

Over Peover Ladies walk The Cloud

The walk up Bosley Cloud had been delayed several times by poor weather, and the OP WI walking group kept everything crossed, that July would be the month they would finally be able to go to the top.

The forecast for the day was rain but not until lunchtime, so a prompt start would ensure that the 2.5 mile circular walk was completed in good weather.

At over 300m high, the Cloud is one of the highest hills in the area. It boasts magnificent views as it borders Cheshire and Staffordshire. So, the group set off from Timbersbrook car park in anticipation.



Walk leader, Janet Winrow said “when we reached the top, the views were fantastic. Jodrell Bank stood out like a beacon and the arches of the North Rode Viaduct against the backdrop of the Cheshire countryside made for a striking picture”.

“I used to live on the side of the Cloud, so I was able to point out the various landmarks. Another group of walkers, joined us, keen to listen and ask questions. They were from down South and had no knowledge of the area”.

View to the West from Bosley Cloud

Janet explained that she had been involved in the Toposcope building project.

Completed in 2003, the project was a collaboration between the National Trust and the Timbersbrook & Cloudside Community to celebrate the Queens Golden Jubilee. The Toposcope guides the visitor’s eye a full 360 degrees around the Cloud; including Manchester to the North, Crewe and Nantwich to the West, the Potteries to the South and the source of the River Dane in the East.





Intrepid walkers at the summit, standing by the ancient county boundary marker which shows where Cheshire and Staffordshire counties cross.

Photos all done, the group said their goodbyes to the other walkers and started their descent, which was certainly easier than the climb up.

In under two hours they were back at the car park and the sun was still shining. The Bosley Cloud walk was completed and everyone agreed it had been well worth waiting for.