

Walking Group - Cuerdon Valley

Not even the threat of heavy downpours and even thunderstorms was enough to deter eight brave souls clad in waterproofs from meeting in the pub car park. Indeed, the walk both started and ended with us following Richard's blue brolly - but each time only for a few minutes. As the clouds parted and the sun came out, we tramped across moorland and woodland, getting held up by sheep crossing our path. Richard had certainly done his homework, taking us to the site of a former linen mill hidden away deep in the woods before leading us to the top of the hill with magnificent views overlooking Buckshaw Village. Here he explained that the village was built on the site of the former royal ordnance factory and the hill we were standing on had hidden underground bunkers for storing ammunition. After the recent rain, flora and fauna were out in full. We took our time gazing at swifts and skylarks, admiring the displays of elderflower, dog roses and other wild plants. 5.5 miles later we were back at the pub and ready to sit down to a very welcome lunch. As always, many thanks Richard for another great walk.

