

20th July 1991
Warton Crag Mines

Present:-

John Helme (ML)

Sheila Barker

Paul Timewell

Joan Helme

Anton Thomas

Sheila Thomas

Don Borthwick

Dave Bowers

The party made the usual late start after waiting for the arrival of the Publicity Officer, who it later transpired was using Double British Summer time.

First entering Moss House Mine (Crag Foot Lower Mine), the usual areas were visited, the only 'artefacts' found were a family of 6 toads who were surprised and nearly crushed as the party crawled through one of the dug out collapses near the shaft bottom. Shortly after this the meet leader's wife's light went out which made an excellent excuse for her to spend the rest of the day in the sunshine.

Lunch was taken using the gun club's picnic tables before proceeding to the 'Upper Mine'. Again we visited the known sites, including the lake and the air pump. At this point the meet leader was stricken with the 'Ulverston FX2 disease'.

Returning to the surface and the sunshine the party cleaned up and spent the remainder of the lovely afternoon photographing the ore crusher in a vegetation free state and walking through the woods in a search for other likely levels/shafts.

It was noted that the timber supports just inside the entrance to the 'Upper Mine' are in a poor state and could benefit from a 'timber work party' and with satisfaction, that the fencing done by the club in 1987 is still largely intact.