

**Pen-y-ffordd is an active village community, set in rolling countryside, just inside the Welsh border, where the land rises up from Cheshire. It includes Penymynydd, which has long since been absorbed and Dobshill.**



### Old Corn Mill

In the Billberry woods is the L shaped Old Corn Mill, this was built in 1767 for Sir John Glynne Bart, the Lord of the Manor and a local politician. Water was diverted under a culvert from the Broughton Brook to power an overshot water wheel and grind corn for the village of Hawarden up until the 1940s. The old machinery is still visible, together a 10m high chimney.



### Hawarden Estate

Hawarden was the home of W. E. Gladstone, British Prime Minister for four terms. Hawarden boasts two castles. The ruined 13th century castle was used by Edward I as a base for his invasion of Wales. The new castle was Gladstone's home after his marriage to Catherine Glynne, heiress to the Hawarden estate. The family still live there, and you can get access to the Estate on certain days of the year.



### Hawarden Loop

At two points on the walk you will cross under or over the railway. Today this line is called the Borderlands line, but it was originally called the Hawarden Loop when it was built by the Wrexham, Mold & Connah's Quay Railway in the 1880s. At one point trains ran along this line from Wrexham to Seacombe and Chester, today they go from Wrexham to Bidston

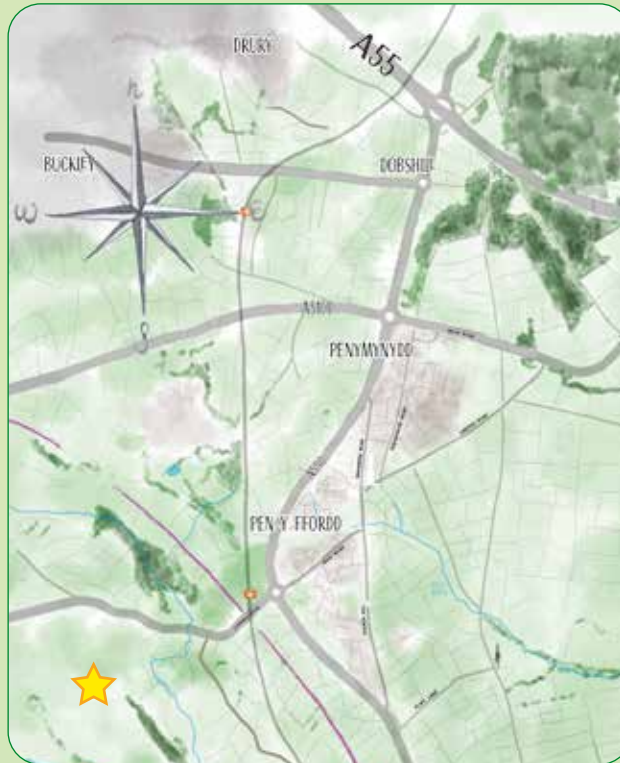
### Getting Here

#### By Rail

Penyffordd station is on the Wrexham-Bidston line. Alight at Penyffordd station. Cross the roundabout and walk along Corwen Road / Rhos Road, past the Red Lion pub. Turn left at the T-Junction and start the circular walk at number 20, by the Millennium Clock..

#### By Car

The A550 links Penyffordd to the A55 North Wales Expressway. Coming from the Expressway, go straight across 2 roundabouts and turn left at the third. You will pass the Red Lion pub. Turn left at the end, then next right, at the Millstone Pub. You will see the Memorial Institute ahead of you, turn left before it and the car park is at the rear.



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# PEN-Y-FFORDD CIRCULAR WALKS

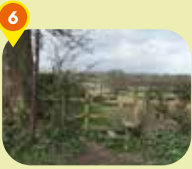
## Walk Number Four



## Bilberry Woods

On this walk you will have good views over open countryside, skirt round the Hawarden Estate and the ancient Bilberry Woods passing an old Corn Mill

Distance	Difficulty	Accessibility	Footwear
6.5 Miles	Moderate ★★★★☆	Some stiles, gates, and rough ground	Stout shoes walking boots or wellingtons



**6** You will reach a small metaled lane. Turn right and walk along the lane for 250 yards, then cross a stile on your left. Head downhill towards a red metal pole barn



**5** Cross another stile and skirt around the top of a house, and follow the path through the trees. Cross another two stiles



**4** At the top of the hill, pass through a gate and over a stile, and cross the field.

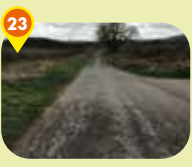


**3** When you come out of the woods, turn right and walk till you see a footbridge crossing the A55 on your left hand side. Cross the footbridge over the A55. Once over the footbridge, turn left and climb uphill.

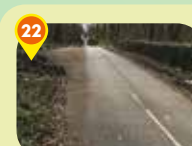


**2** Near the top of the road, keep left as the road swings to the right.

**1** Start from the carpark by St John's Church. Walk along the lane away from Penymynydd into the woods.



**23** Carefully cross the busy A5104 Mold road. Continue into Old Hope Road.



**22** After crossing the bridge, turn right, and then take next left on the public highway. Miss a turn on the right, and carry on until you reach the cross road.



**21** Pass through the gate at the top of the Old Warren, and continue up hill to the A55 footbridge where you crossed earlier in the walk. Turn left over the footbridge



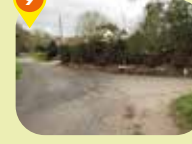
**20** At the end of the drive, turn right onto the Old Warren, and climb up hill.



**7** Go past the right hand side of the red metal barn. Climb over a stile. Carefully cross a busy road and turn right. Walk 50 yards, and climb over a stile on your left before thatched cottage.



**8** Head down hill following right hand field boundary. Cross two stiles, heading towards railway bridge. Climb over stile and then cross railway bridge.



**9** Turn right and continue along Ledsham Lane.



**10** At the end of Ledsham Lane, pass across drive and follow obvious public footpath signs. Then bear right after climbing stile.



**11** Cross field heading downhill and cross stile. Keep to the left hand side of hedge line, heading towards the left of Oaks Farm.



**12** Cross stile to the left of gate by Oaks Farm. Continue ahead and cross another stile. Continue along path eventually with Golf Course on your left hand side



**13** Head down hill, and walk through a railway underpass. Bear left over stile. Carry on downhill along track.



**14** Turn right by metal shed, heading towards Golf course.



**15** Skirt round the left hand side of golf course, heading towards the left of pond. Cross stile



**16** Cross the busy road, and head into the corner of the car park, and walk down a series of steps. Note old mill behind green fence



**17** Follow the path through the woods for 3/4 mile, often with wall on left hand side.



**18** Carry straight on at a staggered cross roads of gravel tracks in the woods.

