



Hill Walking



Hill Walking Area Vol. Reps' report Nov 2023



Apologies from Peter and Austin, we are both unable to attend tonight because of pre-existing pressing commitments.

Here's our report (an annual report in this case, as it's the AGM) anyway!



This year's Walks

16/4 Baslow - Peter - 6 attended

26/4 Flash - Peter - 10 attended

27/5 Hulme End - Mark Royall - 12 attended

12/8 Combs Moss - Austin - 18 attended

10/9 Kinder - Gordon Riley - 14 attended

This year's consevation events

12/3 Upper Derwent Sphagnum planting with

NT - **cancelled** due to heavy snow

15/10 Upper Derwent tree work with NT - Peter
- 9 attendees

Clean-ups

We promoted and supported Outside's Crag
(and hill) Clean-Up



Other activities

- Austin sits on PDNPA's Local Access Forum
- Peter represents BMC hill walking on the Kinder and High Peak Advisory Committee with Nat Trust
- We both are members of the BMC's specialist committee for hill walking.
- We both contributed to BMC work on the STW Upper Derwent Valley reservoir and related threats.
- Peter has regularly pressured PDNPA over the notorious Midhope geotextile matting.
- Peter (& Henry) ran BMC stall at Hayfield Spirit of Kinder event.
- Austin organises Staff.s Moorland's walking festival, Peter contributed a BMC labelled walk.



Thanks!

Austin and Peter would particularly like to thank Mark, Gordon and Bev for leading walks for us and others who assisted with leading.

Coming up!

(see our Area Facebook Events page or BMC website local area pages for details)

- 4th Nov Rhododendron (invasive species) removal at Hayfield (organised by BMC North West Area with NT)
- 11th Nov Sitka Spruce (invasive species) removal on Alport Moor above Snake Pass (organised by Peter with NT)
- 20th Nov (a Monday!) Alport Castles walk from Fairholmes (to be led by BMC member Bev England).



A message from Peter

“As I’m standing down as a rep. after 9 years I’d like to thank all the other Peak Area volunteers I’ve worked alongside (Peak Area is lucky to have them) and all who’ve supported the activities I’ve organised.

*I’d like to single out three people: **Lynn R** for warmly welcoming me and encouraging me when I first put myself forward. **Henry F** for being my mentor in matters hill walking access, setting an extraordinary example as a volunteer and his wise counsel. And **Austin K** for being an exemplary team-mate - please support him going forward!”*

