

FELLWALKERS

Sunday gave the Lancaster Fellwalkers the opportunity for some real winter walking in the Westmorland Dales around Shap. The day started dry and sunny, but soon the snow arrived, turning into sleet and rain, and finally clearing up as we arrived, rather wet, in Shap Village.

Judith Brown led the B group from Orton, past Robin Hood's Grave and to Wicker Street and Ewe Locks. Passing through Oddendale and Hardendale, they finished in Shap. The total distance was 9 miles with 1,000 feet of ascent. The A- group, led by Maria Peel, started from Tebay, and went by way of Scotchman's Bridge, Scout Green and Shap Wells, to reach Shap Summit, then descending into Shap Village: 11 miles, 1,000 feet.

The A group set out from Shap, passing Shap Abbey and proceeding to Swindale Foot. They walked over White Crag and down to Sleddale Hall to return to Shap. The group was led by Lawson and Gail Atkinson: 11 miles, 1600 feet. The A+ group was led by John Ashall from Tebay to Greenholme and over Stakely Pike, Shap Summit and Hardendale Fell and then into Shap: 14½ miles, 1700 feet.

The next walks will be around Ambleside on Sunday February 17. To book a place on the coach telephone 01524 858243. For photos of the walks visit www.lancasterfellwalkers.co.uk.