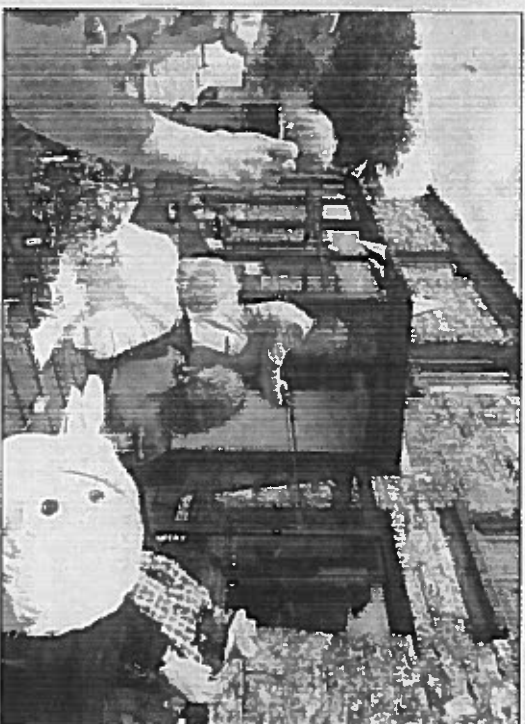


Delight as damaged road to remote chapel repaired

Soar y
Myrnydd
chapel
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Above: MP Mark Williams pictured at the 2013 Ty'n Cornel Hostel open day
Left: Walkers enjoying the reopened road

WALKERS and cyclists have expressed their delight that the most remote hostel in Wales and England has been re-connected with one of the most remote chapels in Wales.

The road between Ty'n Cornel Hostel - seven miles up into the Cambrian Mountains from Llanddewi Brefi - and Soar y Myrnydd, the much-loved little chapel in the hills, has been repaired by Ceredigion council highways engineers, having

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been closed since May 2014.

Storms the previous December had ripped a trench in the unsurfaced road nearly half-a-mile long and over six feet deep in places, and further rain and frost had worsened the damage.

Bill Hine, a trustee of the Elenydd

Wilderness Hostels charity, said the local authority's highways department had made "an excellent job" of the repair, despite budgetary restraints.

"Ty'n Cornel has suffered a 20 per cent reduction in the numbers of people staying there during this closure," he told the *Cambrian News*.

"We are so pleased we can again access all the paths, including the bridleway following Afon Docetic

Fawr down to its junctions with Afon Pysgotwr and Afon Tywi - one of the most beautiful valley walks in Wales - as well as the challenging mountain bike ride over to the chapel, and some lovely circular walks.

He added that the closure of the little road to Soar y Myrnydd had also severed the main route of the Cambrian Way long distance path which follows the road for a mile as it goes past Ty'n Cornel.