

## Suggested Walk for Christmas and New Year 2020

### General information

- **Distance** – approx. 3.5miles
- **Time** – allow between 1.5 to 2 hours; depends on ability of walkers, how many picnics you have and who you chat to 😊
- This **suggested** walk is a circular and can be done in one go or in sections; 1 to 6; 6 to 8; 8 to 10 – as you please!
- It uses public footpaths, public bridleways and highways.
- This walk is **not** suitable for pushchairs or wheelchair users.
- The route can be **muddy**, most certainly in winter.
- There are places where the underfoot conditions may be **slippery** and most definitely **uneven**.
- In some places the route follows public highways and it crosses the railway twice.
- **Animals** may be present in some fields!
- This is Mid Wales; there's a few hills!!

### Route Description

#### *Section 1 – Points 1 to 5*

1. **Start at the village hall.** Follow the footpath (FP) through Tanhouse Chapel graveyard to the gate in the corner. In the field keep the hedge to your right and head north to the next stile. In the next field head over the brow down to Cwm Nantwellan brook and the little bridge that crosses it. ***Play Pooh Sticks!***
2. In the wood, follow the path that heads straight from the bridge and then turns diagonally right – there is a faint trace of a FP and half way through the wood you'll see a fallen tree with a yellow PCC FP disk on. Outside the wood turn left to go up to the track at the top of the field – it's a bit of a climb that will blow the cobwebs away!! 😊 ***Turn around and admire the views back to the village hall.***
3. Follow the road around the hill, keeping the quarry to your left – **the quarry is steep so stay away from the edge!!** Follow the stone road to Llysin farm house. ***This house was occupied up until a couple of years ago.***

4. Turn down hill, following the stone track to join the 'Llanbister Road' public highway.
5. Follow the highway to Nantywellan farm yard

### **Section 2 – Points 6 to 8**

6. Walk through the farm yard (be careful of any **moving machinery**) and follow the FP to the railway crossing stile. **Admire the view down to Dolau Station – doesn't seem far does it!**
7. Cross the railway – watch out for trains; if you see one wait for it to pass. Walk on the stone as the sleepers (timbers) can be slippery.
8. Join the 'Far Hall' road near Aran Villa (Humble Bee Cottage).

### **Section 3 – Points 8 to 10**

8. Go through the field gate and follow the FP, keeping the river to your right. Cross the railway at the stile – watch out for those trains again – and then cross the little stream using the small FP footbridge. Head diagonally across the field to the small wood at the top of the field. **Admire the view back across to Far Hall.** Cross the stile into the wooded area (it's a bit squelchy), then the 2<sup>nd</sup> stile into the field and head diagonally to your right to find... and out into
9. A stile into a plantation in a small dingle. It's a bit of scramble through here but you'll find a small footbridge up to a stile and then onto...
10. A small gate at the western end of Kingshead cottages and you'll find yourself on Kingshead lane public highway. Turn left and head towards 'Far Hall Lane' turn. **Count how many houses are at Kingshead.**

### **Section 4 – Points 11 to finish**

11. At Far Hall Lane turn, turn right onto the stone farm access road and follow the road down. **Note the view of St Michaels church.**
12. Before the gate going into the farm buildings, there is a field access gate to your left. Go through it and follow the FP with the hedge on your left. Go through the field access gate and over to the stile; go over the stile and then over a 2<sup>nd</sup> stile, turn left and then through the field access gate onto the public highway. **Turn right and head back to the village hall. Give yourself a pat on the back.**