The Long Mynd
17th October 2026

Group : Steve, Sarah [walk leader], Clare , Jo, Mike Arrowsmith, Dave Bond, Judy , Sue McNeil, Sue Lancaster and newbie Layla Taylor.

The weather was forecast to be excellent for our walk in the Long Mynd, so much so we were graced with the presence of Sue mcNeil and BUMs newbie Layla Taylor. 3 cars left Bunbury at 8.15 and arrived practically together at the lovely little [free] car park, just off of Cunnery road in Church stretton. By 9.45 we were all suitably attired and ready for a fabulous day in the hills.
Whilst the car park is free it does lack any toilet facilities and given that the area is very popular the leader decided that the public loos in Carding Mill Valley [CMV] would be our first stop.
Now feeling much more comfortable we headed off in earnest, firstly turning back down the CMV. Before exiting CMV we took a gradually rising, single track footpath, which took us around the base of Stanyeld towards the golf course. At this point we had to have a brief faff stop i.e de-layering, before climbing again across the golf course where a number of golfers were in action. Thankfully there were no wayward shots headed our way. On reaching a height of 360m we then descended in a north easterly direction back down to the valley near All Stretton. Mentioning no names there were a few who doubted the route finding of the leader, probably on account of losing all the altitude that we had gained.
By this time there were a few mumbles about coffee and fortunately for us, after leaving the shade behind, we found a suitably sunny ledge in the 'Batch' on which to take refreshment.
Suitably refreshed we headed off up the valley, initially quite steeply, in the direction of Jirlye. Before reaching the road our route turned north westerly across Jonathon's Rock. The route from here was gradually ascending crossing the 'Jack Mytton Way' and taking in the 'The Port Way'. The latter was not as well walked as i had hoped but still passable. But it did offer us a little shelter to hunker down in the bilberries away from the wind and take in some lunch.
Suitably refreshed once more ,Pole bank, our high spot , was quickly attained. Fortunately the crowd gathered around the trig point left as we arrived giving us a great group photo shot.
After taking a little time to admire the views our route took us back towards 'Boiling Well Spring' . From here the route descended gradually at first but then after contouring around Yearlet the route descended more steeply and eventually it led us back to Cunnery road from where we started.

Thankfully the trip home was uneventful . We then gathered in the Dysart for the usual hydration and where a number of other members joined us. Whilst it was great to see so many BUMs it was Della Calder's presence who was greatly welcomed. Whilst she has been fighting her own medical battle for the last few months I'm sure it won't be long before we see her again on the walks.

Thank you to the drivers Steve, Mike and Dave , the three honorary men in the group .

I'm going with the following stats for the walk despite everyone seeming to have to have different readings : 9.7 miles 585m ascent.