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Tilberthwaite Ghyll

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A party of 8 set out for the waterfall level in head of the Ghyll to examine the possibility of climbing up the man way which is above the 2nd big pitch on the full descent and also the maypole pitch.

After the crawl through the entrance level a great deal of yellow streaks were seen as the depth of water was established leaving 3 to carry on.

This small but expert team carried on through horrendous crawls etc. to the first pitch which was successfully negotiated. On climbing through bucket hole (see journal 1) we were greeted with a horrendous sight. The whole roof of deads above the level had collapsed making the way on very difficult. We did manage to climb up to the man way but free-climbing is now impossible and a maypole is necessary. However the collapse has meant that you have gained an extra 30' up the shaft. At this point we retreated and retraced our steps. At the stope above the water there was a little exploration and a dig at the shaft nearby was advanced about 1.5 metre but now needs timbering. This would make an easy future project, if a little wet to get to.

We then exited and met up with the surface party down in the car park.

No exploration done on the "maypole pitch"