

## A Pennine Journey

In the footsteps of Wainwright – almost!

An account of a 247-mile circuit of the northern Pennines undertaken in stages between 2017 and 2024



## First Stage: Settle to Bainbridge, 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August 2017

### **Day 1: Settle to Horton in Ribblesdale - 6.9 miles**

With cars and luggage sorted we began our adventure outside the Old Naked Man Cafe before setting off up Banks Lane. This led to Langcliffe where we stopped and had a look in the church.



From Langcliffe, the path took us through Lower Winskill and eventually provided panoramic views of Ingleborough and Pen-y-Ghent.

We had our lunch under a hawthorn tree with great views. The rain began just as we'd finished so it was on with the waterproofs and rucksack covers.

Then we headed down a steep path through woodland on greasy, limestone steps.

North from Stainforth, we followed Moor Head Lane and across boggy ground before turning left down Dub Cote and into Horton.

Thankfully, the Pen-y-Ghent Cafe was open and we enjoyed mugs of tea and slabs of cake.

Before our meal in the Crown, Jim and Ian shuffled cars between Cray and Horton.

### **Day 2: Horton in Ribblesdale to Cray - 11.2 miles**

Leaving Horton-in Ribblesdale, we followed a signposted path to Foxup. This took us past Hull Pot which was quite spectacular despite the dry conditions. The next stretch took us on a boggy path which contoured the northern slopes of Pen-y-Ghent and Plover Hill.



We carried on along Foxup Road which descended to Bridge Farm. Our next stop proved to be one of the highlights of the trip - Katie's Cuppas. This honesty box cafe at Halton Gill provided do-it-yourself teas and coffees with biscuits and cakes. There was also a loo!

Fortified by lunch, we set off to make the 1000ft ascent of Horse Head Pass. As we approached the summit, the rain started and continued for the rest of the day. The descent from the pass took us to Raisgill in Langstrath. At Yokenthwaite we found another honesty café, shared with a couple of sheep. As there was no let-up in the rain it was time for overtrousers. The next section took us up and around the head of Wharfdale to Cray. The rain made the going on the exposed limestone very slippery. We were pretty tired and wet by the time we arrived at the White Lion.

After checking-in Ian and Jim had to do the next car shuffle. This involved a long drive via Langstrath to Hawes, then back to Horton in Ribblesdale before returning to Hawes then on to Bainbridge where we left a car before returning to Cray. This was quite a trip after a full day's walk.

### **Day 3: Cray to Bainbridge – 10 miles**

The start of the route up to Kidstones took us partly on footpaths and partly on the road. After reaching the top of the road we were on quite a good bridle path over Kidstones Fell. This section provided the first expansive views of the high northern Pennines. The bridleway took us down to the hamlet of Stalling Busk and again provided good views on the way down. Entering Stalling Busk, we came across Raydale Preserves, a rural enterprise which also made tea and cake available from the door.



We ate our packed lunches here before heading off past St. Martin's church to reach a ruined 'chapel of ease' overlooking Semerwater. At the northern end of the lake, we stopped at Turner's Seat where he painted 'Semmer Lake'. From there we followed the river Bain (the shortest river in England) through farmland towards Bainbridge. On reaching Bainbridge, tea and cake were taken before collecting our car to return to Cray. This was a good day with 10 miles covered, taking our total for this first stage to around 32 miles.

### **Second Stage: Bainbridge/Askrigg to Bowes, 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

#### **Day 4: Askrigg to Low Row – 7.1 miles**

With this stage, we included a diversion from the published Pennine Journey route to take in Arkengarthdale.

The day's walk began with the long climb out of Askrigg towards Crackpot and Swaledale. Once at the top we had lunch looking over Wensleydale and back towards Semerwater.

After a short descent on the road, we continued on the track leading to Crackpot Cave and Summer Lodge Farm. At this point we opted for a detour alongside the Swale. Part of this path took us along the wide top of a wall opposite a fine Georgian house.



After a short stretch downriver, we reached the road which led back to Low Row and the Punchbowl.

#### **Day 5: Low Row to the CB – 5.1 miles**

On this part of the route, we had to rely on our map reading skills. We headed past Gallows Top before descending past Park End to Thiernswood Hall. From there we headed uphill on to Reeth Low Moor.

Dropping down into Arkengarthdale we crossed the road to reach Arkle Beck. This was followed to Langthwaite where we were surprised to find the Red Lion open for teas and a beer. Next it was back to Arkle Beck and on through the meadows past Scar House. A quick stop at the large church of St Mary the Virgin preceded our arrival at the CB (Charles Bathurst Inn). The hotel is named after a local landowner who controlled the lead mines in Arkengarthdale in the 18th century.

#### **Day 6: The CB to Bowes – 9.8 miles**

We enjoyed a bright start to the day as we walked back to Arkle Beck to follow the riverside path through the meadows to Whaw. One of the benefits of walking in the Dales in early June is that the meadows were sprinkled with wild flowers.



From Whaw up to the head of Arkengarthdale we were following largely unfrequented paths which required careful navigation and some retracing of steps. At Low Faggergill Farm we were set on the correct path but still had problems finding gates and stiles, which added to our mileage.

From Raven's Park the path levelled off across the edge of Sleightholme Moor and became very indistinct in places. Our only navigational aid was the low rise of Coney's Seat. The going was quite good underfoot. In wet and misty conditions this path would prove to be quite a challenge.

Once across the moor we joined the Pennine Way near Sleightholme Farm to skirt Bowes Castle on our way into Bowes itself.

### **Third Stage: Bowes to Westgate 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2018**

#### **Day 7: Bowes to Middleton-in-Teesdale - 11.8 miles**

Heading west out of Bowes, we walked past Dotheboys Hall before rejoining the Pennine Way. This took us up a steep hill above the A66. We next passed an abandoned RAF site complete with warnings of explosives and gas shells. For this section navigation proved easy as we were on good paths following Pennine Way signs. We dropped down a bit to Levy Pool in Deepdale before ascending Cotherstone Moor.

Walking across the moor we were close to Goldsborough. The path down into Baldersdale led us between Blackton and Baldershead Reservoirs close to the remote farmhouse where Hannah Hauxwell lived most of her life. We headed through Hannah's Meadow over Hunderthwaite and Mickleton Moors and down into Lunedale to below Selsett Reservoir. Climbing the northern flank of Lunedale above Grassholme Reservoir we crossed a series of ridges and troughs..

After crossing the Brough to Middleton-in-Teesdale road we followed a track up to Wythes Hill. From there it was up and over Harter Fell before dropping down into Middleton-in-Teesdale.

**Day 8: Middleton-in-Teesdale to Langdon Beck – 8.8 miles**

The start of the day's walking was mainly flat on good paths next to the Tees though the overnight rain made the long grass wet.



We arrived near Low Force in nice time for coffee at the Bowlees visitor centre. Here we made the short diversion up to Gibson's Cave and Summerhill Force. It was then back to the Pennine Way path at Low Force where we stopped for lunch. There were quite a few people about, especially on the path up to High Force.



Once we had the impressive High Force behind us the path quietened down. At one point we had to disinfect our boots to prevent carrying disease to the Juniper Bushes alongside the path. By now the path was following the upper reaches of the Tees and we passed an active quarry across the river. Not far upstream from that, the path took us up and over the edge of Cronkley Fell before we returned to the riverside.

After quite a long day we were thankful to reach our stop for the night - the Langdon Beck Hotel. The hotel proved to be delightful and good views over the Upper Teesdale meadows were to be had from the comfortable rooms.

**Day 9: Langdon Beck to Westgate - 7.8 miles.**



After a good breakfast it was on with full waterproofs before we headed off at 9.45. Our first paths were across farmland but these weren't too easy to follow at times. Eventually we found our first Pennine Journey sign of the day between Scar End and Swinhope Head. We crossed trackless moorland (with occasional PJ signs) on the watershed between Teesdale and Weardale. Fortunately, the visibility was sufficient to see features on the nearby road to aid navigation.



Once we reached the road, we followed this, still in heavy rain, down past the Weardale Ski Centre.

As we continued down the road into Westgate, we passed a B&B catering for Pennine Journey walkers. Details were noted for the next stage of our walk.

By the time we got back to Jim's car we were well soaked.

#### **Fourth Stage 4: Westgate to Carraw 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

(We based ourselves at Hill House East near Westgate for this stage.)

#### **Day 10: Westgate to Blanchland - 11.6 miles**

In bright sunshine, our day's walk began with a steep pull up the hill above Westgate, to reach the edge of Westgate Quarry.

After that we went via Smailburn down into Rookhope along the line of an abandoned mining tramway.

From Rookhope there was a steep ascent up a railway incline to reach ruined buildings of what was once the highest section of standard gauge railway in the UK.



From the summit of the incline, we followed the railway for a short distance before heading north across open moor towards old lead workings at Ramshaw. From there it was a brief on-road section before we entered the woodland which provided pleasant walking for the remainder of the section to the attractive village of Blanchland.



### **Day 11: Blanchland to Hexham - 13 miles**

We had an early start on another glorious, sunny day we piled into John's Berlingo to be returned to Blanchland. From there, we headed north and uphill to pass Shildon Tower – a remnant of Lead Mining. We next passed Pennypie House before crossing Blanchland Moor.

From the moor we dropped down into Slaley Forrest where broad sandy paths took us past a working quarry before we reached Red Lead Mill. More remnants of the area's industrial past were encountered at Dukesfield Smelt Mill which had some fine stonework.

Continuing alongside Devil's Water we came to Pethfoot Bridge which we crossed to Ordley with its attractive estate housing. Next it was along the road to Newbiggin. By now it was getting quite warm and we were beginning to flag in the heat and our water was running out. However, there was another hill to climb to near Queen's Letch before descending steeply into Hexham to await collection by John.

### **Day 12: Hexham to Carraw - 11.5 miles**

Leaving the main car park, we headed north next to the busy road out of town before heading west to the pretty village of Acomb. From there we walked up past Fallowfield to reach our first section of Hadrian's Wall on the ridge at Plane Trees. By this time, the temperature was climbing again. From Plane Trees we walked down a section of road towards the Chollerford and the North Tyne.



After a brief stop at the George, there was another section of road walking uphill to Walwick. Once there we were able to escape from the busy road. Along this stretch the footpath more or less followed the line of the Wall. Continuing uphill we passed Limestone Corner where there was an excellent view of the moorlands north of the Wall. From there it was only 2miles to Carraw Farm where we'd left Jim's car. Just before reaching Caraw we stopped to investigate Brocolitia - a Mythraic temple site.



## Fifth Stage: Carraw to Alston 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### **Day 13: Carraw to Cawfields -10.5 miles**

It was full waterproofs on for the start of day one before we headed west along the line of the Roman Wall into the rain driven by a brisk wind. Fortunately, the weather slowly improved as the day progressed. However, the mixture of brief showers and sunny intervals made for excellent views on a spectacular section of the Wall.

Our first ascent of the day was to the summit of Sewingshields Crag.



We walked next to sections of Hadrian's Wall and milecastles for the rest of the day and part of the next. The Hadrian's Wall National Trail coincides with this section of the Pennine Journey and is obviously well travelled as we were rarely out of sight of other walkers heading both east and west.

After passing Housesteads Fort on its northern side, we walked over Hotbank Crag and then above Crag Lough.



We took a brief stop at the iconic Sycamore Gap before the path climbed to the high spot of Windshields Crag. Beyond Shield on the Wall, it was up and down again past disused quarries to reach Cawfields Country Park. After that it was a relatively short step to reach a minor road which we followed south in heavy rain for a short distance to the Milecastle Inn.

**Day 14: Cawfields to Lambley - 11.4 miles (Taking us past 100 miles.)**

Shortly after breakfast, we were returned to the Hadrian's Wall trail near Cawfields. In heavy rain. Continuing westwards, past Great Chesters Farm we ascend over Walltown Crag with more good views of the Whin Sill and beyond. Later, descending through woodland, we were pleased to find Walltown visitor centre open. After crossing the road from the visitor centre, we had one final ascent and descent on the Hadrian's Wall Trail to the north of Carvoran Roman Camp, taking us to Thirlwall Castle.



Shortly after Thirlwall, we turned south, leaving the Wall and other walkers behind. Initially, we followed a cycle route for the short distance into Greenhead.

Our departure from the National Trail became immediately obvious as, despite finding a Pennine Journey way marker (the only one we saw on this stage), we had trouble finding the path. This turned out to be a muddy, un-frequented track towards the busy A69. After crossing the road, our path took us over Blenkinsop Common. Here, navigation was needed for the first time in a while. Reaching the slightly more obvious Pennine Way, we ascended a rather damp path over Wain Rigg, then crossed Glencune Burn and Hartleyburn Common. Near here, the predicted heavy rain arrived and it was heads down until the end of the day.



Route finding continued to be a little more difficult again until we reached the last stretch towards the A689 and our expected pick up.

**Day 15: Lambley to Alston - 10.4 miles**



After we'd been returned to the path crossing on the A689 near Lambley a short walk across fields brought us to the impressive Lambley viaduct over the South Tyne. Here, we followed the signs for the South Tynedale Rail Trail down, almost to the river and then straight back up to rejoin the railway line.

South from the old station, our route continued along the bed of the disused railway line towards Slaggyford. Good views of the South Tyne Valley were to be had through the trees along the whole route. At Slaggyford we reached the northern end of the South Tynedale Railway which we opted to follow to Alston.



## Sixth Stage: Alston to Kirklands 12<sup>th</sup> June to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### **Day 16: Kirklands to Garrigill - 11 miles (and 2600ft of ascent!).**

Our taxi arrived prompt at 9.15 to take us from Nent Hall to Kirklands in the Vale of Eden. To make the walking easier, we'd decided to do this section in reverse.



The day started quite misty and breezy but the wind was from the west and at our backs. From Kirklands, we followed a broad path for most of the way to the shoulder of Cross Fell. A cap of cloud on the summit dissuaded us from diverting to take that in. This was just as well as we only just managed to reach Greg's Hut before the rain started.

After the hut, the path stayed quite high, giving great views of the North Pennines. Once we reached the recently improved estate track the weather improved, making for easy walking.





Eventually we dropped down into Garrigill. Despite the distance and the ascent, the walk had been easier than expected and we'd been where AW had been put off from walking because of bad weather.

### **Day 17: Alston to Garrigil (and back) - 11 miles**

At the start of the walk, our path ran close to the South Tyne. Much of the path through Nest, Cow Gap and Bleagate crossed wildflower meadows.



After a brief stop in Garrigil we headed back to Alston, following the Pennine Way on the west side of the South Tyne.

### **Seventh Stage 7: Kirklands to Great Musgrave 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**

(This stage was done out of sequence because of the 40°C heatwave in July 2022.)

### **Day 18: Kirklands to Appleby - 13 miles**

The start of the day's walk took us across fields to Ranbeck. On the way, we passed the impressively named but rather indistinct 'Hanging Walls of Mark Antony', medieval cultivation terraces. The path continued through fields to a footbridge over Crowdundle Beck. From there we cross pastureland with numerous gates and styles to reach Milburn. There the impressive village green, complete with Maypole provided a good place for a brief stop. The early part of the walk gave us excellent views of the Pennine escarpment and Lake District fells.



The route continued on indistinct paths through farmland to reach Knock, where we took lunch outside the church hall and enjoyed the sunshine.

From Knock it was a short step to the isolated Church of St Cuthbert near Dufton where we re-joined the Pennine Way. This took us into Dufton itself where we enjoyed coffees and cakes at the Post Box Pantry.

Suitably refreshed, we descended into Dufton Gill. Once we were heading in the right direction, we had a short stretch through very attractive woodland and past impressive quarried sandstone cliffs.

After reaching the road at Redbanks Bridge, we crossed sheep pasture to reach Keisley Beck at the edge of Flakebridge Woods. In the woods themselves we were lucky to see swathes of bluebells which were just beginning to fade.

The path to Hungriggs led across more pasture and farmland where the exit to the road was complicated by an excess of barbed wire. From there, we crossed under the busy A66 to go down into Appleby past the station.

Thirteen miles of rough lowland walking left us tired and late for tea but provided great views all the way. We concluded that it is easy to underestimate lowland walking especially where paths are indistinct or absent.

### **Day 19: Appleby to Great Musgrave – 10 miles.**

On our way out of Appleby we stopped off to look at the 17thC. alms houses and chapel founded by Lady Anne Clifford. After passing the castle we descended to the riverside walk next to the Eden. This path provided easy walking to Gt Ormside and then Sandford where lunch was taken on the riverbank.



After lunch the path took us through farmland and over drumlins to Warcop Old Bridge. Continuing via Ploughlands, we reached Little Musgrave where we were caught in rain. After Musgrave Bridge we visited St Theobald's Church before entering Great Musgrave itself.

### **Eighth Stage: Great Musgrave to the Moorcock Inn, 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

#### **Day 20: Great Musgrave to Nateby – 8.5 miles (10 miles walked).**

The day started a bit grey and damp underfoot but it stayed dry for our walk as far as Brough. Our route took us through fields to Brough's 12thC. Church. Having explored this, we visited the castle where we stopped for lunch. The rain started in earnest at this point.

After Church Sowerby we descended to the river Belah. On the south side of the river were impressive New Red Sandstone cliffs. Crossing the river, we continued through fields and the villages of Kaber and Winton to reach the edge of Kirkby Stephen. As it was getting late, we continued along the side of the Eden to reach Nateby.

#### **Day 21: Nateby to the Moorcock Inn – 11.4 miles**

The four of us set off in bright sunshine and headed south towards Wharton Hall. This proved to be a large farm centred on an impressive medieval hall. After a bit of a navigational error and having to cross a newly planted field, we reached the ruined Lammerside Castle. Continuing south, following the river Eden towards its source, we enjoyed bright sunshine and rising temperatures. Our next stop was

Pendragon Castle. We took our lunch here and enjoyed great views up Mallerstang with Wild Boar Fell above us to our left.



After lunch, we continued for a short way on the west side of the Eden before crossing a rather battered bridge. From there it was a steady pull uphill to Cumpstone Hill on the Pennine Bridleway. Reaching the top of the climb we were able to see that the prominent stone we had seen earlier was the 'Water Cut'. The location provides a wonderful vantage point above Mallerstang.



By this time, we were walking in full sun and were warm and at risk of sunburn. After the Water Cut, the path levelled off and continued to traverse the valley side to Hell Gill Bridge. Beyond this we crossed back into the catchment of the Ure. It

was then a gentle descent to the Moorcock Inn and Jim's car. Sadly, the pub wasn't open.

**Nineth Stage: Moorcock Inn to Dent, 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023.**

(The Temperance Inn at Cautley proved to be the high spot of the walk so far in terms of accommodation and food.)

Our warm-up walk up to Cautley Spout on the Sunday afternoon provided great views on a fine day.



**Day 21: Moorcock Inn to Cautley, 10 miles (and 1500ft of ascent)**

The first part of the route was north along the road towards Kirkby Stephen. With this out of the way, we headed for a footbridge over the Settle to Carlisle Railway before ascending Turner's Hill across reedy pasture. The track above Grisedale Beck took us past a barn and a lime kiln to reach Flust where another barn offered AA rated 4-star B and B accommodation – but only if you were a sheep!



From Flust we continued to traverse west on a poorly defined path, above the headwaters of Rawthey Gill. After crossing more rushy and boggy moorland, we began to descent towards Uldale House.

As Uldale opened out we followed a minor road before descending more steeply on a track leading to the A63. The road was crossed after we'd had to fight through undergrowth. With that obstacle behind us, we climbed a steep bank to reach Murthwaite before walking down to Wandale Beck. This was another section of the path that provided good views across woodland to the edge of the Howgills. The beck itself had to be forded, though this wasn't a problem. Soon afterwards, we reached Backside Beck. This also had to be forded but this one was a bit trickier to cross. In wet weather both becks could present problems. With Backside Beck behind us it was only a short distance to Cautley and our return to the Temperance Inn. We'd been very lucky with the weather as we only had a few light showers despite a poor forecast. We'd traversed one of the remoter sections of the route and saw only 5 other walkers the whole way.

### **Day 22: Cautley to Dent, 9 miles.**

We hadn't gone far when we were hit by the first and heaviest shower of the day. It was then gradually uphill to traverse above the valley floor before crossing Hollow and Rooker Gills.



The path provided easy walking with good views over the Rawthey Valley. Passing by Fawcett Bank we were surprised to see that such a remote property was lived in. From there we descended to reach the riverside path which we followed past Straight Bridge and on to Sedbergh.

Leaving Sedburgh, we continued through Millthrop and then up a stony path to crest Moser Hill which gave good views of Dentdale. Descending, we followed a green lane to cross the road into Dent before following a minor road and then a riverside path to reach the village itself.



## Tenth Stage Dent to Ingleton (done in reverse) 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

### **Day 23: Ingleton to Philpin Farm (Chapel-le-Dale), 6 miles.**

On a very misty morning, our route led out of the village and up a minor road to Twistleton Hall. If anything, the mist became denser as we walked up towards Twistleton Scar End. Once up on Scales Moor on the west side of Chapel-le-Dale we had a fairly level path to follow. Luckily, the mist didn't complicate navigation too much, although the path was a bit indistinct in places. Fortunately, the mist dispersed later to allow good views of limestone features, especially the fluted potholes. A couple of perched boulders added more interest.



During the afternoon visibility improved to allow views of Whernside and the distant Ribbleshead Viaduct. We even had some watery sunshine as we descended from Bruntscar to Philpin Farm.

### **Day 25: Philpin Farm to Dent, 9 miles.**

Continuing the reversal of this Stage of the walk, we set off on a bright and warm morning for our ascent of Whernside. As this section was part of the Three Peaks route and pretty well travelled, and mostly paved with flagstones.





However, the sections that weren't paved were badly eroded. We quickly gained height passing a few walkers making their descent. At the summit of Whernside we were lucky to be able to find a seat in the drystone windbreak. We paused for lunch there, taking in the view across Chapel-le-Dale to Ingleborough. Descending the path to the north gave great views, including Pen-y-Ghent, but was done in the company of lots of walkers heading up.



The popularity of the Three Peaks walk was even more apparent on this section with a lot of erosion and, sadly, lots of litter. As we dropped down, we made a slight navigational error and missed our path off to the left. This necessitated a climb back uphill to regain our route. From the path junction, we walked across a boggy moor past Whernside Tarns to reach a green road across Great Wold.



Initially, this gave easy walking with good views down into Dent Dale and across to the Howgill Fells. Along section down to Whernside Manor, the predicted rain started but luckily didn't get heavier until we reached Dent.

### **Eleventh Stage Ingleton to Settle 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

#### **Day 26: Ingleton to Clapham 8.5 miles.**

After leaving one car in Clapham, we set off in fine weather, from Ingleton on the bridle path towards Crina Bottom. Once past the farm, the gradient increased and a series of steps were ascended high on the flank of Inglebrough before we reached the summit. Good views were to be had on the way up and from the windbreak where we stopped for lunch.



Following the path down towards Clapham we headed over Little Ingleborough, making for Gaping Gill. From our vantage point we could see a lot of tents alongside Fell Beck. We guessed that this was in preparation for the Bank Holiday Winch Meet at Gaping Gill. Once down to the Gill itself we could see that Bradford Potholing Club had set up operations for later in the week. Continuing past the tent village, we passed Bar Pot, one of the entrances to the Gaping Gill system. It was then a short walk to enter the narrow confines of Trow Gill leading down towards the main path at Ingleborough Cave. This path was followed for a short distance before we ascended again on the Right of Way before dropping back down to Clapham.

**Day 27: Clapham to Settle 10.6 miles.**

Once back in Clapham, we followed Thwaite Lane through the servant's tunnels towards Austwick. With the option of coffee at the Traddock, we made a minor diversion into the village.



Refreshed (and impressed), we followed a good bridle path with clapper bridges to reach Feizor. By this time, the day had warmed up quite a bit and we were able to sit in the sunshine when we stopped for lunch below Pot Scar.



The path continued through rough pasture with more typical limestone scenery before descending to Stackhouse. From there, we followed the Ribble for the last stretch into Settle. Back in the Market Square we congratulated ourselves having completed the 247 miles of Wainwright's Pennine Journey. We had had lots of photos taken and showed off our t-shirts.



Our day's walking was not complete however as we had another couple of miles to do via Giggleswick School to get back to Close House.

## Reflections

Our Pennine Journey was a sometimes challenging but often interesting and hugely satisfying walk taking us to lots of places we'd not been before. Finishing the walk gave us a real sense of achievement.

We walked some very unfrequented paths (some were non-existent!) through the fabulous scenery of the Pennines, Vale of Eden and Craven Dales. Our days on Hadrian's Wall were rewarded with excellent views. Views of the Lake District and the Howgill Fells added to the experience.

Our Pennine Journey took us through isolated valleys, including Arkengarthdale and Uldale.

We encountered very few people apart from on the more recognised routes i.e Hadrian's Wall Trail, the Pennine Way and on the Three Peaks route. Significantly, we encountered no other Journeymen whilst on our journey.

Despite some very wet days, we enjoyed pretty good weather on the whole.

Some of the car shuffling was challenging.

## Highlights

Ever changing views of the Pennine Dales and Moors

Hull Pot

Semerwater

Dales' meadows, especially in Arkengarthdale

Low and High Forces

Blanchland

The spectacular views on the central section of Hadrian's Wall

Cross Fell and Dufton Gill

Cautley Spout

Whernside and Ingleborough

Limestone scenery of the Craven Dales

We also enjoyed staying in some excellent accommodation and benefitted from stops at some very good tea rooms.