

Trip Report 5 August 2022

Route	Clwydian Range from Ruthin
Distance	10 miles with 2100ft accent
Squad	Sarah, Steve, Heather, Andrea, Dave (French), Jim, Gerry, Colin, Ann, Neil (Leader)

A smooth start to the morning with everyone ready for an 8.30 departure from the Pavilion. We rendezvoused with Steve and Sarah at Ruthin and were on our way just after 9.30.

It was great to welcome Dave French on his first BUMS walk, and also to see Heather and Andrea on the walk too. It was also good to see the regulars!!

The weather all day was great, with only a slight breeze and the odd spot of rain.

The walk proceeded from the centre of Ruthin towards Moel Eithinen, crossing rolling fields, with a steady accent. The path proceeded through woodland and joined the Offa's Dyke Path (ODP) at Moel Gyw where a well-earned coffee stop was taken. The stop afforded lovely 360 degree panoramic views, which was a feature of the walk all day.

The group continued on the ODP, traversing around Moel Gyw, with a brief descent before ascending again past Mole Llanfair and onto the top of Mole y Pals (440m), where the team had lunch, overlooking a lovely lake.

After lunch the group headed down through a small valley, circumnavigating a radio mast in a manner that left a few of the team wondering if the Leader knew where he was going! Of course he did, and faith was restored when the path was finally located.

The rest of the walk back to Ruthin took the group through woodland and fields with all arriving safely back to the car park at 3pm.

Hydration was taken later at the Dysart, where, luckily, the beer and cider festival had just commenced.

My thanks to Jim and Colin for driving and to the whole squad for their good humour in making it a most enjoyable day.

Neil