

Walk 4

approx 2 hrs

Around Nantmawr

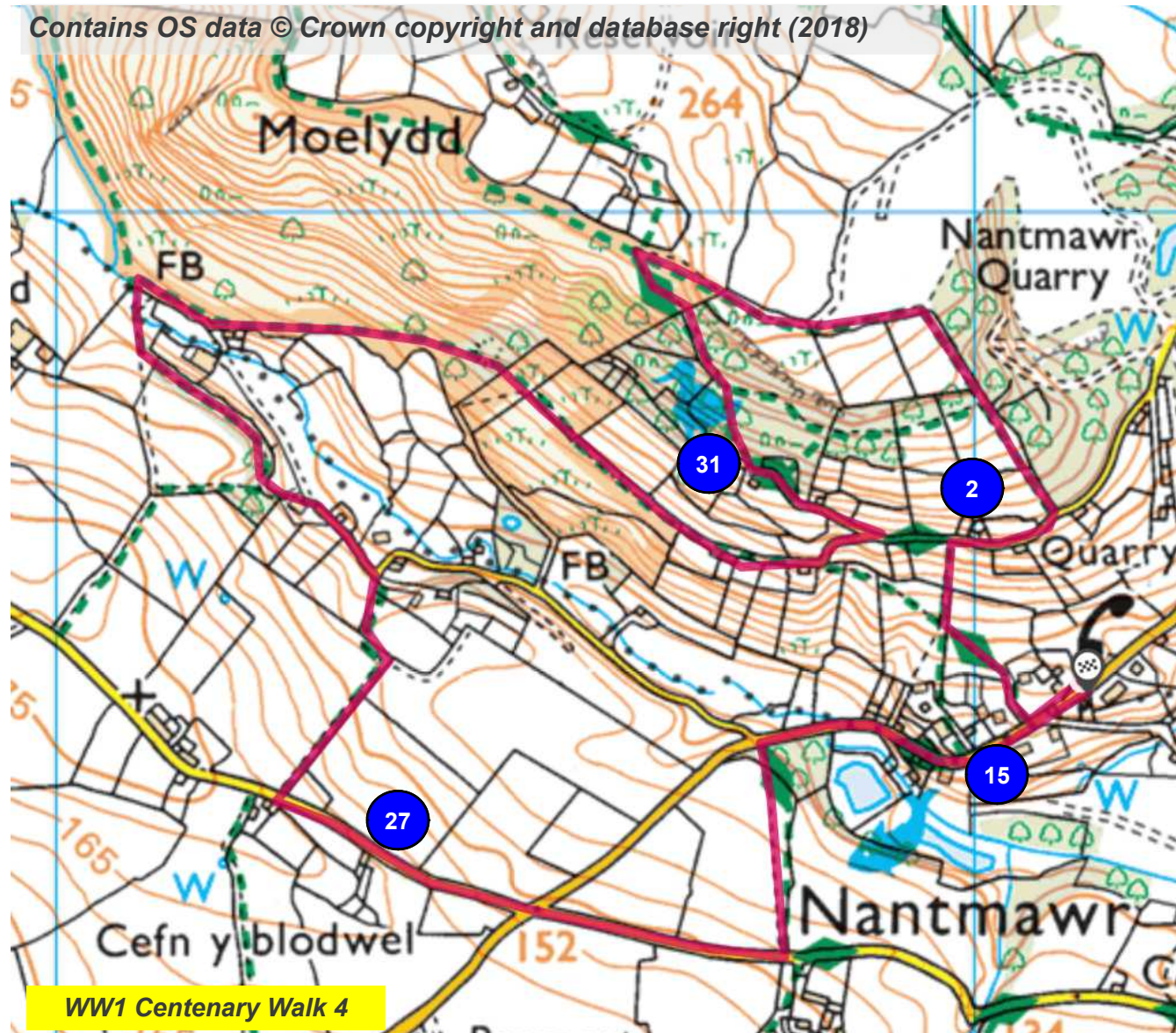
Starting from the village of Nantmawr, this walk uses the Offa's Dyke National Trail to access views across to the Tanat valley from near the old quarry before making a circuit of Nantmawr valley.

Warning: the route up from Nantmawr is steep and grassy. The steepest section can be avoided by using other footpaths shown on the map.

Start from the information board and telephone box in Nantmawr. Parking is limited here, but it is possible to park further down the road and round the bend.

Walk downhill from the 'phone box and take the Offa's Dyke footpath sign on your right. After a stile, the path bears left as it opens into a field, crosses two stiles then climbs sharply uphill to a bench and a stile. Turn right on Quarry Lane passing **Stone House (2 Francis Carsley)** on your left.

After about 80m, take the footpath over an awkward stile in the hedge on the left and follow the fence quite steeply uphill across a stile, to the top of the next field. Cross the stile and turn immediately left. Stay close to the fence on your left as Nantmawr quarry is passed on your right. A stile and field gate lead into an open meadow with excellent views. Further up, the path crosses a stile and continues straight ahead then downhill, keeping the fence on your right, until you come to a sign post by a wooden pedestrian gate. Do not pass through the gate, but turn left and back on yourself to follow the Offa's Dyke path down through



Jones' Rough. As you reach the lane the house on your right is **Sycamore Cottage (31 John Wooding)**.

Walk down the lane away from the cottage and turn right at the junction. This lane continues past a turning area then becomes a track leading to a field gate. The footpath continues straight ahead, undefined in places but near the right-hand field boundary, before crossing a stile into a more wooded area. Eventually emerge into

an open field with telegraph poles which roughly follow the line of the path. There is a small quarry on your right after which the path meets a track. Turn left on the track, then over a stile, and cross a well constructed bridge over the stream.

From the bridge bear left up the slope, past a waymark post and over the stile to follow the wooded path along the fence/hedge. It can be necessary to walk above the path when wet to avoid muddy areas. Eventually the path arrives at a waymark post in a small gully. Turn slightly left and downhill to a stile, across a small paddock and stile, then turn right on the lane.

After 100m, as the lane bends left, take the footpath on the right at the start of the entrance drive to 'The Bank'. The newly diverted path makes its way uphill through hedge gaps and stiles, to the lane at Cefn Blodwel. Turn left on the lane, passing **Greenfields** ([27 Richard Roberts](#)) on your right after about 100m. Continue along the lane and continue straight ahead at the crossroads (take care when crossing this road).

After about 200m, take the Offa's Dyke path over a stile on the left and follow it downhill to a gate within a gate and into a wood. At the lane, turn right across the bridge into Nantmawr. Be cautious at the bend, then take a moment to visit Sister Gladys Hughes' grave (turn left up a drive and through a metal gate into the graveyard) before walking past her former home, **Cambrian House** ([15 Gladys Hughes](#)), and back to the start of the walk.



Sister Gladys Hughes of Cambrian House,
Nantmawr



Two homes are not visited by these walks:
Llwynymapsis (*Charles Hughes, George Hughes*) on the left as the road from Trefonen enters Morda.
Corner House (*Alfred Griffiths*) is on Blodwel Bank above the turning for Porthywaen.
Both have blue plaques.

Daniel Considine and Charles Rogers lived in Oswestry.