

AGM [15th January] - 19 members kindly attended the 2025 Annual General Meeting with 24 members sending their apologies for absence.

Craster/Low Newton [Saturday 31st January] - 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. Evelyn Brown & Lucy Topping kindly volunteered to use their cars in order to transport Anne Marie Forster, John Costello, Cath Fatkin, Pat McCahill, Roger Smith & Jean Walker from the Civic Centre to Craster, where they met up with Liz Beech & Lyn Boyle.



Osmotherley [Saturday 28th February] - The 8-mile (with 1215ft of ascent) **YELLOW** walk from Osmotherley, which has both a medieval church and an 18th Century Methodist chapel, has a decidedly ecclesiastical flavour with a restored Tudor chapel nearby, beside a small hilltop wood. Indeed, a detour in order to visit the superb remains of this Carthusian monastery is highly recommended. It is a grand scenic walk, which hugs the edge of the Cleveland escarpment to continue across Scarth Wood Moor, where there are fine views of the surrounding Cleveland hills. The return follows a section of the Hambleton drove road before swinging off the moor and crossing a delightful wooded valley on its way back into Osmotherley. Dek Parmley & Ronnie Willison kindly volunteered to use their cars in order to transport Evelyn Brown, Cath Fatkin, Lynn Ford, Pat McCahill & Kevin Nelson from the Civic Centre to Osmotherley, where they met up with Lyn Boyle, Ian Goodman & Natalie Goodman.



Patterdale 14th March 2026 for 7 nights - Lynn Boyle, Liz Beech, John Costello, Lynn Ford, Paul Gertig Ian Goodman, Natalie Goodman, Lucy Topping & Ronnie Willison spent an enjoyable week in Drey & Hollow Lodges at a cost of £126.00 per member. 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.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
11 @ £126	1386.00	Accommodation	1274.60
Total Income	1386.00	Total Expenditure	1274.60



Hadrian's Wall/Walltown [Saturday 28th March] - Those following Hadrian's Wall from the west get their first appreciation of its awesome scale at Walltown. Perversely, a century of quarrying the whin sill dolerite has added drama to the scene by creating an abrupt high cliff at the end on the crag. Exploring not only one of the most rugged sections of the wall, this 8-mile (with 1,020ft of ascent) **BLACK** route takes in route takes in Great Chesters fort (Aesica built in AD 128), Thirlwell Castle (built in 1306), Low Old Shields (the oldest settlement in the area) before returning to Walltown via Carvoran (a Stanegate Fort which older than Hadrian's Wall). Meet at Walltown Quarry, Glenwhelt Bank, Haltwhistle, CA8 7HF. Regretfully as no '**Offer a lift from Civic**' bookings were received, the Club were therefore unable to arrange transport for Denise Edwardson, Kenneth Milmore & Roger Smith. Committee therefore decided to **CANCEL** this event with apologies for the disappointment caused both to these members (and to Margaret Andison who intended meeting up with them at Walltown).



Income & Expenditure as at 31 st March 2026			
Income	£	Expenditure	£
Craster/Low Newton 31 st January	0.00	Craster/Low Newton 31 st January	0.00
Osmotherley 28 th February	0.00	Osmotherley 28 th February	0.00
Patterdale Week 14 th March	1386.00	Patterdale Week 14 th March	1274.60
Hadrian's Wall/Walltown 28 th March	0.00	Hadrian's Wall/Walltown 28 th March	0.00
		LDSARA Donation	500.00
		NESRA Donation	100.00
		Northumberland MRT Donation	100.00
		Printing (AGM)	40.15
		Access Underwriting (Insurance)	114.00
Total Income	1386.00	Total Expenditure	2128.75

2026		£
Total Income		1386.00
Less Total Expenditure		2128.75
Loss		742.75

Finances - As you will see from the above, your Club made an operating loss of **£742.75** during the period 1st January to 31st March 2026. When deducted from the £4307.06 balance carried forwards from 2024, this means that the Club now has £3564.31 (including donations approved by members at the Special General Meeting on 5th March 2026).

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 2026.

Graeme Page
 Club Secretary
 25/03/2026