

Bargoed

version 1.06

PREAMBLE

Bargoed is an easily accessible quarry (1 min. flat walk from the car) consisting of two walls separated by an arete. It is west facing and so becomes a suntrap during the summer. However, it is also well sheltered, so winter climbing may be possible. The routes are bolted for popularity and there are LO's on most. The climbs are on generally steep slabs and vertical walls of porous sandstone and have considerable individual character. In its rejuvenated state, Bargoed has been promoted to the premier league of sandstone crags.

ACCESS

Gain the A469 Bargoed Bypass following signs for Rhymney, pass through through several roundabouts, downhill past the train station, until a large viaduct is reached. Proceed right (past but not under the viaduct) toward Aberbargoed for 200 m and just as Bedwelty Road steepens and a large green sign announces your arrival in Aberbargoed turn left into a gravel roadway, Quarry Row (large white billboard). Drive past the houses until they are out of sight and park at a small pull in on the right, which fits 3 cars.

If on foot, alight at Bargoed railway station and turn left downhill to reach the viaduct. Walk 100m up the hill and turn left into Quarry Row.

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Goi Ashmore on Lyddite.
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1. **Gift Wrapped At Bargoed** - Fr. 5
Leftmost line in the quarry, staples up the former ivy strip. 11m

2. **Ianto's Bargoed Bumpers Blindspot**
-Fr 6a+ **
The formerly invisible line with the final bolt now added. 11m

3. **Bargoed Bushwhacker** - Fr. 6b
Pockets and flake lead to shared L.O. 12m

4. **Bargoed Sideshow** - Fr. 6a
Ledges lead to the red hole, pass this to gain a shared belay on left. 12m

5. **Meat Seeking Missile** - Fr. 6b
Rightward trending line above ledge. 11m

6. **Simply Simian** - Fr. 6b+
From the piton to the left of *Mr. Gorilla* to bolts trending right. Harder than it looks. 12m

7. **Mr. Gorilla's Got A Big Nose** - E3, 6b
The left hand end of the slab passing a half height letterbox slot. Desperate move past rusty 8mm bolt and similar 20yr old "special" peg. 12m

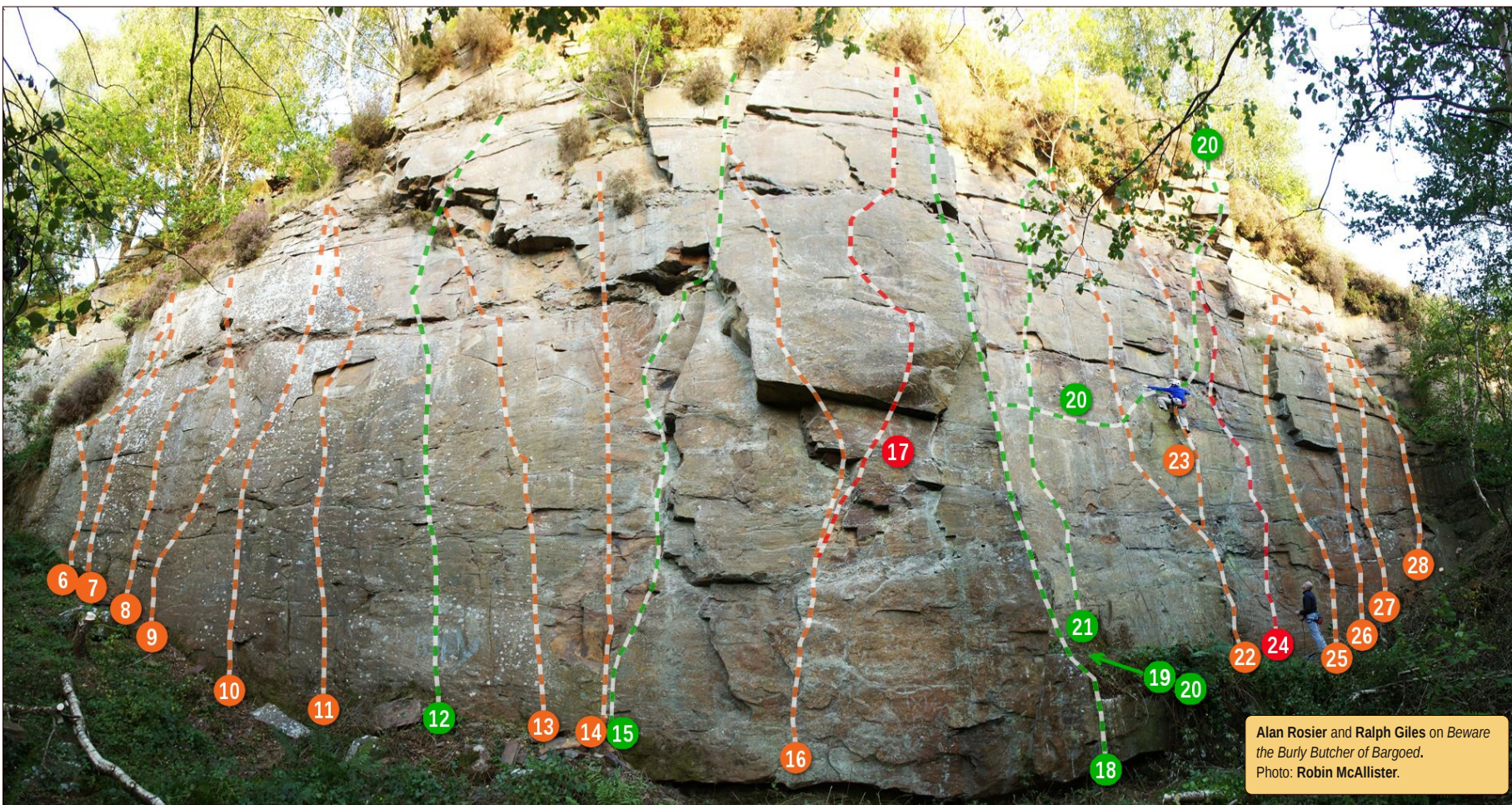
8. **Super Strung Direct** - Fr. 6b+

9. **Super Strung Out At Bargoed** - Fr. 6b
Aim for the hole up and left of the shallow scoop. 10m

10. **Brayne Theory Comes To Bargoed**
- Fr. 6b *
The wall just right of the shallow high scoop with a tricky move gaining the ledge. 14m

11. **Blow The Bargoed Job** - Fr. 6b *
Aim for the undercut flake then twitch left along the foot ledge to previous LO. 14m

12. **Beavers At Bargoed** - Fr. 6a+ *
Delightful pockets lead to flat edges and the ledge. Proceed thoughtfully over the roof. 16m



13. **Balthazaar's Ball Sac Bulges Beholding The Bouncing Booties Of Bargoed** - Fr.6b
The slab left of *Pepperatzi* has a tricky start. 15m

14. **House Training Catwoman** - Fr. 6b
Easy slab climbing leads left to a pull through the roof on very spaced out jugs. 13m

15. **Pepperatzi** - Fr.6a+ *
The obvious corner/ramp left of the main arete. 14m

16. **Twenty One Ounces Of Blow** - Fr. 6b
Takes the wall above the square cut roofs to join *Pepperatzi*. 14m

17. **Blowing For Tugs** - Fr. 7a+ *
Once the route of the crag. The wall left of the main arete has a desperate and somewhat baffling move to pass the second BR (hint, a heelhook is needed). 14m

18. **Groping For Jugs** - Fr. 6a **
The arete is very good and shares a L.O. with *Blowing For Tugs*. 14m

19. **Hawk's Cheep** - Fr. 6a+
The corner to the right. 14m

20. **Los Pollos Hermanos** - Fr. 6a
An excuse to finish up the overhanging prow at a sensible grade. Start up the corner of *Hawk's Cheep* for 2 bolts then step rightwards onto the long ledge on *Brittania*. Follow the ledges to *Our Man in Bargoed* where a rising traverse finishes up the overhanging prow of *Lyddite*. 20m

21. **Brittania** - Fr. 6a+ *
Just right of the corner is a steep slab with a slight bulge at half height. Pull over the bulge with difficulty. L.O. to the right, shared with *The Butcher*. 15m

22. **Beware The Burly Butcher Of Bargoed** - Fr. 6b+ *
Start as for next route then move left up the wall to a L.O. below the ailing tree. 15m

23. **Our Man In Bargoed** - Fr. 6c+
The wall to the right with a desperate reachy move past the second bolt. 15m

24. **Conversation Concerning Cordite/Lyddite Direct Finish** - Fr.7a+ **
Thin to reach the second bolt, sustained above. Scoot left at 4th bolt to L.O. *Our Man...* or plough on up the overhanging arete on the right to a L.O. 15m

25. **Black Dog** - Fr. 6b+ *
To the right is a sloping ramp at 3m. Gain this, move up a few metres, then step left. Climb the groove and belay on ledge. 12m

26. **Up For Grabs** - Fr. 6b+ *
Gain the same ramp, but move right then directly up the overlaps to the shared belay on the ledge. 12m

27. **Bored Of Brackla, Benefactor Of Bargoed** - Fr. 6c
Tricky start then move right to shared L.O. 10m

28. **Bargain Basement Bargoed** - Fr. 6a *
Direct to L.O. 10m

Alan Rosier and Ralph Giles on Beware the Burly Butcher of Bargoed.
Photo: Robin McAllister.