

15th September 1985
Ulpha Fell

Meet Leader Ian Tyler
11 Members attended

This was a 6 mile horse shoe walk of the area taking in Ulpha Copper Mine, Hesk Fell Mine (Hole House) and Logan Beck Mine.

First we went up the hill to Ulpha Copper Mine and inspected the 50' shaft with a view to descent and exploration if time permitted later. We then crossed the road by the old mine office to a small 30yd trial by Hole House Gill. We then walked up to Hesk Fell Mine, consisting of three levels of which the bottom and middle are open. The bottom level is over 100yds long and 2'6" deep in water. The middle level is the main one and was dug out by C.A.T in 1984. I entered the level, photographed and surveyed it. The right hand branch of the level is worth an underground dig. The size of the spoil indicated a drive of some 300yds. The buildings are in good repair especially the Powder Store and Smithy.

On then to Logan Beck Mine site. This is a superb mine site, buildings still standing and a 40' flooded shaft. The adits are under stoped and provided some sport for out more athletic members. A drainage adit to the south was looked at and 10 mins given to digging which lowered the water in the main level. This is another dig for the future. After a good inspection of the site we made our way back via the road to Ulpha Bridge.

The time was 5:00pm and it was decided not to tackle the shaft that to leave it for another meet.

More work to do in this area: -

1. Ulpha Shaft
2. Hole House Gill – undercover dig
3. Logan Beck Drainage Adit
4. Bowscale Mine

Ian Tyler