



Arthog Inquiry

As mentioned in the last issue (12/22) a public inquiry started in Dolgellau on 14 Feb into the existence of public rights over a path in front of **Mawddach Terrace**, properties which face the beautiful Mawddach estuary (SH631148). The terrace was built by Solomon Andrews, an entrepreneur who had a lot to do with bus companies in Cardiff, and whose name is still well known in Pwllheli.

There is a recorded footpath which goes around the rear of the properties, but the applicant, Huw Roberts who was born in Arthog, maintained that the historic route was in front of the houses.

The basic proposition was that the path had been used by the public for more than 20 years up to 2006 and had been so used since the early 1900s, excluding WWII. The evidence on both sides was very extensive and complicated.

Also at issue was the well-used route across the embankment ('cob') linking in to the south end of the Barmouth railway bridge, not part of the original claim.

The existence of the route as a public path was fiercely resisted by the owners and former owners of the Mawddach Terrace properties. They employed a barrister, Stephen Whale, to make their case.

It quickly became clear that to describe Mr Whale as thorough was a considerable understatement. He refused to be hurried and cross-examination of witnesses took an age. In consequence the inquiry, scheduled for four days, had to be adjourned and was resumed in 'virtual' fashion (using 'Teams') on 14 March.

The extra days in March were not enough and another two days had to be scheduled in April to finish the inquiry.

Gwynedd councillors had voted in committee (2018) to support the application, but the Gwynedd officer who gave evidence was at best lukewarm in his support. With friends like that ...

We now await the inspector's decision but I wouldn't hold your breath — it could be a while yet.

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Deganwy level crossing

The last newsletter report on the level crossing saga was in June 2022. Conwy Council had turned down a request from Network Rail ('NR') to make an order extinguishing the public path across the railway at the foot of Tywyn Hill.

NR then made a similar request to Welsh Ministers to extinguish the public path. The Deputy Minister, Lee Waters, refused that request in late May 2022 and suggested that NR ought to 'engage meaningfully' with stakeholders, the local council and with Transport for Wales ('TfW'). (TfW has a strong interest in Active Travel.)

What happened then was interesting. TfW set up what it called a Working Group consisting of NR, Conwy Council, TfW, Sustrans, Ramblers, Deganwy Residents, the Conwy Estuary Trail Users Group, NRW, the local MP and AS and

others. Coun. Mike Priestley, one of the original applicants to register the path, also attended. I say 'attended', but most meetings of this group were done online.

TfW commissioned consulting engineers AECOM to review the options and come up with a report under what is called WelTAG - a process for evaluating expensive schemes. As we go to press AECOM had produced a Draft WelTAG report which should now be finalised and on its way to Welsh Ministers. It includes a recommendation to make the permissive coastal trail into a PRoW.

Because of poor sightlines, the viable options seem to boil down to either a reinstated crossing with a speed reduction on the railway line - which NR strongly opposes - and a stepped bridge, which will be very expensive.

Meanwhile the level crossing - closed in 2011 - remains closed to the public.



Llyn Conwy walk on Access Land 27 August 2022 (photo Joanna Slattery)

Notes from the chair

IN MY recent ramblings I have been discussing recent articles in the newspapers about access to the countryside. Two additional articles caught my attention recently that highlight the importance of objecting to various developments. The first concerned building a new hotel next to the River Irwell in Salford (Note 1).

Unbelievably, Salford Council gave permission last year for the development to proceed and close a 300 year old towpath next to the river and to divert it through the hotel lobby! Various organisations, individuals and newspapers campaigned against the decision and the Mayor of Salford called for an urgent review saying the default position should always be to protect public rights of way. The developer has scrapped the plan to close the footpath along the river after the public outcry that a right of way was being “stolen” and “sacrificed for private

gain”. One of the campaigners stated:

“The right to roam is a vital issue in urban areas as well as the countryside and we hope to build on this success. Ralli Quays is a small but significant stretch of land that demonstrates the importance and value of public space and access to nature for everyone.”

The other concerned an Evesham landowner who tried to stop walkers using a public footpath on her land. A court heard she blocked the path with barbed wire, chains and “keep out” notices and even hurled a branch at two women who tried to get through the gate. She was given a five year Criminal Behaviour Order for her offences and convicted and fined for various offences. This means that she cannot be abusive or aggressive with any member of the public making use of the footpath nor obstruct or block off any exit or entrance point (Note 2).

The big problem is that it is very difficult for local residents to understand the planning processes and get involved in trying to influence decisions. This is a great example of common sense prevailing in these issues. We have had recent problems in North Wales of organised events for mountain bikes on footpaths. They demonstrate the importance of the Ramblers organisation and its members in campaigning on various issues and that we have access to legal advice when required (Note 3).

John Elwyn Williams
Chair, Ramblers Cymru North Wales

Notes

1. <https://tinyurl.com/mr3fu5j9>
2. <https://tinyurl.com/mr472ad2>
3. <https://tinyurl.com/yckvhtcw>

Secretary's report

There has been some frustration over the delays in introducing some new national systems. Much of this has been due to outside factors and Ramblers are now moving forward with new national website and the new walks system. Walks Manager has replaced GWEM and Walkfinder. Some groups switched before the changeover others have been catching up. The change has led to problems locally and glitches nationally. Hopefully most will be sorted out by the time you read this. Ramblers London headquarters has also moved (the new address is in the handbook).

North Wales Ramblers Handbook (previously the Combined Walk Programme). The latest handbook is included in this mailing. Many groups have included a great selection of walks in this but not all leaders want to submit their walks so long in advance and this has to be their choice so details of where to find walks submitted after the handbook is printed are also included.

Your group's AGM notices are in the handbook, please contact your group if you have any questions. (Details of all groups and Area officers are in the handbook)

General walk notes and other Ramblers information are also in the handbook.

Walking open access Like many in the Ramblers I enjoy walking on Open Access Land, - local mountains and moorland and fully support our campaigns to extend this access. As with many rights it also brings responsibilities. I'm sure our members take home their rubbish and generally follow the countryside code.

We also need to be aware of the impact we can have on nesting birds. In North Wales we are lucky enough to still see birds like curlews and snipe but most bird species are in decline. Curlews have declined in Wales by more than 90% in the last 20 years!

This means avoiding disturbing ground-nesting birds is even more important than ever particularly when walking with a dog or walking with a group. When an incubating or brooding bird is frightened off a nest it increases the chance of other birds and predators taking eggs or chicks.

Keeping to paths, even sheep paths is helpful and planning any wilder group walks for late summer and autumn is worth considering. It is recommended to keep dogs on a short lead in upland areas during the spring and summer.

Car Sharing/ lift systems. My group Conwy Valley would like to increase the availability of car sharing for walks but

do not want to increase the work load for walk leaders. It would be great to know what other groups do to promote this.

Welsh Council – see separate report
Paths to Wellbeing project – see separate reports

Joanna Slattery, Area Secretary

Emergency SMS

Lost or injured in the mountains with only a faint mobile signal? If only you could send a text message to the emergency services! Well, you can, but you need to register beforehand. It is quick and simple and remains unless you change phone.

Pre-registering with the Emergency SMS service means that in an emergency you can text 999 for help, which is useful when you have a reduced phone signal (often a text will go through when a voice call can't connect):

- Send the word 'register' in an SMS message to 999
- You will then receive SMS messages about the service
- When you have read these SMS messages, reply by sending 'yes' in an SMS message to 999
- You will receive a SMS message telling you that your mobile phone is registered or if there is a problem with your registration

Area AGM

The Area Annual General Meeting took place in January. It was great to be able to hold it face to face.

Most officers were re-elected. David Allison was elected Vice Chair; Shirley Fermor is now the Representative of affiliated organisations and Representative of individual members. We no longer have a Countryside Officer post. There is currently a vacancy for Publicity & Promoting Walking Secretary.

Max Grant has stood down as a Vice President and the Secretary has written to thank him for his time as Vice President and past work for the Ramblers.

David (Dai) Rees (Ramblers Cymru Governance & Local Engagement Officer) introduced himself. He is the first point of contact for members and he invited members to contact him if they have any issues, questions or concerns.

Risk Assessments: The issue is still not resolved. Walk leaders do need to keep filling in the forms (available on the Area and national website) to comply with the current insurance. At Ramblers General Council 2023 it was accepted that proposals for changes would be made later this year.

Wales Coast Path: Penrhyn Estate have at last agreed to the re-routing of the path through their estate.

A life member raised **problems with their membership** - resolved after considerable persistence. It seems other membership mistakes are also happening. We would like to get an overview of these so please report issues to David Collins

membership@

ramblersnorthwales.org.uk

Ron Williams reported that the North Wales Pilgrims Way will be going onto OS maps.

There was a break for refreshments and Jean Wilson was thanked for providing cakes.

The Guest speaker, Peter Rutherford from the Snowdonia National Park Authority, gave a very informative talk about "Access and the Snowdonia National Park" with a great selection of photographs to illustrate problems and solutions.

The next AGM will be 13.1.24

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Welsh Council 2023

Welsh Council (the AGM of Ramblers Cymru) was held in Carmarthen this year over a Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning (next year we will be hosting it in North Wales)

The discussions on Saturday were interesting and were followed by excellent speakers.

The discussions I attended were on 'Communication: how, where, and what?' and 'How to increase your membership', with emphasis on younger membership.

The two guest speakers were Hywel Morgan, a 'Nature Friendly' farmer. This was linked to a discussion of changes in agricultural subsidies. And Richard Keen 'Pathways to History'. Richard looked at examples of how we can find history on our doorstep as we walk our footpaths. His YouTube films include one on slate quarrying at Dinorwig:

<https://www.youtube.com/>

@richardkeen6648

Will Renwick also spoke as retiring President about his passion for walking and he was thanked for his work.

Sunday was the business session. The Paths to Wellbeing two year project is nearing its conclusion and many targets have already been reached. Details of follow up work are still being developed. Ross Maloney the new CEO spoke for 15 mins or so. He was there for the whole weekend and made a positive impact. The motion on Risk Assessments was withdrawn as the GB group looking at Risk Assessments had already finished its report ready for General Council.

Some name changes (and some related wording changes in the constitution were agreed). Welsh Council is now called the Ramblers Cymru AGM and the Welsh Council Executive Committee is the Ramblers Cymru Steering Group RCSG.

Alan Austin (Powys Area) came off RCSG (WCEC) and Graham Taylor (Powys Area) replaced him. Kate Ashbrook was agreed as an additional vice president. No President/Ambassador to replace Will Renwick has been arranged yet.

Vale of Clwyd Group

- admin/sec needed, to be the point of contact for the group, to take brief notes of group meetings (4-5 annually) and of AGM – full support given if required
- chair vacancy: to work closely with the Sec, chair meetings (frequency as for Sec post); to take a lead on group activities & network/promote what we do
- seats left for the coach trip to Hartington on 17 June – register without delay
- rooms left also for the weekend in Llanwrtyd Wells 8-11 September
- Any additional questions/queries can be forwarded to Yve Hands by e-mail at **france44000@outlook.com**

Penrhyn update

The new section of the Wales Coast Path between Bangor and Aber Ogwen has been covered here before but as we go to press it is not yet open to the public.

Gwynedd's Coast Path Officer, Rhys Roberts, said they had been delayed a bit but he hoped that the new section of path would be open in July.

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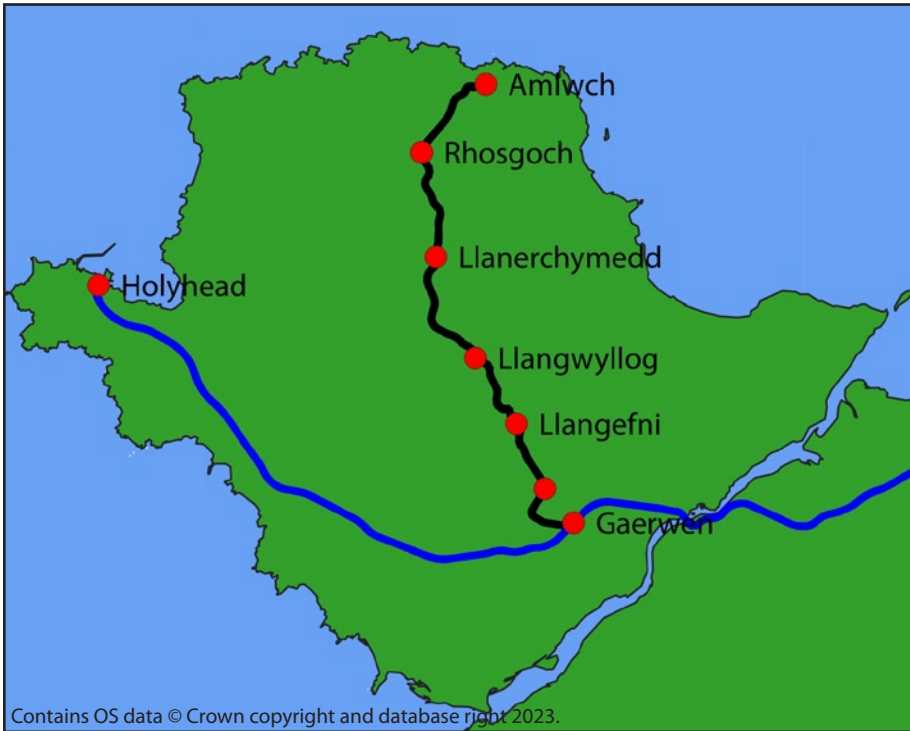
Membership Report

LW01	Clwydian	161
LW02	Conwy Valley	230
LW03	Ynys Môn	144
LW04	Wrexham	127
LW06	Meirionnydd	107
LW07	Berwyn	65
LW08	Vale of Clwyd	153
LW09	Deeside	110
LW10	Eryri	198
LW96	North Wales Area membership	51
	Grand total	1346

The most recent count of members by Group is shown in the table above. Our overall membership in north Wales is almost unchanged since the last update.

Any enquiries about membership can be sent to **membership@ramblersnorthwales.org.uk** DC

Lein Amlwch and Lôn Las Môn



Two groups working on the Isle of Anglesey have high hopes of turning the former railway line between Amlwch and Gaerwen back into public use.

Despite being unused for over 20 years, the Lein Amlwch group were granted a licence by Network Rail in 2012 to start the huge task of clearing the disused line.

Since then, the group have cleared miles of the track and harbour hopes of re-opening the line to passengers for the first time since 1964 saying the potential for increased tourism would be huge. They insist they have the support of The Welsh Government and Anglesey Council and local MP Virginia Crosbie reported that a bid for Restoring your Railways Ideas Fund grant was successful with an award of £50,000 for a full feasibility study into what the line could be used for, a multi-purpose path and/or a railway.

The study also looked into the possibility of a multi-purpose path to extend beyond Gaerwen to Newborough, thus linking the north and south parts of the Coastal Path.

In 2022 Lein Amlwch group were granted a 99-year lease from Network Rail but with no specifics about funding, plans or time scales although there is a 3-month notice period if there is no activity on the line. They are responsible for enclosures/fences etc and we have heard they are regularly sending out solicitors' letters to trespassers for safety reasons

but we can't verify this. It is believed that the train option would cost in the region of £150m be it a main line or light railway option

Lôn Las Môn is the second group, they are working on turning the 18 mile line into a multi-purpose path, highlighting the benefits this would bring in terms of walking, hiking, cycling and providing disabled access in a completely traffic free environment and at an estimated cost of £10m. Ynys Môn Ramblers Group back this option as we believe it is more affordable and achievable and could also lead to an increase in tourism.

The group recently held a rally in Llangefni which was attended by an estimated 200-300 people, including walkers, cyclists, horse riders with attendees of all ages from the young to the older. Unfortunately it wasn't covered by the press but they have received lots of feedback through social media. They are now hoping to arrange a meeting with the Lein Amlwch supporters to discuss the way forward as they have always thought a temporary path could be put down while the train option is progressing. They are also hoping to meet with Network Rail putting forward their view that the cost of restoring the railway makes this venture very unlikely and to discuss the lease granted to Lein Amlwch.

*Andria Massey
Footpath Secretary and Access Officer
Ynys Môn Group*

Snippets

The Secretary's report about Welsh Council (as was) mentions the talk given by Richard Keen and I found one of the examples he used of particular interest with his slides of a walk near Blaenau Ffestiniog, around Rhosydd Quarry and Cwm Croesor – an old stomping ground with which I am very familiar and it brought back memories of my youth!

I recently attending the opening of the new Pipeline Bridge in Dolgarrog following a £2m investment by Welsh Water. It links the village to the station and gives access to a variety of routes. It helps link one side of the river Conwy with the other where there is the embryonic Betws-y-Coed to Glan Conwy Active Travel route. A consultation on a new Sapper's Bridge in Betws has taken place which will give a similar link and which is much needed by residents.

My time as Trustee of the Snowdonia Society comes to an end at the next AGM in November. Keep an eye open soon for details of Trustee vacancies on this charity if you are interested. The Society will send details to our Secretary who will circulate to Groups. This gives you a way of keeping an eye on the national Park's thinking on access issues, conservation of natural beauty and planning proposals.

Denis McAteer

Meliden path

A short section of path (60 metres) was claimed by local residents in Meliden, near Prestatyn. It links the main road to an established walking route along an old railway trackbed. Plenty of user evidence was collected and Denbighshire made the Order adding the path to the map in 2021.

Landowners objected and the case went to a (virtual) public inquiry in January 2023. The council supported the order and employed an effective barrister to conduct the case.

At the end of May the Inspector issued her decision, which was to confirm the order. So, well done to all concerned!

Dogs and Walkers

Walking with Dogs

There's no law which says that a dog must be kept on a lead when using a public right of way, but local authorities can make orders under section 27 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 to make it a requirement on specific paths. Like its responsible owner, a dog should remain on the line of the public path.



Walkers with dogs should take particular care when crossing fields where animals are being grazed. Section 1 of the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 makes it an offence for a dog to be at large, *'that is to say not on a lead or otherwise under close control'*, in a field or enclosure containing sheep.

It's also an offence for dogs to attack or chase livestock and farmers are allowed to shoot dogs that are worrying,

or are about to worry, farm animals. This is set out in section 9 of the Animals Act 1971.

Also be very wary of crossing a field with a dog when cattle are present, particularly if there are calves as well. If the cattle seem 'interested' in you and the dog, the usual advice is to let the dog go and make your own way to the exit.

Access land

On open access land, you must put your dog on a lead around livestock. Between 1 March and 31 July, you must have your dog on a lead on open access land, even if there is no livestock on the land. These are both legal requirements.

However, there is also another side to the coin...

Walkers being intimidated by dogs

Dog owners (and that of course includes dog-owning farmers!) have a duty to ensure that their animal doesn't threaten or harm other people. The Town Police Clauses Act of 1847 made it an offence for 'any unmuzzled ferocious dog' to be at large in any street (a term which includes all rights of way).

Restrictions can be placed on dog ownership under the Dogs Act 1871 if the animal is found to be out of control, threatening or ferocious. A magistrates' court can specify what measures must be taken by the owner.

If you're bitten *or intimidated* by a dog (such as where a dog impedes or deters you from using a public footpath) then it's important **report the problem to the police**, and get an incident number (this can now be done online). As well as reporting it to the police report it to the Council highways Public Rights of Way authority and also report it to your local Ramblers Footpath team.

The police do follow up reports of dangerous or intimidating dogs and in the first instance usually tell the dog owner to ensure it is kept under control and does not threaten or intimidate walkers. The local Ramblers representative will be able to follow the case up if the police warning is not taken notice of.

Furthermore, a notice warning people of a dog running loose (such as in the picture opposite) does not absolve the owner of any responsibility whatsoever.

John Buckley



Photos by the author, except below, supplied by Meirionnydd Group. A woman received a nip to the leg when a dog decided to round up a small group of walkers, ignoring its owner. Luckily her tetanus jab was up to date.



Llwybrau Mawddwy paths

EIGHT circular waymarked self-guided routes have been developed by social enterprise Cwmni Nod Glas in Dinas Mawddwy with funding from Welsh Government, the EU and other partners and are marked with different colours on a map (which can be bought locally with proceedings used to improve the paths into the future) and the same colours are on path markers en-route. Five start and finish in Dinas Mawddwy. The others start and finish in three other nearby villages – Llanymawddwy, Mallwyd and Aberangell. All paths can be seen on-line at -

<https://dinasmauddwy.co.uk/walks-trails/>

Five of the routes start from Lawnt y Plas car park in Dinas Mawddwy (Grid Reference SH 859 150). The signed entrance is opposite the Red Lion (Llew Coch) Inn at the public toilets. The 5 Dinas Mawddwy paths are:

- The Tanybwllch Path (1.7 Miles / 45 Minutes)
- The Cerist Path (3.5 Miles / 1.5Hrs)
- The Cywarch Path (7 Miles / 3Hrs)
- The Cewydd Path (5 Miles 2.5-3Hrs)
- The Foel Dre Path (4.5 Miles / 3+Hrs)

The other three paths are:

- The Llanymawddwy Postman path (Starts at SH 903 190 opposite Llanymawddwy Church) – (3-5 Miles / 2-3Hrs)
- The Aberangell path (Starts at SH 844 103 on the edge of the village of Aberangell) – (5.5-7 Miles 3-4Hrs)
- The Dugod Clywedog path (starts at SH 863 126 at the Brigands Inn car park in the village of Mallwyd) – (12.5 Miles / 6-7+Hrs)

In rough order of difficulty and time they are:

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6. The Aberangell path (5.5-7 Miles 3-4Hrs)
7. The Foel Dre Path (4.5 Miles 3+Hrs)
8. The Dugod Clywedog path (12.5 Miles / 6-7+Hrs)

The paths explore intimate valleys, tumbling streams, shady woodlands and wild moorland with magnificent views. A reasonably fit person will be able to tackle any of the routes given adequate time and consideration for the weather. All the walks follow public rights of way and are waymarked.

The Mawddwy area is a special and unique place with the Afon Dyfi flowing through its heart. This is an area rich in history, scenery, nature, culture and characters that have shaped this mountainous valley. Mawddwy has been a destination for those who were persecuted over the centuries from the pre-historic period of the fort which has retained the name Dinas.

Famous people include Saint Tydecho, Owain Glyndwr, Gwyllyaid Cochion (Red Bandits) of Mawddwy in the Dugod valley as well as Dr John Davies Mallwyd who built bridges to improve connectivity but more famously as the translator of the Welsh Bible of 1620. The Mawddwy Paths take you to many of the sites where there is a connection with the above, and there is a thrill to be had in considering that you may be following in the footsteps of Glyndwr and Henry Tudor who marched his army to Bosworth field! All kind of people have been here and there is a warm welcome for you to leave your footprint.

Gill Caves, FP Secretary Meirionnydd Group

<https://dinasmauddwy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Route-00-Dinas-Mawddwy-Area-map-v6.pdf>



Paths to Wellbeing



North West

Max Henderson left Ramblers Cymru in January and I, Amanda Hill have been picking up the work load.

Holy Island

Ten gates have been installed – six new kissing gates near Holyhead have been installed by Silver Slashers along a path that previously could not be used. Four gates have been installed at Breakwater Country Park on rights of way improving access. five gates have been gifted to Anglesey County Council to install in the local vicinity. Seven of the eight routes have been waymarked – the town Swift Walk is awaiting permission to put discs through the town on street furniture and will feature an additional swift logo.

Swift and bat boxes have been installed by the Wildlife Trust.

Two benches have been installed at the Ucheldre Centre and the noticeboard will be installed here as a good local hub. A third bench will be installed at South Stacks.

A small thank you event has taken place and was a great opportunity to thank the Silver Slashers for their support.

Penrhyndeudraeth

Meirionnydd Ramblers have helped install one gate and there are 3 more to go in, as well as a gate with the Wildlife Trust. Six gates will be left with Gwynedd County Council.

Swift and bat boxes have been installed.

All routes are waymarked and the noticeboard will be installed on the Travel Cymru building, on the High Street, soon.

Two benches have been installed at Gwaith Powdwr Nature Reserve as well

as the sculpture which pays tribute to those lost in the explosion at the factory.

The thank you event was scheduled for the 14 May in collaboration with the North Wales Wildlife Trust.

Penmaenmawr

Conwy Valley Ramblers will be helping install three gates at Pentrefoelas and one gate has been

installed on the ascent up Allt Wen, two other gates have been installed on paths up Conwy Mountain and locals have already commented on the improvements here. Two gates remain with Conwy County Borough Council.

All routes are waymarked and the noticeboard will be installed at the library.

One bench was installed on Allt Wen thanks to the cooperation of the Pendyffryn Caravan Park.

A thank you event has been held.

Thank you to all who have made the project possible with your help and contributions to work on the ground.

Amanda Hill

North East

The Paths to Wellbeing Project is now drawing to an end. The following is a brief overview of the achievements across

More info at <https://pathstowellbeing.ramblers.org.uk/>

North East Wales.

47 improvements have been made to stiles. Some of these have been fixed/missing steps added. Some have been replaced with kissing or pedestrian gates. In one or two cases a stile or gate has been added where previously there has been no access.

Nearly 500 waymark discs have been put up. Mostly new community discs to advertise the 24 new routes that have been created but in addition some missing Local Authority discs have been added.

The project has engaged a wide variety of people from existing Ramblers members, new volunteers, school groups, men's groups, Brownies, college students and many more who between them have contributed around 2,000 volunteer hours.

Seven new benches have been installed in the communities, trees have been planted, wildflowers sown, bird boxes made and put up and new friendships made along the way.

1. Vegetation Clearance in **Llanfair DC**, Denbighshire uncovering two stiles and a set of steps that had been impassable for years.
2. Opening up a section of path in **Llanfynydd**, Flintshire that had been closed as long as the locals could remember.
3. Installing a gate east of **Caia Park**, Wrexham with the Caia Park men's group. There was no access previously.

Heather Martin



Berwyn: 'Whitestones' route Traffic Order

You have probably walked in areas where what used to be an old mountain road or track has been wrecked by the passage of 4x4 vehicles or motor bike scramblers. The Ceiriog Valley SW of Wrexham is an area which has been badly affected in places by such use. Some parts of the designated Ceiriog & Upper Ceiriog Ways have become virtually unusable.

Most of the affected routes are public highways, often marked on the OS Explorer map with green 'ORPA' dots - Other Route with Public Access.

In April Wrexham Council made an experimental Traffic Regulation Order for one case, known generally as the 'Whitestones' route. The order prohibits all motorised traffic (except for access) for a period of 12 months. If the order receives support it could be extended or made permanent.

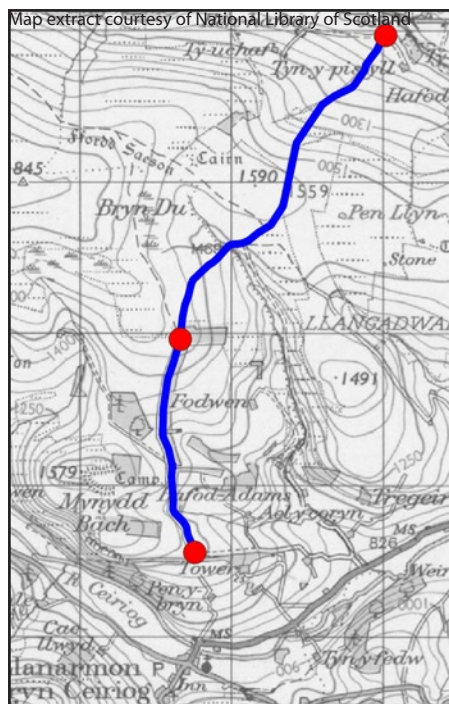
The location is N of Llanarmon Dyffryn Ceiriog and is shown in BLUE on the map extract below. The restricted / closed section runs from Pen yr Allt (SJ157335) to Ty-Du (SJ170369). High up on the route it passes Rhyd Caledwynt. *More info is available from the Editor if required.*

It is understood that organisations representing motorised users are likely to challenge the order. **If you would like to support it, write before 30 June to:**

Darren Williams, Chief Officer Environment & Technical, Wrexham County Borough Council, Abbey Road South, Wrexham, LL13 9PW. Or email traffic@wrexham.gov.uk. Quote reference TL/JE/LR31.05.23, explaining your support.



Visible deep erosion on the Whitestones route (photo: Save our Paths)



Where do we go now?



This is a bridleway in the middle of the countryside SW of Denbigh. Apart from the obvious barrier the surface has been dug up. SH999632 (photo: Tom Marshall)