

News Update

Glangrwyney Road Closed – Major Diversion



!!!!River Bridge Closed!!!!

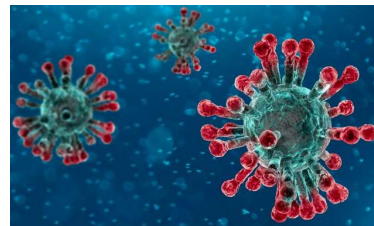
A long stretch of Glangrwyney Road, which is the approach road to **the only river bridge** for miles, has partially collapsed caused by the flooding which occurred during Storm Dennis. In the warmest and wettest February on record it looks like the Climate Emergency has struck, of all things, the Three Peaks Trial.

The main issue is the embankment supporting the road has washed away over a length of 100m+. The Council have also now advised the road is closed for safety to both traffic and pedestrians which means we can't use Glangrwyney Bridge to cross the Usk River.

Therefore we're putting in place a diversion (the same as was used when Glangrwyney Bridge was closed for repair in 2005). This means from the summit of Bloreng walkers will descend on the west side to a new checkpoint in Govilon located at **Grid Ref. 264136** (the bridge over NCN 46) then cross back over Abergavenny Bridge to join the Bronze Route to the summit of Sugar Loaf where the normal Gold Route continues. From Abergavenny Bridge there's an additional unmanned checkpoint at **Grid Ref. 271146**. At the unmanned checkpoint note the letter in the appropriate box on your Route Card (please bring a pen).

Other News

Coronavirus



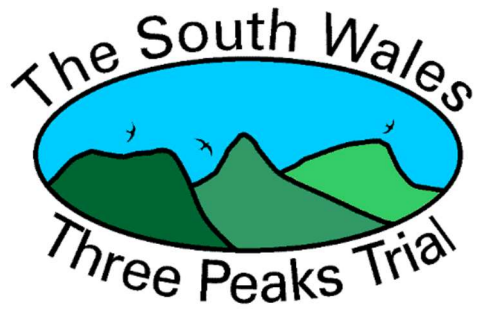
Currently there isn't a requirement for events like the Three Peaks Trial to be cancelled due to the Coronavirus but we shall continue to monitor the situation.

BBC Monthly Weather Forecast:

Monday 23 March – Sunday 5 April
Wet in the far-north but otherwise a little drier

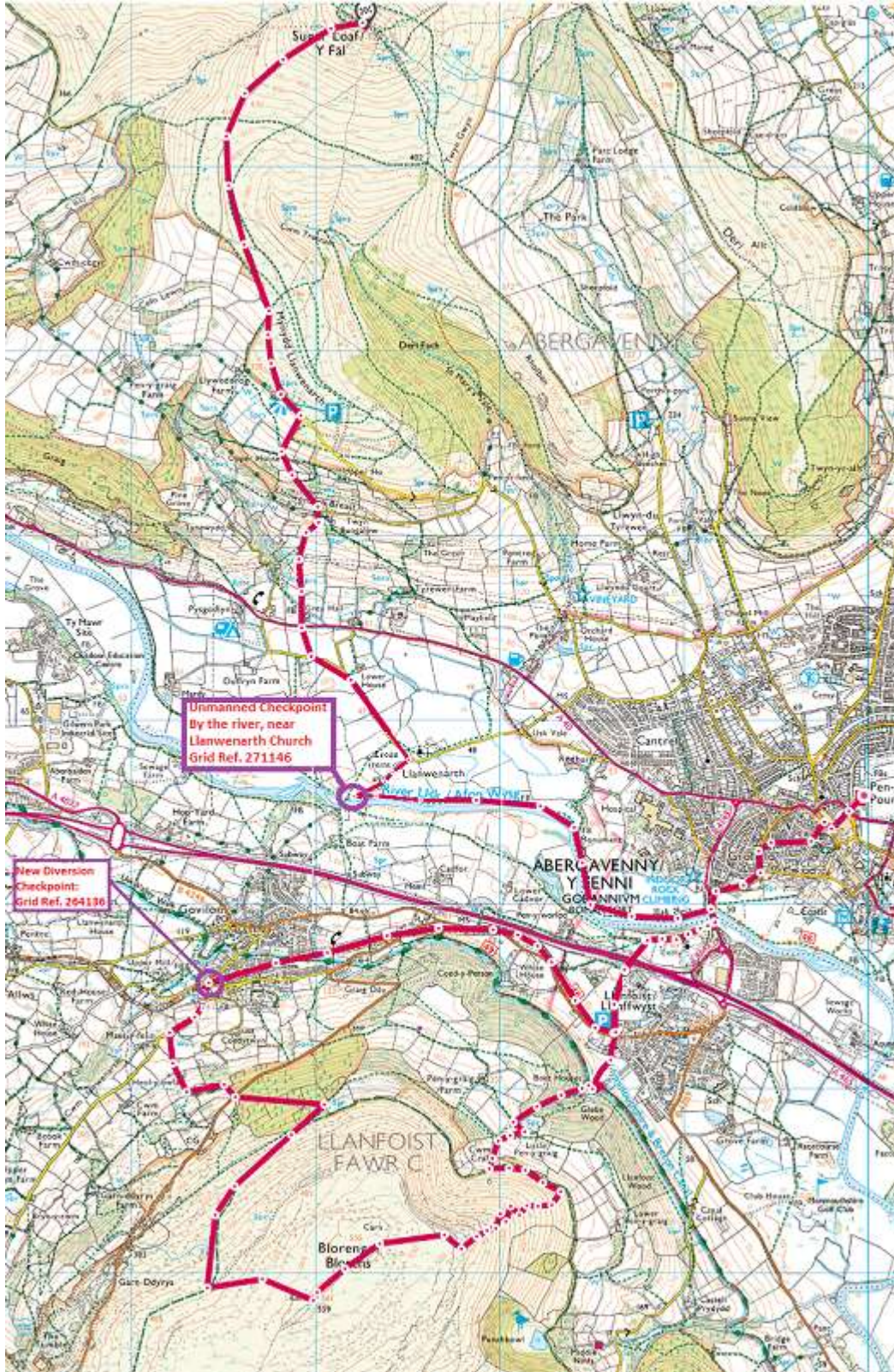
An old proverb states that March comes 'in like a lion and out like a lamb'. This may come true this year, for some. There are signs that the jet stream could lift a little further north than recently. This means that areas of rain and strong winds should lift further north, too.

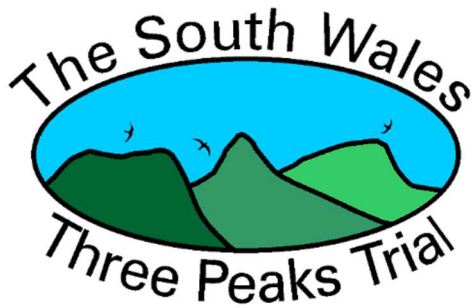
Wales is likely to have some drier and brighter periods of weather with rain at times. Winds from the west should keep temperatures mostly near or a little above the seasonal average for most.



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Abergavenny Bridge to the Summit of Sugar Loaf - Extract From Bronze Route Description

Follow path next to river for 2.5km crossing the A4143 then two timber footbridges. A short distance after the second timber footbridge you can see a stone barn and Llanwenarth church to the right. Continue on the path by the river over a further three styles after the second footbridge. At the third style is the second **Checkpoint– Unmanned - Grid Ref 271146 – note letter on checkpoint card**). The footpath arrows fixed to the style show either 'straight on' or 'right'. Turn right and after two more styles you reach the road by the church. At the road turn **L**. Pass a right turn down another country lane. Pass 'Pant yr Onen Cottage' on the left. 100m after the cottage turn **R** on to a footpath at a style and public footpath sign.

Go straight across the field and over the style by the gate onto the footway of the A40. Turn **L** and walk approximately 50m along the A40 then cross the road (take care of traffic!) to the footpath sign opposite for 'Deri Fach 2km'. Follow the footpath adjacent to the houses passing a style on the left. At the next style continue uphill with a hedge on your **R** to another style. At this style go sharp **R** (you can't go straight on anyway as you would have to get through thick brambles!). A short distance after this is another style. Cross this and continue uphill to a style by a gate. Cross this and uphill to another style by a gate and near an electricity pylon. The next style is slightly hidden behind bushes although the path to the style is clear. After crossing the style by the pylon you can see a stone house approximately 200m uphill, aim slightly to the **R** of this house and the hidden style is to the **R** of a dark brown wooden garden shed. Cross this style and follow concrete steps to a junction of tracks. Take the tarmaced track opposite going uphill towards Sugar Loaf (NE). The tarmac track ends at a house on the **L**. Go past the house on to a grass track up hill. Go through a wooden gate and continue straight uphill to the car park. At the car park take the grassy path going uphill next to the National Trust sign 'Sugar Loaf Pen y Fal'. At the next fork go **L**. At the next fork go straight on. At a crossing of footpaths go straight on. At the next crossing of footpaths again go straight on, slightly downhill before going back uphill. At the next crossing of footpaths you can take either route uphill to the summit. If going straight on at the next junction turn right. For both paths its now a steady climb to the summit **Checkpoint 273188**.