



## *A Short Walk Around Llanishen*

*DISTANCE:* 1.7 miles/2.7km

*DURATION:* 45 minutes

A walk exploring the village, mainly on lanes but with some sections of waymarked path. There are plenty of places to stop, rest and take in the great views. The lanes are normally quiet, but you may meet vehicles on Church Lane. Some sections can be slippery if wet.

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- 1** From the Village Hall, walk through the gap in the hedge into the Glebe Field. Follow the mown path towards the yellow grit bin on the far side. This is a community green space, help yourself to apples from the community orchard in season or take a moment on one of the benches to admire the view over the Usk.
- 2** Turn right down what is known locally as Watery Lane. This slopes steeply down and can be slippery in the wet.
- 3** At the bottom of the slope, follow the lane round a bend and then take a waymarked path up to the right. This begins as a concrete track but quickly turns into a good footpath.
- 4** At the top of the path you will see the Old Schoolhouse and one of two postboxes in the village. Turn right and follow the lane up a gentle hill to St Denis Church. This is Church Road, but you will not find any signs telling you so.
- 5** Enter the churchyard by following the track to the right, the view from the churchyard wall takes in the woods along the edge of the ridge and the Crumbland. The wall or the bench by the church are great places for a rest.
- 6** Leave the churchyard by following the path round and pass through a gate back onto the lane. Turn left and retrace your route back to the fork in the lane. Take the right hand fork.
- 7** Passing houses on your left, you reach a three way crossroads. The footpath signed to the right is the start of a good route to Trellech, the subject of another leaflet. Ignore this for now and take the middle lane.
- 8** As the lane turns to the left, the view across to the Black Mountains is perhaps the best in the village. Another bench allows you to rest.
- 9** The lane descends becoming a track, and finally a steeper footpath that emerges on a lane.
- 10** Turn left and follow the lane until you reach a fork. The road ahead rises steeply to the Old Schoolhouse, ignore this and take the right fork. You are now back on Watery Lane. The views to your right are worth a moments rest.
- 11** Follow Watery Lane as it winds through trees, passing a number of cottages. You will reach the concrete track you took at the beginning of this walk, pass this, follow the lane around the bend and turn left onto the path marked by a white arrow. The field to your right is the Village's wildflower meadow.
- 12** Follow the path through woodland until you emerge onto the Glebe Field. Walk back towards the village hall, passing the site of the annual village bonfire

