

## **Blencathra - March 2012**

It's strange how things work out sometimes. The Helvellyn Meet had sixteen people attending on a weekend when the weather was OK but the driving conditions to get there were not the easiest. In comparison, the Blencathra Meet had four attendees and the weather was fantastic, with great views of a frosty landscape.

Mark, Janette, Lucy and I, plus Harvey on his four legs, parked at Scales and headed up the mountain via Sharp Edge. The rocks were very tricky in places due to a sheen of icy grime, making sections of it very thought-provoking! At least it was sunny and not blowing a hoolie like the last time we had a meet up here.

The views from the summit were atmospheric due to the wispy cloud that keep lifting then moving in again, sometimes obscuring Skiddaw in the distance, sometimes framing it. We departed, leaving a growing number of people from a coach party to enjoy the sunshine, in the direction of Foule Crag, and then on to Bannerdale Crags to the East. A lunch stop on the descent allowed us to bask in the warmth of the sun for a short while, before continuing back down to the cars and the pint in the White Horse. Well, it wouldn't be the same without a beer after a great walk now, would it?

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