

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.

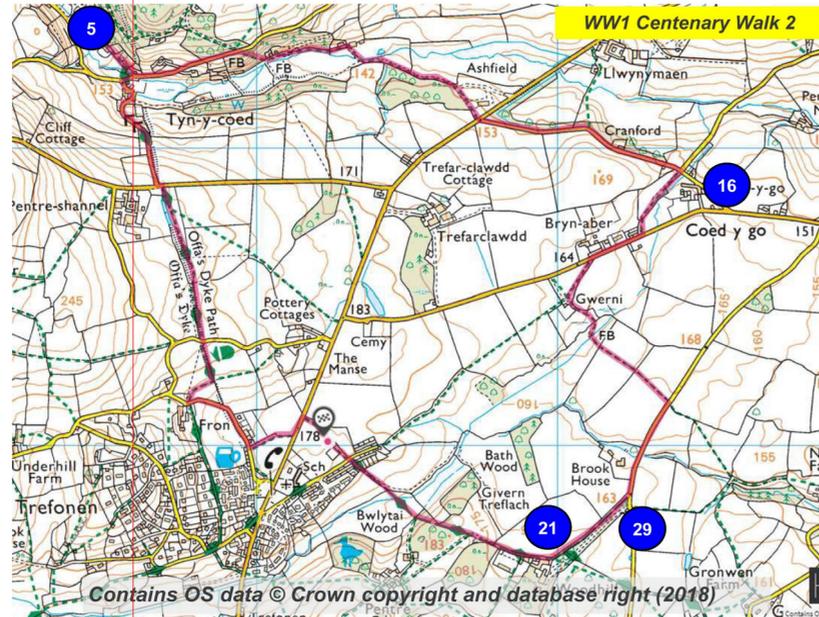
The track takes you past the farm of **Woodhill (11 Charles Cunningham Dumville-Lees)**. The house can be seen through the iron gates on the right. A better view of the front of the house can be obtained by taking a short diversion via the path 50m further on the right, over the drive to the field, and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



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 Offa's 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.



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>

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

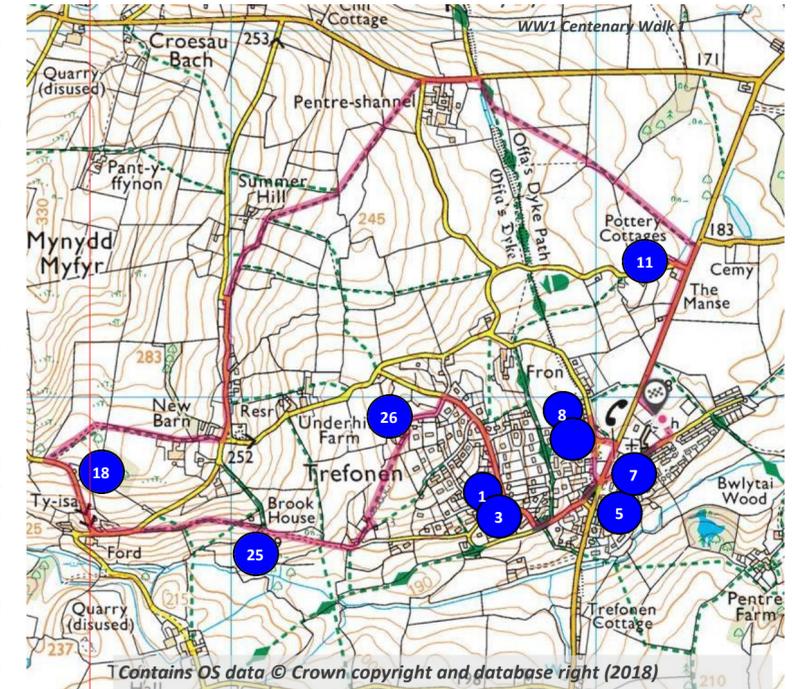


Four waymarked walks visiting the former homes of those named on the Trefonen War Memorial using the paths they would have known.

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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



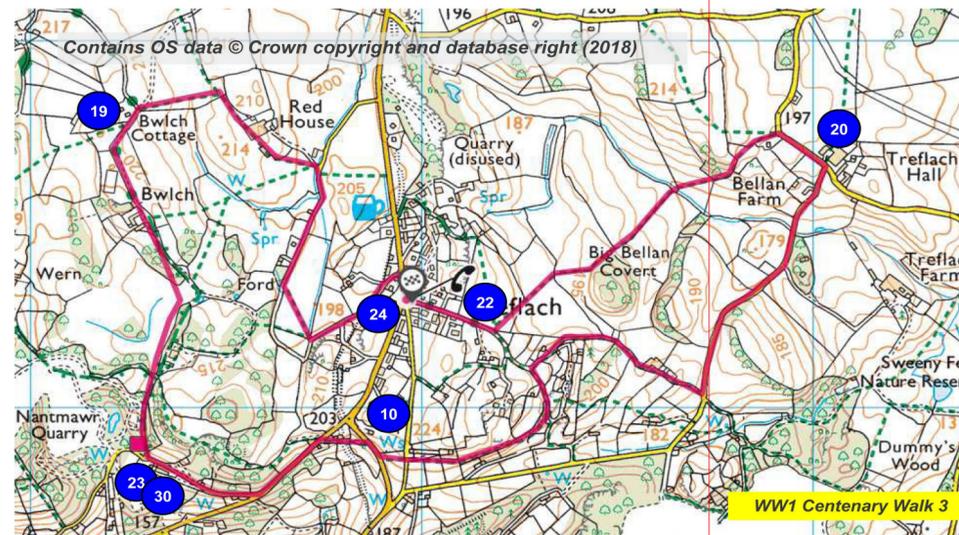
Walk 3

approx 2hrs 20 mins

Around Treflach

A plaque on Treflach Green records the site of the former 'Cocoa Rooms' where workers, including those from the local quarries, could advance themselves in the absence of alcohol. Treflach Hall dates from at least 1702. There is also a WW1 Centenary Trail Interpretation Board to view on the green.

Start at Treflach Green, which is at the junction of Gibraltar Lane with the Nantmawr to Trefonen road. Walk along this road in the direction of Trefonen for about 50m. Cross the road carefully after passing over Offas Close. 'Caythorpe' (24 Edward Probert) is opposite, and is the site of 'Blacksmith's Cottage'. Before the Bus stop, turn left up Fields Lane and continue along a track which can be muddy in places.



This track runs along Offa's Dyke for a short stretch, though it is difficult to spot. Ignore the track on the left by a house and stables and continue straight ahead for about 50m then cross the stile leading into a field on your right.

Two footpaths cross this field, neither is obvious, but the remains of an old hedge line take the shortest route across the field. Head about 45° to the right of this line, then cross a stile by a gate and turn right onto an old lane. Follow this lane and continue along it as it becomes tarmac. After about 300m, just before a new bungalow, cross a stile on your left and bear slightly right and uphill, passing close to the large buildings of Red House Farm. Having crossed the next stile, turn immediately left, heading for a gate and stile in the hedge. Cross the stile and turn left on the lane at 'Bwlch Cottage' (19 Humphrey Jones).

Follow this lane for about 450m passing Bwlch Farm, through a gate along a wooded path. Ignore a stile on the left just before emerging through a gate into a field. Another wood is opposite, with a fence boundary. Bear slightly right to cross the field and keep the wood and fence on your left. Enter a compound containing machinery through a small metal gate and exit the compound on the far side.

Continue on the track almost opposite for about 200m downhill to join Quarry Lane by the Old Engine House. Turn left on Quarry Lane and pass 'Lilleshall Cottages' (old quarry workers' cottages, 23 James Platt, 30 Aaron Scott) on your right. 200m after the cottages the lane joins the Nantmawr to Treflach road.

Walk 4

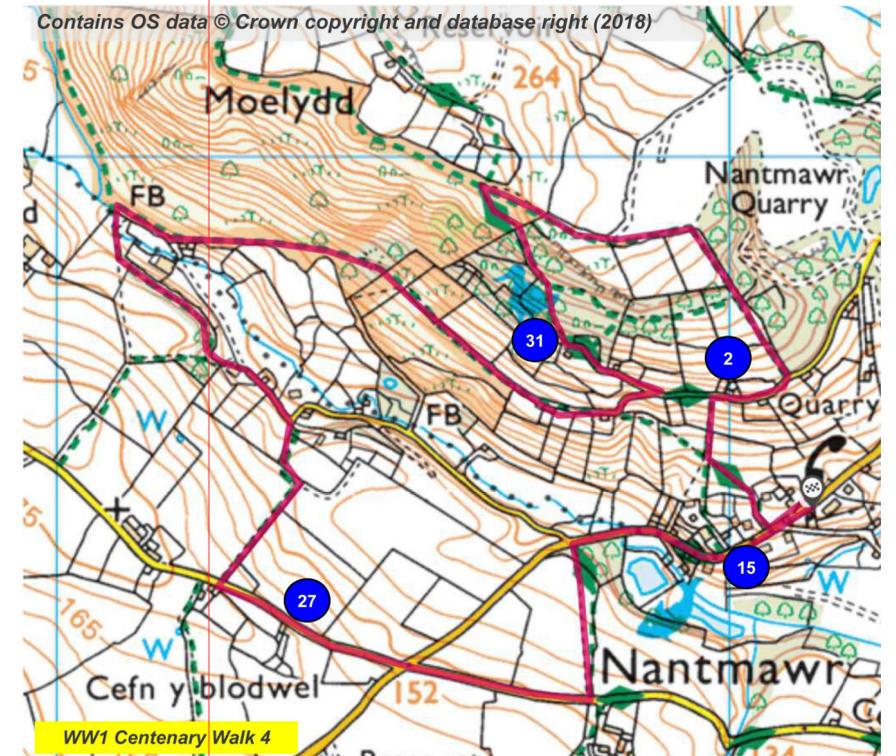
approx 2 hrs

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.



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.

Cross the road carefully and walk with caution up the right side of the road for about 150m where a footpath leads right, through a gate (re-fasten the gate please), below a house. Follow this path, crossing Offa's Dyke, past a damp spring, over a stile, then up to a stile emerging onto Blodwel Bank.

Take great care as this road can be very busy. 'Glanaber' (10 Thomas John Ellis) is opposite and slightly left. (it can be visited by walking uphill for a short way, then returning). Turn right to walk about 40m downhill. It is probably best to walk on the left side of the road to a footpath crossing the ditch and stile on the left. Follow this path uphill to a stile, cross Stoney Road and over the stile directly opposite.

Continue up the path, it is easy to miss as it bears slightly right away from the farm track, but then is waymarked obviously as it crosses stiles and twists through woods eventually emerging as a 'T' junction with a more major path (the 'cat path'). Turn left and follow this major path to Gibraltar Lane. Turn right and follow the lane as it deteriorates then recovers, eventually passing the stables and house of 'Ty Tegwch' At the T junction with the tarmac lane, turn left.

Follow the lane for about 600m up and down past the entrance to Treflach Farm, then up to a T junction; turn right to view the impressive 'Treflach Hall' (20 John Thomas Jones & Charley Edward Jones) and views over Shropshire. Retrace your steps to the T junction but continue straight on uphill for about 150m. Take the footpath on the left, immediately after the bungalow. Stay close to the fence on your left and cross the stile on your left after about 80m.

This pleasant path takes you through woods, downhill to a gate and up again over the side of Big Bellan Covert. At the next gate bear 45° left aiming for a stile and then to the right-hand side of the fenced compound which usually contains bales and/or farm machinery. Make your way through this small compound and turn right. Follow Gibraltar Lane past the entrance to Moreton House (22 Peter George Morris) to Treflach Green.



A 120 page book outlining the impact of World War One on the local communities of Trefonen, Treflach, Nantmawr and the town of Oswestry with further details on those whose names appear on the Trefonen War Memorial is available from Trefonen shop or Chris Woods at lightsouttrefonen@gmail.com



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 – Llwynmopsis (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.

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