

Hash Report

Run 289 – St. Bega’s Church, Bassenthwaite, 7th July 2019

Hares – Cyclops Sylv and Slasher

Hashers: Sweat Monster, Coral, Rocky Rock, Plum Tart, Weakender, Rent Boy, Huggy, Matilda.

The sun shone, the air was clear and it felt good to be alive as 7 hashers and a couple of hares gathered in the layby near St Begas Church. After a bit of scrambling around the call came heading down towards the lake and St Begas – although we didn’t quite make it to the church – despite one dedicated hasher giving it a quick circuit looking for the route! After a quick visit around the grounds of Mirehouse, we ventured across the road – and without so much as a sniff at the Sawmill Tearooms, the route led up the righthand side of Skill Beck towards the Osprey viewing point. However this wasn’t to be a scenic stop / nature watch at this point and the paths continued to ascend.... and ascend.... and ascend with some great views across the lake and hills above the western shore.

The route continued through Dodd Wood and the edge of Thornthwaite forest until we reached an official viewpoint a few metres below the summit of Dodd – again with some cracking views down the lake towards Keswick and the fells beyond.

After so much climbing the route could only go one way after this – and thank goodness it did – downwards back towards the Dodd Wood car park! However, the day was young – and part way down a sneaky cut back took us across a bridge and oh no! We were going back uphill again! The author checking out a very long downhill false trail – couldn’t face going back up and bailed out to take a short cut back. The rest of the pack followed the trail towards Ravenstone Manor, until eventually reappearing on the back road back to the start. An enjoyable – although hilly – route on a gorgeous summer’s day.

The ON INN was once again at the reliable Sun Inn in Bassenthwaite.

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Rent Boy