

**23<sup>rd</sup> September 1987**  
**Duddon Furnace**

Training Meet September 6<sup>th</sup> 1987

As no members attended this meet it was cancelled. It is proposed that the next Training Meet should take place at Ben Lyons training wall at Dent.

As this meet had been rather unwisely scheduled so late in the year it was overtaken by dusk and the proposed follow on visit to the Backbarrow Furnace was postponed. Six members attended to view the remains of the charcoal fuelled blast furnace and its associated buildings which was built in 1736 and operated until 1867. It is the only one to survive intact in the district and it underwent no change during its working life of 130 years.

The site is under the care of the Lake District Special Planning Board, who have a 50 year lease and are carrying out a programme of excavation and conservation. It is a Scheduled Ancient Monument and is one of a number of local sites visited recently by the Junior Environment Minister.

Members attending the meet were:

Ian Matheson Meet Leader.  
Peter Fleming,  
Barbara Mitchell,  
Mike Mitchell,  
Chris Moor,  
Paul Timewell.

Ian Matheson, Oct 1987.