

## Hash Report

### Run 263 – Nether Row (Caldbeck), 5th February 2017

#### Hares – Huggy and Slasher

This really was a sacrifice that went above & beyond the call of duty. To answer Honsex's painful & heartfelt plea for Hares for 5<sup>th</sup> February, Huggy & Slasher deliberately jetted back from Zermatt the previous evening to answer the call & Sunday morning, jetlagged & with only a few hours sleep, were out on the Trail bravely dispensing flour. Our poor impoverished friends who couldn't even afford to drink the water in Zermatt, a snip at £7 for a half litre bottle, were back in familiar territory & in their element.

A goodly number – possibly well in excess of a dozen hashers (including dogs) – assembled in Chris Bonington's car park at Nether Row. The weather was fine if not a little on the cool side & the pack as usual split into athletes & the infirm, with Highway seeming to favour the latter on this occasion.

On On was called & Deep Sweat (I think) [*Sweat Monster, Ed*] led the pack off towards some derelict cottages in the abandoned village of Potts Gill – something to do with the Great Plague I think. What followed was a very pleasant yomp across the undulating & rather featureless Caldbeck Fells, the highlight being the discovery of the old miners' explosive store which contained neither explosives or a possibly promised (or not) beer dump. A huge disappointment on which up to that point had been a remarkably well set trail – no doubt the Hares will fall back on that old jet lag excuse.

Whilst the trail did keep pulling us towards High Pike, the Hares somewhat redeemed themselves by being sensitive to public opinion regarding the curse of hills on a trail & steered the pack in a graceful & picturesque yomp back to Nether Row. A very pleasant 90 minute run followed by ONON to the ever popular Old Crown Inn.

Well done to the Hares for fitting an emergency hash into their busy schedule & hopefully this will have inspired the rest of us to embrace the joys of trail laying.

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