

# RUN No 201: Sunday 5 February 2012

Ice, rain and impending blizzards could not keep them away, and 16 intrepid hashers, including 3 guests, assembled at GR294231 at the parking area for St Bega's church. But where was the hare, and why was he rescued by other hashers driving to the site? Was he lost; was the run so long he needed help; was he having a swim? So, a little late, the pack set off towards St Bega's and Bassenthwaite Lake. A false trail caused some disarray before the trail headed North through woods and fields back to the road and a loop along the shore of the lake. This was the wildlife section of the route with sightings of geese and ducks and a line of muddy waders (ie hashers). More fields and bog (much thankfully frozen) led to Mire Side and the runners / walkers divide. Runners then headed towards the main road and the run home - or so they thought! But the hares had other ideas. You can't have a run without some hills, so instead the route turned North again before heading up the side of the fell. Mutterings were heard - 'if I find flour on the top of Ullock Pike - I'll sue'. A stiff climb to the ridge and Skiddaw was in view. Surely not! Could it be? The bastards! But it wasn't. To much disappointment the route levelled off and descended to Ravenstone and another wallow (or is it waddle?) across fields to the cars.

Hares: Slasher and Huggy.

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