

AGM [18th January] - 18 members kindly attended the 2024 Annual General Meeting with 26 members sending their apologies for absence.

Craster/Low Newton [Sunday 19th January] - 10am Craster car park NE66 3TW. 7.75 miles with 540ft ascent. Participants = Anne Marie Forster, Pat McCahill, David Ellerington, Theresa Costello, Helen Costello, Lestryne Keenan, Ian Thomson, Ania Retkowska, Kevin Nelson, Jean Walker & Steve Walker.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
11 @ £1	11.00		0.00
Total Income	11.00	Total Expenditure	0.00



Warden Hill, Hexham [Saturday 1st February] may only be a small hill, but its summit (complete with iron age hillfort) sits above the confluence of the North and South Tyne rivers, allowing big views up both valleys. Anne Marie Forster kindly used her car as Club Organised Transport to take Pat McCahill & Ania Retkowska to Hexham where, after meeting up with Ken Milmore, Denise Edwardson, Margaret Andison, Kay Costello, Dek Parnley, Linda Boakes, Lynn Ford & Ronnie Willison, they enjoyed a 9-mile **BLACK** route (with 643ft of ascent) following the River Tyne Trail to the confluence, crossing the river South Tyne to Bridge End, then heading uphill to the Iron Age Hill Fort via High Warden. The return route was made via Bridge End and Hexham Abbey.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
3 @ £7	21.00	Club Organised Transport: Anne Marie	19.92
8 @ £1	8.00	Printing (Route Maps)	0.80
Total Income	29.00	Total Expenditure	20.72



Waskerley 4 reservoirs [Sunday 16th February] 10am Waskerley station car park. 9 miles. Participants = David Ellerington, Gordon Stephenson, Ian Thomson, Lucy Topping & John Costello.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
5 @ £1	5.00		0.00
Total Income	5.00	Total Expenditure	0.00



Simonside [Saturday 1st March] - Although only 10 miles from the Cheviots, the Simonside Hills have a completely different character with rugged sandstone outcrops defining their summits. Commencing from Simonside Forest Park, NE65 7NW, the 9-mile **RED** walk (with 1125ft of ascent) climbs gradually through the delightful forest of the lower slopes to offer some extensive views across Coquetdale with the Cheviots forming the skyline and enables participants to fully appreciate the understated beauty of this part of the Northumberland National Park. After visiting the summit of Tosson Hill, which overtops Simonside by 35ft, the route then returns to complete the delightful sandstone escarpment with visits to the summits of Simonside and Dove Crag before exploring an Iron Age fort on a neighbouring hill. Evelyn Brown & Lucy Topping kindly used their cars as Club Organised Transport to take John Costello, Cath Fatkin, Anne Beryl & Roger Smith to Simonside where they met up with Ian Thomson, Theresa Costello, Helen Costello, Elaine Donnelly, Ronnie Willison, Lynn Ford, David Ellerington, Ania Retkowska & Dek Parmley.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
6 @ £10.50	63.00	Club Organised Transport: Evelyn	30.75
9 @ £1	9.00	Club Organised Transport: Lucy	30.75
Kay Costello	1.00	Printing (Route Maps)	1.60
Total Income	73.00	Total Expenditure	63.10



Patterdale Week [16th - 23rd March] - This 300-acre private estate is located in the breath-taking Ullswater valley, wrapped around the southern tip of Ullswater, England's most beautiful lake. Ideally located at the foot of some of Lakeland's most magnificent and scenic mountains (Place Fell, St Sunday Crag, Helvellyn, High Street) and, at the same time, for exploring by car the whole of the Lake District as it is within a short drive of Penrith, Keswick, Windermere, Ambleside, Bowness and Kendal. Claire O'Sullivan, Lyn Boyle, Lynn Ford, Ronnie Willison, Liz Beech, Anne Marie Forster, Neil Waite, Ian Goodman & Natalie Goodman spent a relaxing and enjoyable week in Lodge 3 and Chalet 1 at a cost of £142 per member.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
9 @ £142	1278.00	Accommodation	1186.40
Total Income	1278.00	Total Expenditure	1186.40



Hartburn and Rothley Castle [Sunday 23rd March] 10am Hartburn church car park NE61 4JB. 9.5 miles. Participants = David Ellerington, Ian Thomson, Theresa Costello & Helen Costello.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
4 @ £1	4.00		0.00
Total Income	4.00	Total Expenditure	0.00



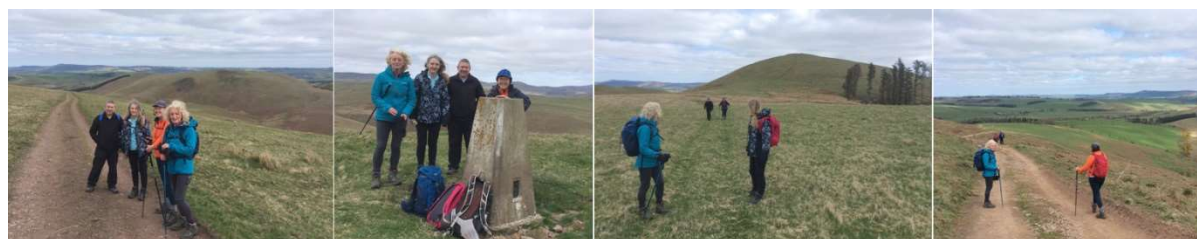
High Cup Nick [Saturday 5th April] The Great Whin Sill, an igneous intrusion through the regular sedimentary geological successions of the Pennines, creates some of their most impressive landforms. It was utilised by Hadrian as the natural foundation for his monumental frontier fortification; it created the spectacular waterfalls of High and Low Force and Cauldron Snout; and it is responsible for perhaps one of the most exciting landscapes and natural wonders in the Pennines at High Cup Nick. The glaciated valley of High Cup bites deeply into the western scarp of the Pennines above the pretty red sandstone village of Dufton, CA16 6BZ, but what gives High Cup its unique character is the upstanding horseshoe-shaped frieze of dolerite crags, formed of the Whin Sill, which rims the canyon. Strictly speaking, the ‘Nick’ only refers to the apex of the re-entrant, where the tiny High Cupgill Beck flows down into the yawning gulf of High Cup, flanked on the left by High Cup Scar and on the right by Narrowgate Beacon. The colonnade of dolerite stands up like a collar around the rim, and the view down into the depths of the gill is truly breathtaking. In good weather the view extends across the Eden Valley to the blue, misty hills of Lakeland. The suggested ‘*there and back*’ 8-mile **RED** walk (with 1385ft of ascent) takes members along the Pennine Way to High Cup Nick at the head of the chasm. On the descent back to Dufton, there are continuous superb views across the Eden valley to the Lakeland fells on the horizon. The climb is a steady and unremitting one, with no steep or strenuous sections, along generally clear and well-defined tracks. There are precipitous drops along the higher sections of the walk and the Helm wind through the gap at High Cup Nick can be very strong, even on a seemingly still summer’s day. Those preferring a slightly longer 9.2 mile (with 1309ft of ascent) anti-clockwise circular visit to High Cup Nick, should follow the suggested **BLACK** route to ascend via High Cup Gill and then descend following the **RED** route back to Dufton. Anne Marie Forster & Ronnie Willison kindly transported Neil Waite, Pat McCahill, Cath Fatkin, Lynn Ford, Ken Milmore & Denise Edwardson from the Civic Centre to Dufton where they met up with Margaret Andison, Gordon Stephenson, Ailie Langston, Ian Thomson, Elaine Donnelly, David Bolt, William Delaney & David Ellerington.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
8 @ £15	120.00	Club Organised Transport: Anne Marie	60.70
8 @ £1	8.00	Club Organised Transport: Ronnie	60.70
Ian & Natalie Goodman	2.00	Printing (Route Maps)	1.60
Total Income	130.00	Total Expenditure	123.00



Old Ingram Valley [Sunday 20th April] 10am Ingram Cafe car park NE66 4LT. 6.25 miles with 974ft ascent. Participants = David Ellerington, Helen Costello, Anne Marie Forster, Theresa Costello & Ian Storey.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
5 @ £1	5.00		0.00
Total Income	5.00	Total Expenditure	0.00



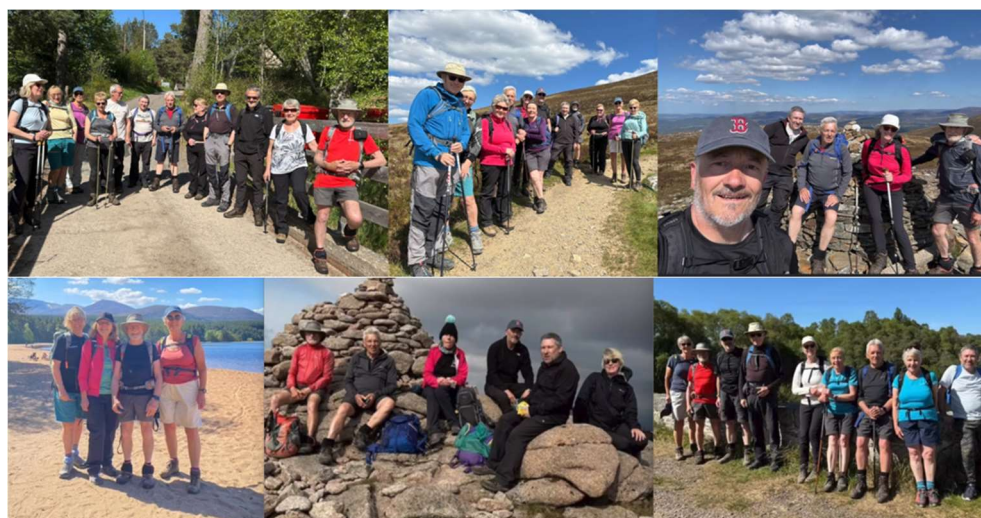
Ambleside [Saturday 3rd May] Glacial action around the long, empty valleys of Rydal and Scandale shaped the 12-mile **BLACK** Fairfield Horseshoe (with 3330ft of ascent) and the 11-mile **RED** Scandale Skyline (with 3670ft of ascent), both of which offer near perfect Lakeland fellwalking experiences. Without too much effort, members can both walk along the ridges and cross numerous summits, and yet still reach sufficient height as to savour extensive views. No wonder these are classic circuits. You'll also have all the facilities of the busy little town of Ambleside at your disposal. On a clear day you'll be able to test your knowledge of Lakeland panoramas to the full, but in mist always have your map and compass at the ready! Theresa Costello, Gordon Stephenson, Helen Costello, John Costello, Lucy Topping, David Ellerington, Evelyn Brown, Anne Beryl, Cath Fatkin, Alan Ross, Alan Bradbury, Lynn Ford, Steve Wilkinson & Ronnie Willinson travelled on the Denton Travel minibus to Rydal where they met up with Dek Parmley.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
14 @ £22	308.00	Denton Travel Services	425.00
1 @ £1	1.00	Printing (Route Maps)	1.60
1 Cancellation @ £22 (Roger)	22.00		
1 Donation @ £22	22.00		
Total Income	353.00	Total Expenditure	426.60



Scottish Week Trip [9th - 16th May] Lynn Ford, Ronnie Willison, Claire O'Sullivan, Carol Lonsdale, Ian Storey, Ellen Morrison, Mike Morrison, Jean Walker, Steve Walker, Malcolm McVey, Ailie Langston, Margaret Andison, John Costello & Lucy Topping spent an enjoyable 7-nights in Craigard Lodge, Boat of Garten, within the Cairngorms National Park at a cost of £257 per member. This is a grand and spacious Highland self-catering lodge with cinema room, games room, hot tub, wine cellar, stained glass windows, rain showers, very impressive staircase and mountain views from turreted rooms.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
14 @ £257	3598.00		3456.00
Total Income	3598.00	Total Expenditure	3456.00



Newbrough and Roman Wall [Sunday 18th May] 10am Newbrough town hall NE47 5AR. 8.5 miles with 940ft ascent. Participants = Helen Costello, Theresa Costello, Bill Sudder, Ian Thomson, David Ellerington & Julie Rushton.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
6 @ £1	6.00		0.00
Total Income	6.00	Total Expenditure	0.00



Great Langdale [Saturday 7th June] - the mighty Bow Fell ranks high in many fell-walkers' esteem and is rooted in Great Langdale, from where its peaked summit has all the air of an emperor's throne, set high above a defending fringe of impressive buttresses and distanced by the long tongue of The Band. When combined with the highly individual peaks of Crinkle Crag, this offers a classic Lakeland ridge walk which has all of the ingredients required for a thoroughly rewarding day on the fells. The suggested 9½-mile **[BLACK]** anti-clockwise circuit of Oxendale (with 3280ft of ascent), visits the summits of Bowfell, Crinkle Crag & Great Knott. Keen walkers may choose to mop up Pike of Blisco as an added bonus. An alternative 8-mile **[BLACK]** lower-level walk (with 1486ft of ascent) visits Lingmoor Fell (1530ft) & Side Pike (1187ft) via Chapel Stile. An alternative 7-mile linear **[BLUE]** walk (with 1486ft of ascent) to Ambleside, visits Loughrigg Tarn. Julie Rushton, Ian Thomson, Alan Ross, Lynn Boyle, David Ellerington, Helen Costello, Lucy Topping, John Costello, Alfie Cowell, Steve Wilkinson, Ian Goodman, Natalie Goodman, Ania Retkowska, Ken Johnson & Bill Sudder travelled on the Denton Travel minibus.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
15 @ £22	330.00	Denton Travel Services	425.00
		Printing (Route Maps)	1.60
Total Income	330.00	Total Expenditure	426.60



Willington Circular [Sunday 15th June] 10am Jubilee Bridge car park Stony bank DL15 0DJ. 9 miles with ?ft ascent. Participants = David Ellerington & Ian Thomson.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
2 @ £1	2.00		0.00
Total Income	2.00	Total Expenditure	0.00



Honister Pass [Saturday 5th July] - Great Gable is a mountain of national repute, whose mighty defenses issue a stark challenge to which all self-respecting fell walkers cannot but respond. The name itself conjures up an image of solidity and strength, which a close encounter does nought to dispel. Beyond Grey Knotts, the huge arched dome dwarfs all surrounding fells, which become mere stepping stones in its ultimate conquest. Even Green Gable, a worthy fell in its own right, has to bow to the grand master holding court across the knife edge of Windy Gap. The mountain is very much the guardian of Wasdale. To climb Gable is to pit yourself against the essence of Lakeland's alpine heritage, which has irresistibly drawn the cream of the nation's hard hats for more than a century. Their abiding respect is commemorated by a metal plaque erected by members of the Fell and Rock-Climbing Club as a lasting tribute to those who gave their lives during World War Two. The suggested 8.1-mile **[BLACK]** linear walk from Honister Pass (with 2188ft of ascent) visits the summits of Brandreth (2344ft), Green Gable (2603ft) & Great Gable (2949ft) before descending via Styhead Tarn to Seatoller. The suggested 7.1-mile **[RED]** linear walk from Honister Pass (with 1617ft of ascent) visits the summits of High Spy (2143ft), Maiden Moor (1890ft) & Cat Bells (1481) before descending to Grange. Gordon Stephenson, Anne Marie Forster, Alfie Cowell, Asima Riaz, Anne Beryl, Evelyn Brown, Dek Parmley, John Costello, Lucy Topping, Kay Costello, Helen Costello & Ania Retkowska travelled on the Denton Travel minibus.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
12 @ £22	264.00	Denton Travel Services	425.00
4 Cancellations @ £22	88.00	Printing (Route Maps)	1.60
Total Income	352.00	Total Expenditure	426.60



Corbridge, Aydon Castle & Stagshaw [Sunday 20th July] 10am Corbridge bridge car park. 9 miles with 975ft ascent. Participants = David Ellerington & Jean Walker.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
2 @ £1	2.00		0.00
Total Income	2.00	Total Expenditure	0.00



Whinlatter to Braithwaite [Saturday 26th July] **[CANCELLED as only 4 bookings received]** - Commencing from Scawgill Bridge, the 8-mile linear '*Aiken Beck skyline*' **[RED]** linear walk (with 1954ft of ascent) takes advantage of the ridge of fells which sit between the remote valleys of Aiken Beck and Wythop. After visiting Spout Force waterfall, the route visits the summits of Graystones (1496') [affording extensive view is of the Vale of Lorton], Broom Fell (1677'), Lord's Seat (1811') and Barf (1535') [affording dramatic views of both Skiddaw and Bassenthwaite] before descending to Braithwaite village via the scenic Whinlatter Forrest. The 7-mile linear '*Aiken Beck*' **[BLACK]** walk (with 1093ft of ascent) from Scawgill Bridge to Braithwaite includes a visit to Spout Force & Ullister Hill before picking up the **[RED]** walk after a visit to the GoApe café.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
	0.00	Printing (Route Maps)	1.60
Total Income	0.00	Total Expenditure	1.60



Cotherstone [Sunday 17th August] 10am Corbridge bridge car park. 9 miles with 975ft ascent. Participants = David Ellerington & Helen Costello.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
2 @ £1	2.00		0.00
Total Income	2.00	Total Expenditure	0.00



Martindale [Saturday 6th September] - is one of those little-known Lakeland valleys which although hidden from general view provides a quiet fell-walking experience in truly beautiful surroundings. As well as lying off the main highway which runs beside Ullswater, the valley is protected by a gear crunching hairpin system of no mean gradient which will fully test the power of our transport. Its popularity is therefore reserved for very discriminating members. The suggested 11 mile [with 2902ft of ascent] **[BLACK]** route follows a natural horseshoe visiting the summits of High Raise (2634ft), Rampsgill Head (2581ft) and Angletarn Pikes (1875ft). Meanwhile, the alternative 8 mile (with 1580ft of ascent) **[RED]** circuit of the lower slopes of Place Fell first visits Bordale Hause and returns via the beautiful Ullswater Lake Path. Roger Smith, Margaret Andison, Glen Robson, Maxine Guthrie, Evelyn Brown, Anne Beryl, Jean Walker, Ailie Langston, Ken Johnson, Jake Kirsopp, Helen Costello & Steve Walker travelled on the Denton Travel minibus.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
12 @ £22	264.00	Denton Travel Services	425.00
1 Cancellation @ £22	22.00	Printing (Route Maps)	1.60
Total Income	286.00	Total Expenditure	426.60



Blanchland, Birkside Fell & Beldon burn [Sunday 21st September] 10am Blanchland car park DH8 9TA. 8.75 miles with 1063ft ascent. Participants = Gordon Stephenson, Keren Telfer, Jean Walker, Margaret Andison & David Ellerington.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
6 @ £1	6.00		0.00
Total Income	6.00	Total Expenditure	0.00



Mungrisdale [Saturday 4th October] [CANCELLED as only 1 booking received] No fell walker can remain uninspired nor resist the statuesque challenge of Blencathra's craggy skeleton. Although the most impressive and spectacular landscape features produce their own inevitable magnetism, the suggested 9-mile **BLACK** route (with 2781ft of ascent) will give access to the summit via the unfrequented, but no less mouth-watering, fell-country to the north. For those who do not wish to grapple with this land, escape is at hand via Mungrisdale Col **RED** route.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
	0.00	Printing (Route Maps)	1.60
Total Income	0.00	Total Expenditure	1.60



Fisherground Lodges, Eskdale, CA191TF - Friday 10th October 2025 for 3 nights - Margaret Andison, John Costello, Lynn Ford, Ailie Langston, Gordon Stephenson, Ian Storey, Karen Telfer, Lucy Topping & Ronnie Willison will be spending 3 nights in Field End & Woodbank lodges @ £99.50 per member. There are lots of high, medium and low-level walks in this beautiful area of the Lake District plus the Boot Inn is only two miles away.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
9 @ £99.50	895.50	Accommodation	850.00
Total Income	895.50	Total Expenditure	850.00



Haltwhistle South Tyne [Sunday 26th October] 10am Haltwhistle station car park. 9.75 miles with 950ft ascent. Participants = 0

Income	£	Expenditure	£
4 @ £1	4.00		0.00
Total Income	4.00	Total Expenditure	0.00



Robin Hood's Bay & Ravenscar [Saturday 1st November] Enjoy the National Park in a nutshell on this 11.8-mile **BLACK** walk (with 1362ft of ascent) through some of the North York Moors' most characteristic landscapes. From the craggy heights of Ravenscar the route runs across Howdale Moor for some classic moorland scenery before dropping down to the old Scarborough-to-Whitby railway line and along to the famous smugglers' haunt of Robin Hood's Bay. Both here and at nearby Boggle Hole you can indulge in a spot of rock-pooling and fossil-hunting, before returning along an exhilarating clifftop stretch of the Cleveland Way National Trail, via the old alum works industrial site. Sea views, cobbled lanes, cinder tracks, archaeological ruins and spreading moorland heather – that's a powerful combination of the best National Park experiences in one big day out. Anne Beryl, Evelyn Brown, Gerry Costello, Helen Costello, John Costello, Alfie Cowell, Cath Fatkin, Lucy Moss, Dek Parmley, Ania Retkowska, Roger Smith & Lucy Topping travelled on the Denton Travel minibus.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
12 @ £22	264.00	Denton Travel Services	425.00
1 Cancellation @ £22	22.00	Printing (Route Maps)	1.60
Total Income	286.00	Total Expenditure	426.60



Herrington & Penshaw [Sunday 16th November] 10am Herrington country park car park. 8.5 miles with 860ft ascent. Participants = David Ellerington, Maxine Guthrie, Glen Robson, Gordon Stephenson, Karen Telfer, Anne Beryl, Cath Fatkin & Helen Costello.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
8 @ £1	8.00		0.00
Total Income	8.00	Total Expenditure	0.00



Swaledale - Reeth to Richmond [Saturday 29th November] [CANCELLED as only 8 booking received].

Commencing from a large green in the centre of Reeth which is home to an unofficial council of townsfolk who meet in the bus shelter to discuss the matters of the day, the 10½-mile linear **BLACK** route (with 906ft of ascent) through Swaledale to Richmond follows a beautiful section of the 'Coast-to-Coast' long distance footpath. Highlights of this delightful walk consist of Marrick Priory, Marske, Whitcliffe Wood, Robert Willance's Leap obelisk and Richmond Castle.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
	0.00	Printing (Route Maps)	1.60
Total Income	0.00	Total Expenditure	1.60


Whitburn & Cleadon Coastal [Sunday 14th December] 10am Marsden Grotto NE34 7BS. 7 miles with 115ft ascent. **Participants** = Anne Beryl, Helen Costello, David Ellerington, Cath Fatkin & Jean Walker.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
4 @ £1	4.00		0.00
Anne Beryl	1.00		
Total Income	5.00	Total Expenditure	0.00



Income & Expenditure as at 31 st December 2025			
Income	£	Expenditure	£
Craster/Low Newton 19 th January	11.00	Craster/Low Newton 19 th January	0.00
Warden Hill/Hexham 1 st February	29.00	Warden Hill/Hexham 1 st February	20.72
Waskerley 4 Reservoirs 16 th February	5.00	Waskerley 4 Reservoirs 16 th February	0.00
Simonside 1 st March	73.00	Simonside 1 st March	63.10
Patterdale Week 16 th - 23 rd March	1278.00	Patterdale Week 16 th - 23 rd March	1186.40
Hartburn/Rothley Castle 23 rd March	4.00	Hartburn/Rothley Castle 23 rd March	0.00
High Cup Nick 5 th April	130.00	High Cup Nick 5 th April	123.00
Old Ingram Valley 20 th April	5.00	Old Ingram Valley 20 th April	0.00
Ambleside 3 rd May	353.00	Ambleside 3 rd May	426.60
Scottish Week 9 th - 16 th May	3598.00	Scottish Week 9 th - 16 th May	3456.00
Newbrough/Roman Wall 18 th May	6.00	Newbrough/Roman Wall 18 th May	0.00
Great Langdale [7 th June]	330.00	Great Langdale [7 th June]	426.60
Willington Circular [Sunday 15 th June]	2.00	Willington Circular [Sunday 15 th June]	0.00
Honister Pass [5 th July]	352.00	Honister Pass [5 th July]	426.60
Corbridge [Sunday 20 th July]	2.00	Corbridge [Sunday]	0.00
Whinlatter Pass [Cancelled]	0.00	Whinlatter Pass [Cancelled]	1.60
Cotherstone [Sunday 17 th August]	2.00	Cotherstone [Sunday 17 th August]	0.00
Martindale [6 th September]	286.00	Martindale [6 th September]	426.60
Blanchland [Sunday 21 st September]	6.00	Blanchland [Sunday 21 st September]	0.00
Mungrisdale [4 th October]	0.00	Mungrisdale [4 th October]	1.60
Eskdale Weekend 10 th 13 th October	895.50	Eskdale Weekend 10 th 13 th October	850.00
Haltwhistle	4.00	Haltwhistle	0.00
Robin Hood's Bay	286.00	Robin Hood's Bay	426.60
Penshaw	8.00	Penshaw	0.00
Swaledale	0.00	Swaledale	1.60
Whitburn	5.00	Whitburn	0.00
Membership 54 @ £5	270.00	LDSARA Donation	0.00
Memberships 2 @ £3	6.00	Printing (AGM)	15.00
Membership 3 x Life/Officer	0.00	Whisky	21.00
		Access Underwriting	114.00
Total Income	7946.50	Total Expenditure	7987.02

2025		£
Total Income		7946.50
Less Total Expenditure		7987.02
Loss		40.52

Transport - Over the course of the last three years the Club have been prepared to encourage the use of the Denton Travel Services minibus for Club events by subsidising fares as minibuses leave a significantly lower carbon footprint per passenger than any other form of public transport. Minibus events in 2023 received a £688.50 subsidy, events in 2024 received a £510 subsidy and events in 2025 received a £526 subsidy. During the same period, if the Club had adopted a more generous fare refund policy, this would have cost an additional £368 (21 x cancellations). Disappointingly, a lack of membership support for this year's Whinlatter [26th July (4 bookings)], Mungrisdale [4th October (1 booking)] and Swaledale [29th November (8 bookings)] events resulted in their cancellation. Denton Travel have confirmed that the cost of the minibus will increase by £100 to £525 per hire in 2026.

At the beginning of the year, the Club attempted 3 x Club Organised Car-Sharing Events. Disappointingly, of the 20 associated car journeys (participants = 42), only 5 were Club Organised [Anne Marie Forster (x2), Evelyn Brown & Lucy Topping kindly volunteering]. Committee therefore were left with little other choice but to drop the Club Organised Car-Sharing option as it was clearly not being supported by the vast majority of car owning members. This obviously increases the risks of cliques developing and members without access to a car being unable to participate in Club activities.

Membership - currently stands at 59 which represents an increase of 6 members since 2024. Membership will be extended until 31st March 2026 at no additional cost in order to allow sufficient time for members to discuss the Club's future at the Annual General Meeting.

Finances - As you will see from the above, your Club made an operating loss of **£40.52** over the course of 2025. When deducted from the £4307.06 balance carried forwards from 2024, this means that the Club now has £4266.54 (excluding any additional expenditure approved by members at the AGM).

Committee - I am, as always, indebted to Ania Retkowska (Assistant Secretary) and the Club Committee members for their ongoing individual and collective contribution towards the organisation of Club events in 2025. On behalf of members, I would also like to thank David Ellerington for organising the Club's calendar of Sunday walks for a number of years as regretfully, he intends to step down.

In Conclusion - In conclusion may I, on behalf of the Committee, take this opportunity of thanking you for your support of the Club in 2025 as we look forward to the Club's 44th year of events in 2026.

Graeme Page
Club Secretary
31/12/2025