

Secretary's Report

Leyburn (Yorkshire Dales [Saturday 25th April 2026] - The suggested 11.8-mile **BLACK** walk (with 735ft of ascent) visits one of the highlights of the area at Castle Bolton. A shorter route of 9.7 miles returning from Redmire. The walk starts in Leyburn and heads west along the Leyburn Shawl Walk to Preston-under-Scar then on to the historic 14th century Castle Bolton. Heading south east to the village of Redmire then on to Wensley and back to Leyburn. Dek Parmley & Ken Johnson kindly volunteered to use their cars in order to transport Evelyn Brown, Roger Smith, Kevin Nelson, Cath Fatkin & Anne Beryl to Leyburn.



Scottish Trip - Oban [Sat 9th to 16th May 2026] - Cologin Farmhouse, recently accredited with a Silver Green Tourism Award for their sustainable practices and values, is a spacious traditional farmhouse. With a cold-water therapy barrel and a Scandinavian wood fired hot tub from where you can enjoy some star gazing, a large south facing enclosed garden and patio there is space for everyone. The house is situated in the scenic Lerags Glen ensuring peace and privacy but is still less than 3 miles from the vibrant harbour town of Oban, with views across open farmland and walks from the door. The Barn, a rustic pub with plenty of character is nearby and is a good place to catch up over a drink and tasty local fare following the days adventures. Ellen Morrison, Mike Morrison, Lynn Ford, Ronnie Willison, Ian Storey, Jean Walker, Steve Walker, John Costello, Lucy Topping & Malcolm McVey spent an enjoyable week in Cologin Farmhouse at a cost of £217 per member.



Income	£	Expenditure	£
10 @ £217	2170.00	Accommodation	2065.00
Total Income	2170.00	Total Expenditure	2065.00

Craster/Low Newton [Saturday 31st August] - There is a huge variety of wildlife on this suggested 8½ mile (with 112ft of ascent) **BLACK** coastal walk such as seals offshore, rafts of eider ducks, seabird nesting cliffs, a good variety of waders, rock-pool life, fresh water pools at Newton with breeding warblers and ducks, diverse insect life and many types of wild flowers. This is a real walk of two halves with coastal grasslands on the walk to Dunstanburgh Castle giving way to a magnificent sweep of beach at Embleton Bay leading to Newton. The best things about this walk are the iconic ruins of the castle, the Ship Inn at Low Newton and the seabird cliffs at

Dunstanburgh Castle, that are best viewed from the beach. There really is something new every time you walk this exciting route. 25 past & present members met up in Craster to participate in this event in memory of both Hedley Oliver & Anne Marie Forster.



Income & Expenditure as at 31 st August 2026			
Income	£	Expenditure	£
Leyburn 25 th April	0.00	Leyburn 25 th April	0.00
Oban Week 9 th to 16 th May	2170.00	Oban Week 9 th to 16 th May	2065.00
Craster 31 st August	0.00	Craster 31 st August	0.00
Membership 45 @ £5	225.00	Foodbank Donation	50.00
		St Mary's Church Donation (Hedley)	50.00
		Funeral Posy (Hedley)	45.00
		Marie Currie Donation (Anne Marie)	100.00
Total Income	2395.00	Total Expenditure	2310.00

2026		£
Total Income		2395.00
Less Total Expenditure		2310.00
Profit		85.00

Finances - As you will see from the above, your Club made an operating profit of **£85** during the period 1st April to 31st August 2026. When added to the £3523.79 balance carried forwards from 31st March 2026, this means that the Club now has £3608.79.

Finally, I wish to thank members, both past and present, for their valued support of the Club since June 1983.

Graeme Page
Club Committee Member
31/08/2026