

Trip Report: Llandiloes

Date: 17th March 2012

Group: Ian(leader)Jim G,Jim W,Lynda & Katherine,Mike,Les & Chris,Sue, Tony & Lynn, Molly

Route: Semi Sabrina

Total Distance: 12 miles

Total Ascent: 3162 ft

Weather: Bright Sunshine, some misty patches,small shower

Time: 6 hours

Following a frantic email last night Colin is a no-show (got to get ready for a trip to Oz)

We set off from the pavilion on a dull day but were encouraged by the bright sunshine on the horizon as we headed towards Newtown, the roads were full of Welsh people (apparently travelling to a significant Rugby game)

Having parked up in the church car park at Llandiloes we found the start of the walk fairly easily(due to some research the night before on Google Earth)and followed the banks of the Severn over a bridge and out of the village.

Molly preceded to 'shame' herself in the street and after much persuading from Lynda(quite rightly)Ian picked up the offending parcel and deposited it in his rucksack waiting for a bin, this resulted in him having to walk away from the rest of the team , due to a curious odour from his rucksack.

Turning off the B4518 we joined the Glyndwr's Way and made our way onto the golf course, much to the surprise of 2 golfers(it is a public footpath)This was followed by a small detour,Ian missed the turning, which did allow us the curious view of some ladies underwear hanging from a tree.

Following the Glyndwr's Way markers we made our way across several fields to Garth farm and then to a coffee break at a disused quarry.

It was at this point that It became clear that the original estimated total ascent (525 mtrs) may have been slightly underestimated, Ian confessed that in the absence of any stats he had guessed!

After crossing through some stiles alongside a farm we turned right onto B4518 and after half a mile turned up the drive way to Bryntail Farm, we were accompanied along this section by 2 Red tail kites.

Passing an interesting sign from the waterboard banning the use of fire arms we got our first sight of Clywedog Dam. At the base of the Dam we investigated a salmon Farm and abandoned Lead works.

Lunch was enjoyed at the appropriately named Red Kite viewing point at the Top of the Dam and we were treated to fantastic views of the reservoir. Just as lunch ended we were forced to don wet gear as the heavens opened up on us, it was in fact the only rain of the day and only lasted about 5 mins.

Rejoining the GW Way we passed through a farm and dropped through a valley to some huts used by a local shooting club. The sun was shining and we opted to de-layer but unfortunately Mike left his poles behind (a xmas present from Lesley) and we had to wait 10 mins while he returned to retrieve them. As this is the height of Lambing season we should not have been surprised to come across a mother giving birth,.

Dropping down to the river Severn and a 'lovely' caravan park where you can have any colour you want as long as it's green! we returned to LLanidloes and made our way back to the Dysart for the usual refreshment. The overall view of the walk was

"SURPRISINGLY GOOD"

Ian