

Actif North Wales / Walks for Women

My 2025 has been a rollercoaster thus far! I started the year ecstatic to find a new role with the Ramblers doing something I'm very passionate about - sharing the outdoors with others. The **Actif North Wales** project is about getting girls aged 18-25 out walking across Wrexham, Rhyl and Holyhead, and it has been hugely rewarding.

We had a fantastic opportunity to take some of our girls on a trip up to Scotland!

Getting the sleeper train, the girls and I arrived in Aviemore and headed over to our hostel in the Cairngorms ready for two days of walking in the Scottish Highlands. Over the two days the girls met up with our Scottish Community Champions, tested their navigation skills and learnt a lot about the local flora and fauna. They were absolutely incredible and grew so much in confidence over the trip - returning tired but happy.

I hope to be able to continue my work with them and Ramblers Cymru, connecting people to both each other and our green spaces.

Olivia Evans
Regional Officer, North Wales

New National Park?

The consultation on the establishment of a new ('Glyndŵr') National Park closed on 8 December, and we will have to wait and see whether the proposals are taken forward.

Ramblers are strongly in favour, and thanks are due to those who took part in the consultation.

Some county councils have been critical of the proposals, because of the possible effect on their own budgets, although Welsh Gov't has given assurances on the point.

Upcoming Senedd elections also introduce uncertainty into the mix.



Extending Public Access to the Countryside

The issue of access to the Countryside has not gone away despite the CROW Act of 2000 that gave the general public the conditional right to walk in certain areas of the English and Welsh countryside. This was mainly downland, moorland, heathland and coastal land with some forests and woodlands excluded.

We have always been envious of Scotland as the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 comprehensively codified into Scots law the ancient tradition of the right to universal access to the land in Scotland. The act specifically establishes a right to be on land for recreational, educational and certain other purposes and a right to cross land. The rights exist only if they are exercised responsibly with the Scottish Outdoor Access Code providing guidance.

Ramblers Cymru have been working closely with the Welsh Government as part of the Welsh Sustainable Farming Scheme. Key details include the need for opportunities for increased physical activity through enhanced public access opportunities. There will be a need to upgrade footpaths or make new access routes to help people engage with

and access the natural environment and contact with nature. There will be positive impacts of this on the physical and mental health of the population. Maintaining and enhancing public access to the countryside is set as a purpose for support within the Act

The present UK government in its election manifesto last year promised to implement nine new "river walks" in England to extend public access to the countryside after it changed its mind on the previous policy to enshrine a right to roam in law. No plans have yet been laid out for the river walks, neither where they will be nor how the government proposes to implement them. However Ministers will need to work with local landowners to gain permission for the riverbanks to be used by the public. Some research of the river Dart in Devon showed that large swathes of the Dart are privately owned. The Duchy of Cornwall owns the largest slice of riverbank at 28 miles (45km). The Dart is 47 miles long, so has nearly 100 miles of bank altogether. The next largest owner, the Spitchwick estate, owns 12 miles, and the Duke of Somerset has about 1.25 miles. The research also found that 11.6 miles is

owned via offshore companies. Achieving increased access to rivers based on a permissive approach presents a logistical nightmare! Each stretch would require time-consuming negotiations with dozens of large landowners and corporate bodies, many of whom are difficult to identify. A Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has said: "Britain is a proud nation of nature lovers, and this government is committed to turning the tide on its decline after years of neglect. We are progressing plans to designate nine new national river walks, one in each region of England." I think we need to watch this space!

What we really need in the rest of the UK is for the general public to have a right to access certain public or privately owned land, lakes, and rivers for recreation and exercise. The right is sometimes called the right of public access to the wilderness or the right to roam similar to the system in Scotland. Then we would have proper access to the countryside!

*J Elwyn Williams
Chair, North Wales Area*

Vale of Clwyd Group - 30th anniversary



Vale of Clwyd Group was formed in 1995 and in October 2025 celebrated its 30th anniversary. The event, at the Eirianfa Centre in Denbigh, was preceded by a walk around the historic Denbigh Town Trail. We wish the Group many years of walking into the future.

(Photo: Heather Martin)

Governance proposals

There has been at least one attempt in recent years to reform the Ramblers constitution, strictly its Articles of Association and Standing Orders. The impetus comes mainly from the top - the Chief Exec and the Board of Trustees. One of the ideas is to move away a representative model where Groups and Areas appoint people to take part in the annual General Council, towards a model based on one man, one vote ('OMOV'), where individuals directly elect the Board which governs the association. There are also proposals to have some Trustees appointed by the Board itself.

A conference took place on 6 December in London about the proposed reforms and background papers can be seen on the Ramblers main website:

<https://www.ramblers.org.uk/about-us/general-council>

Caroline Faux and J Elwyn Williams attended on behalf of North Wales Area, and Elwyn writes:

The conference covered the areas of Trustee Nominations, elections and appointment processes and was attended by myself and Caroline our treasurer. It is proposed that Scotland and Wales will still have their own member on the Board of trustees although a few others attending did question this representation. I spoke in favour of this proposal and it may be only members from Wales will be allowed to vote. There are proposals for one member one vote and it will be possible to vote by postal or electronic methods.

There are also proposals to have regional gatherings every year for members and volunteers and attended by key staff members and trustees with engagement to the Board. It is also proposed to have a GB wide gathering at least every three years.

I met Graham Taylor the Welsh chair at the Council and he informed me that it is proposed to have a meeting in Wales on Saturday 21 February to discuss the way forward. Details have yet to be finalised and we will receive information in the near future.

Please contact me if you want more information

Elwyn

Secretary's report

I seem to have attended more meetings than normal this year; there seem to be many discussions regarding revised governance and trustees, but as yet no new defined way forward. This is sure to be an unsettling time and recruiting or encouraging new volunteers is nigh on impossible- who is going to sign up when the way forward is not clear?

The formal training seems to be putting many off and we have yet to see how many walk leaders will be lost following the latest 'cull' driven by central office. There is good reason for this Walk Leader training: it is to evidence the skills and experience of our excellent leaders. This training will protect the leaders and shows a duty of care by Ramblers as an organisation. The current list of Walk Leaders and their training status is available to the Walk Programme Secretaries.

The group AGMs are mostly completed, so could Groups please keep me up to date with latest committee contacts, to ensure that correspondence is sent out to the appropriate person. Please also remember to contact central office with any changes.

Contact details:

secretary@ramblersnorthwales.org.uk

Shirley Fermor

Opinion

The radical proposals to alter the way in which the Ramblers Association is governed and how Areas and Groups participate in that process may well contain some much needed improvements, but we need to make sure that we don't throw the baby out with the bathwater.

Since devolution in Wales there has been in force an agreement to make sure that matters concerning Wales are decided in Wales and that needs to be preserved, in the face of increased centralisation. Similar concerns affect Scotland.

'OMOV' seems superficially attractive, but it hasn't proved to be without its drawbacks in other charities which have adopted it. Many members won't bother to vote.

PB

Membership report

Membership continues to increase, Groups are well supported, but those opting out of Group membership now stands at 89.

It is worthwhile to create an online membership; you can then change your preferences for receiving communications and update any other personal details. An online membership is also the gateway to training and is needed for walk leaders.

Please contact me if you have any questions about any membership issues, such as the number and names of the registered walk leaders and the status of their training.

membership@ramblersnorthwales.org.uk

Dave Collins, Membership Secretary.

Group	Oct 2025	Nov 2024
LW01 Clwydian Group	152	158
LW02 Conwy Valley Group	239	228
LW03 Ynys Mon Group	136	146
LW04 Wrexham Group	117	123
LW06 Meirionnydd Group	122	115
LW07 Berwyn Group	63	66
LW08 Vale of Clwyd Group	146	149
LW09 Deeside Group	113	111
LW10 Eryri Group	264	245
LW96 North Wales Area Membership	89	88
Grand Total	1441	1429

Area Footpath Secretary's report

Footpath Workers

I have been involved in footpath work with the Ramblers for 30 years. At my first meeting of the Clwyd Footpath Committee in 1995 we were presented with a list of over 3,000 obstructed or difficult to use footpaths in the County.

April 1996 saw local government reorganised in Wales and Clwyd County Council was replaced by four smaller Unitary Authorities. The following ten years saw a great improvement in the network in all four counties. The improvements largely consisted of opening paths by erecting and replacing stiles. During this period members and the general public were much more active in reporting issues. Reports were made either directly or through organisations such as the Ramblers. Also, the CRoW Act of 2000 gave users the right to force County Councils to remove obstructions or explain why they could not do so.

The CRoW Act together with the Disability Act of 2010 made it unlawful to make a path more difficult than its current state. This meant that councils could not authorise a stile alongside a locked or difficult to open farm gate. They should also not allow new stiles to be erected in new fences and hedges. This has, during the last ten years led to an increased pace in replacing stiles with gates and kissing gates.

Also during the last 30 years deliberate blocking of paths has almost disappeared. The Ramblers volunteers, through the work of the county commit-

tees, have made a huge contribution to these improvements.

The issues that need to be addressed now are largely maintenance. The biggest complaints are about stiles in disrepair and overgrowth. These have to be reported to the County Councils otherwise they won't know they exist. The best way to do this is for Ramblers members and walks leaders to report the problems directly to the Councils. From experience I have found that problems I have discovered on a recce are, provided I have given enough time, generally sorted out before the actual walk.

If I find and report an issue myself, without a planned walk in mind, that also needs to be followed up. This I either do myself or via the local Footpath Secretary.

North Wales Area needs more members to become active footpath workers. All the Committees are suffering from falling membership. One is hardly functioning at all. Perhaps it's the committee structure and attendance that is putting members off. Whilst it is more desirable to have a functioning committee with regular meeting, it is not essential. All that is needed is for members to look after an area, report problems and follow them up.

For more information I can be contacted:

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Conwy Council and Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs)

The Area is involved in a Moor to Shore project following the main tributaries and the river Conwy from source to sea. This is being taken forward in conjunction with Transport for Wales. The idea is make available linear walks which can be accessed by public transport. Planning for this has however thrown up major issues on the path network between Llanrwst and Dolgarrog, which is holding up the project.

Another issue that is causing us concern is the footpath between Ty Hyll and Betws y Coed. The bridge wall on the A5 at Ty Hyll was hit and damaged by a motorcycle early in 2024 and this has affected the Slate Trail, which emerges here from the riverside path. Debris from the collision is still visible and a barrier prevents access.

Both these issues are affected by temporary path closures under Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs). This means that the paths are closed to the public. Using them could result in a large fine. The lack of progress in remedying these problems and the way that the Orders are been maintained has led the Area to serve formal notices on the Conwy CBC. This could result in legal action being taken against the Council and its officers. We hope that the issues can be resolved without reference to the Courts.

Ron Williams
Area Footpath Secretary

County reports

Conwy County Committee

Also known as the Conwy FP Committee, this Ramblers' committee is nominally comprised of five people. The most recent meeting was on 27 Jan 2025 when just two people were present. Despite this committee becoming almost moribund for in-person meetings, three active members are still following up any planning applications which might impinge on ProWs, and also are following up any PROW problems that are reported to it.

We are in email/phone correspondence with each other when needed. However, fresh members are indeed needed!

Conwy East and Denbighshire Local Access Forum ('CEDLAF')

Two members of the Conwy County Committee are also on CEDLAF. The last CEDLAF meeting was on 30.6.25 but at time of writing (14.10.25) the date for the next CEDLAF meeting had not been set.

Conwy Council ('CCBC')

The (Ramblers) County Committee has also had regular informal meetings with the CCBC PROW/Open Spaces team. These generally have been very useful; often ironing out problems before any need to resort to formal legal procedures. However the last meeting scheduled for

20.6.25 was cancelled by CCBC and at the time of writing (14.10.25) no further meeting has been scheduled.

(All in all a rather depressing report!)

John Buckley

Wrexham Footpath committee

A new member from Wrexham group has joined. The council have found funds to build a steel footbridge over the river Alyn on Wat's Dyke way. This replaces a collapsed stone bridge which has made the footpath unavailable for the last 4 years.

Dave Collins

Magistrates Courts

We probably think of cases brought before the magistrates as involving criminality, whether minor offences dealt with directly by the bench, or more serious cases sent on to Crown court. However the magistrates do retain jurisdiction in a number of civil matters, particularly regarding highways.

Obstruction of the highway has long been dealt with by magistrates, usually at the instance of the highway authority, but the Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000 introduced a new method for a member of the public to bring proceedings where reports and complaints have failed to achieve any result. We don't use this process often, but sometimes ...

There is also a process available whereby a failure to maintain the surface of the highway can be taken before the magistrates to force a repair.

Meirionnydd Group

AGM. Our AGM was held on October 25th. There were two retirements from the committee, both after many years of service. One co-opted member was formally elected. Committee otherwise remains as was, though another member has expressed an interest and will attend a couple of committee meetings as a guest.

Membership. Membership is stable at 116 plus 7 affiliates.

Walks programme. The programme for the second half of the year consisted of 32 walks. With only half as many leaders now as before COVID, we are having to ask a lot of the 12 who remain active. It is sometimes a struggle to fill gaps in the programme.

Training. We are holding a Walk Leader Workshop on November 3rd using the training material provided by Ramblers. This consists of PowerPoint presentations and short videos. Most of our leaders are coming along, including those who have already qualified by doing the training videos or leading enough walks. Three potential new leaders are also attending. One former leader has taken offence at being expected to undertake the training and will not be leading again.

Events. We had a group outing in July to the Dana, the old prison in Shrewsbury. It was surprisingly interesting! A three-day away break in the Elan Valley has been organised for April 2026

Footpaths and access. We held a footpath maintenance day in August, using a grant from the Ramblers Path Accessibility Fund for some footpath improvement work. We are hoping to do more maintenance work in future, but this is dependent on recruiting one of our members to promote and organise this. Meanwhile we are doing some surveys for the council of paths which might attract improvement funding related to their Slate Heritage status.

Tarren y Gesail zig-zag bike path planning situation. Unfortunately, the fiasco continues. There has been no progress in the past 6 months, with the planning office appearing to show no concern at all about the total lack of any meaningful response from the applicant.

Jacky Cross, Nov 2025

The Joy of Walking



A Breton rest stop

(photo: Yveline Hands)

There's something special about bumping into other walkers, whether I'm at home or back in Brittany. Lately, I've loved joining La Bogue d'Or Randonnée in Questembert — it's brought me a real sense of balance.

Even though I was born in Brittany, people often think I'm just the friendly visitor from North Wales. But once we start walking, none of that matters. We all love being outdoors, keeping active, and enjoying the steady rhythm of putting one foot in front of the other.

We chat about the usual things: how to get more people walking, where to find new routes, and how to stay active as we get older. And of course, walking isn't just exercise — it's company, laughter, and a little escape from everyday life.

The cultural quirks still make me smile. One lunch stop turned into a full Breton picnic: blanket, coolbox, perfect charcuterie, crisp veggies, and — naturally — a bottle of rosé. A simple moment that summed up everything I love about walking: good people, good food, and the joy of being together.

Yveline Hands

Berwyn Group

The group continues to offer walks approximately twice a month. Several walk leaders are temporarily unavailable due to illness or injury.

Dave Collins

North Wales Pilgrims Way

Never give up, grasp new opportunities

My journey began in July 2023, but an impassable swollen stream near Llangernyw caused it to be 'paused'.

Sadly, that journey was not destined to re-start, until I met Kerri on a mountain walk. She was no stranger to pilgrimage having completed several overseas. Together we began to plan a pilgrimage of our own, not in distant lands but here, in the hills and valleys of our homeland. Entrusting myself once more to another's vision was not easy. As our plans took shape, I realised we were both committed. So in June 2024 my journey on the North Wales Pilgrims Way continued, starting afresh.

Day 1: Starting at Basingwerk Abbey in Greenfield — the traditional beginning of the North Wales Pilgrim's Way. Kerri indulged my desire to visit all 14 Stations of the Cross at Pantasaph Friary.

Day 2: Trelawnyd – We had additional company as Sharon joined us, we had a large boggy area to cross and were delighted to be some of the first to walk over the newly installed boardwalk – thanks to Ramblers Cymru and Denbighshire Project. We crossed potato fields, passed dinosaurs and spitfires followed by Spiderman, giraffes standing head and shoulders above the hedgerow and alien predator figures.

Day 3: St Asaph – We passed fields with huge hay bales and herds of dairy cows that were fortunately kept in behind an electric wired fence, and a bull roaming free and standing right in the middle of our track! The uphill section through a wood with several fallen trees across the path seemed easy after passing the bull in such close proximity.

Day 4: Llansannan – we enjoyed lunch sitting next to a carved wooden tribute to Gwilym Hiraethog just above Cleiriach. The stream that had been problematic the year before was nearly dry and easy to cross.

Days 5: Llangernyw – we were joined by Sharon and Paula, we walked with good company, the miles disappearing beneath our feet to the sound of much chattering. We crossed the Afon Conwy today on a high tide as it was the Spring Equinox.

Day 6: Rowen- we soon gained height climbing the highest ladder stile I have encountered with 13 rungs! Following the Coffin Route up to St Celynnins

Church nestled on the flanks of Tal y Fan we had fabulous views and a lovely end to our day with afternoon tea at the Aber Falls distillery.

Day 7: Llanfairfechan – Caroline joined us today. As we climbed, we saw the wild Carneddau ponies grazing freely in the mountains. We passed the cascading Aber Falls followed by the important 'half-way bench' before making our steep decent to the end of the days walk. We have the satisfaction that we are now more than half-way through our pilgrimage.

Day 8: Abergwyngregyn – Misty views of the Carneddau. From the open land the path led us back into pastureland with fields and hedgerows. Our day ended with coffee in Bangor cathedral before catching the bus back to Abergwyngregyn — I was delighted to use my fairly 'new' bus pass!

Day 9: Bangor – we had fantastic views of Penrhyn Castle and down the Llyn Peninsula. It was easy to make good progress today using Lôn Las Ogwen before crossing flat heather strewn moorland. Our highlight of the day was playing on a swing rope over a river: luckily the rope and branch held strong and we both survived. Towards the end of our walk the heavens opened, we donned our waterproofs shortly before arriving in Llanberis, we embarrassingly left pools of water and footprints whilst

in search of our pilgrim passport stamps.

Day 10: Llanberis. Joined by Paula and Roo the dog. We had a very short challenging stretch today, near the end we were forced to negotiate each step carefully through mud. Our reward was a cream scone, a rather well-earned indulgence.

Day 11: Starting in Waunfawr and one of the longer sections we completed. We passed 'Darwin's rock' – some of you will have heard how it got its name – it was famously visited by Charles Darwin back in the 1800's. We had good views of Yr Wyddfa with its misty veil and a glimpse into slate workings near Nantlle.

Day 12: Starting in Clynog Fawr and following the coast, we climbed up passing through quarry workings and enjoying a lofty view of Nant Gwrtheyrn, famous for exporting stone to cobble the streets of Liverpool, and now a Welsh Language centre. Fabulous blue sky overhead and the scent of the flowering gorse as we passed through the coastal fields.

Day 13: Nefyn. More blue skies and strong winds today to keep us on our toes. Views of the sweeping bays of Porth Nefyn and Porth Dinllaen plus a golf course to negotiate. The path dipped down to small stoney coves and the sweeping sandy beaches tempting us to dally and enjoy the cool water. We also passed our only trig point on the route on the headland at Porth Llydan. → p.7



Day 5 - The pilgrims at St Digain's church, Llangernyw (photo SF)

Ramblers Association - North Wales Area

Year ending 30th September 2025

Receipts and Payments

<u>Receipts</u>	2024/25	2023/24	<u>Payments</u>	2024/25	2023/24
Central Office	11,000.00	3,500.00	Groups Grants	3,502.00	3,592.00
			Walks Programme	3,848.82	4,139.13
			Newsletters/Publicity	2,908.03	355.00
Publication Sales	45.00	120.00	Book Sale Expenses	-	-
Advertising Sales	15.00	80.00	Footpaths	-	94.26
			Countryside Protection	-	-
Refund	545.00		Access	-	-
			Meetings (inc AGM)	747.14	575.44
			Admin (inc F/Aid training)	260.09	1,404.19
			Wat's Dyke Way		
Total Receipts	11,605.00	3,700.00	Total Payments (exWDW)	11,266.08	10,160.02
Surplus(+)/deficit(-)	338.92	- 6,460.02			
<u>Bank reconcilliation</u>					
	2024/25	2023/24			
B/Fwd 1 Oct 20114798	3,724.57	10184.59			
Surplus(+)/deficit(-)	338.92	- 6,460.02			
Watt's Dyke Way		761.90			
Available Bal at 30 Sept 2025	4,063.49	3,724.57			
Bank balance at 30th Sept					
Signed:	Honorary Treasurer: Caroline Faux				
Signed:	Independent Examiner:				
Date:	Address:				

Area Treasurer's Report 2025

Income

Our income for the year is £11,060, made up from Central office grants of £11,000, sales of Ron's book £45 and £15 in donations for talks given by Ron Williams (shown as advertising sales).

Expenditure

Our total expenditure is £10,721.58. Walks' programmes & newsletters cost £3,303.82 and £2,908.03 respectively. £3,502 has been paid in group grants and £1007.73 meetings and admin.

Summary

Balance of the account is £4,063.49

2025/26 Budgets

All Groups have been sent details of how

much money they can automatically receive, and the budget forms have also been sent. The deadline for these to be sent back to me was 14th July.

Monies for the above were received 20th October and all amounts have been paid out to the individual groups on 29th October.

Annual Returns

All Groups have sent their annual returns to me. These are sent on to central office by the end of October.

NB An overpayment of £545.00 to WO Jones (for printing) was refunded.

Caroline Faux
Area Treasurer

Day 14: Porth Colmon – we were joined by Chris and Roo for the first section of the walk. The dull windy day could not spoil our excitement as the end of our journey was nearing. Upon reaching St Hywyn's Church in Aberdaron we collected our completion certificates and celebrated at Gwesty Ty Newydd.

To end our pilgrimage, we took the ferry from Porth Meudwy to Ynys Enlli – joined for the day by Chris and Keith we made one of the final crossings of the year over to the island, said to be the resting place for over 20,000 saints. We spent the day exploring the island's rich heritage, with a visit to the school, church and the lighthouse. The small café was closed but we were treated to coffee and biscuits by staff at the Bardsey Bird and Field Observatory.

Shirley Fermor

Help with our paths —please!

Each Group or county committee relies upon individuals to go out and check path problems. Since Ramblers is a 'statutory consultee' in relation to rights of way we also get notified by councils of proposals to create, divert or extinguish paths, and we need people to help checking these proposals. We also try and keep an eye on planning applications which could affect paths. This means that Ramblers should be in a good position to either improve the network or stop it being adversely affected.

In order to do this work effectively we need individuals to give some of their time. Mostly the work needed is not technical and just needs a site visit and a common sense eye. There are experienced officers to help.

In Denbighshire and Conwy we are particularly short of people to help with this work, but most Groups and committees would welcome additional help.

If you would like to help please get in touch with Ron Williams, Pete Bland or your Group Secretary / FP officer.

Reporting problems

Apart from encouraging walking, one of the most useful things which is done by Ramblers, is to keep an eye on local footpaths and to report any problems to the county council.

Ramblers often do report path problems - say a broken stile, an electric fence, an impassable section of overgrown vegetation. But when you get home after a tiring walk, making a report about a path problem is not the first thing on your mind!

Still, if you make a little effort there is a good chance that your problem will be tackled within a reasonable time. If you are doing a recce for a Group walk, say so, and with luck you may find that the problem is sorted in time for your actual Group walk.

Having reports from Ramblers and the public about path problems can

Date: **Sat 10th Jan 2026, 2pm to 5pm**
Venue: **Craig y Don Community Centre,**
Queens Road, Llandudno, LL30 1TE

Plenty of parking is available. The agenda and list of officers will be on the website shortly. If possible, please let the chair** know if you would like to stand or wish to re-stand for a post, although nominations will be taken on the day.

The AGM is your opportunity to have your say and includes:

- Election of officers;
- Questions about the annual reports in this newsletter
- Motions (see box) submitted in advance please to the secretary or the chair **

What is an AGM Motion?

- Formal proposal: A motion is an idea or action formally suggested for discussion and decision.
- Introduced by members: Any eligible member or director can propose a motion at the AGM.
- Requires a vote: Motions are debated and then voted on; if passed, they become binding resolutions.
- Types of motions: Ordinary motions (simple majority) and special motions (higher threshold, e.g., 75%)

After the formal business there will be refreshments followed by our guest speaker - **Hugh Burgess - The Camino de Santiago - Reflections on a Pilgrimage**

We are delighted to welcome Hugh, who will share an extremely informative

actually help your council's Rights of Way team. In a time of tight finance, they provide evidence in support of an increased budget or additional staff.

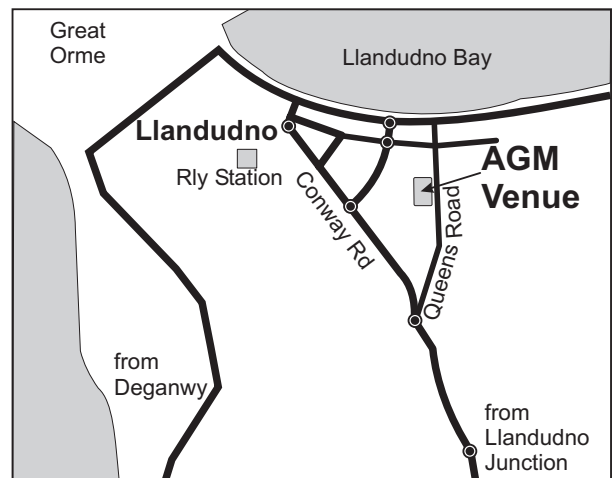
The contribution made to the general 'wellness' of local inhabitants by a decent network of paths can not be overstated.

PB

North Wales AGM

and insightful reflection on his journey from Rhosesmor, North Wales all the way to Santiago de Compostela.

Hugh's talk offers not only practical details of the pilgrimage but also



thoughtful reflections on the meaning of the Camino experience. It promises to be both engaging and inspiring.

I can highly recommend this talk – it's one not to miss!

Please support the committee by attending, we value your input and interest in the various topics.

Shirley Fermor,

North Wales Area Secretary

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Pre AGM walk

Kevin Slattery will be leading a short walk from Craig y Don Community Centre - 'A circular walk around the Nant y Gamar area'.

Meet: SH794815 -back of car park

Distance: 3 miles / 4.8 kms

Start: 11:00 am

Finish (est.): 1:00 pm

Aberlleiniog Castle path

As we go to press we learn that this path dispute at Llangoed, Ynys Môn, is headed to a public inquiry. Nick Stuart and Gareth Phillips claimed the route on the basis of long use after it was blocked by a developer. More info from Pete Bland or Andria Massey.