles Henry Hughes	Welsh Regiment	30/08/1918	22
George Hughes	Kings Shropshire Light Infantry	12/08/1917	23
Gladys Corfield Hughes	Staff Nurse (QUAIMS)	06/11/1918	29
Thomas Henry Hughes	Kings Shropshire Light Infantry	16/09/1916	20
Charley Edward Jones	Royal Irish Rifles	20/06/1917	31
Edward Owen Jones	Kings Shropshire Light Infantry	28/03/1918	24
Humphrey Jones	South Lancashire Regiment	15/07/1916	26
John Thomas Jones	Royal Welsh Fusiliers	27/05/1917	34
Charles Cunningham Dumville-Lees	Royal Navy	04/09/1919	25
Peter George Morris	Royal Army Medical Corps	01/04/1918	31
James Platt	Cheshire Yeomanry	12/11/1918	37
Edward Probert	Kings Shropshire Light Infantry	09/04/1917	25
Humphrey Reynolds	Kings Shropshire Light Infantry	20/03/1919	30
Richard Richards	Royal Dublin Fusiliers	30/04/1915	28
Richard Parry Roberts	Machine Gun Corps	18/04/1918	32
Charles Frederick Rogers	Royal Welsh Fusiliers	30/10/1914	30
William Salter	Kings Shropshire Light Infantry	25/09/1915	32
Aaron Scott	Lancashire Fusiliers	06/04/1917	24
John Hugh Wooding	Kings Shropshire Light Infantry	30/09/1916	22