Trip Report: The White Peak
Date: 30th October 2026
Group: Jim G (Leader), Sarah, Steve, Mike A, Lesley, Janet, Ray + Flora
Route: Carder Low (380m) & High Wheeldon (422m) from Longnor
Total Distance: 11.9 miles
Total Ascent: 1960 ft
Weather: Foggy start but cleared away and the sun came out

A surprising quick journey to Longnor, for a Friday, saw us arrive in only 1hr 30mins to free parking and toilets!

The route starts from the Market Square car park in the centre of the pretty village of Longnor. The route starts off by following the Manifold Trail which runs alongside the west bank of the River Manifold. The path is very sketchy, crossing fields of lush wet meadow and going through many stiles of various designs and requires careful navigation as the footpath signs are non existent.

We leave the Manifold trail at the small hamlet of Brund, where we turn left to the small hamlet of Sheen. Passing Palace Farm we head down a concrete farm track when we have of first faller of the day as Mike A flys over landing on his buttocks, a damage inspection is carried out and Lesley concludes that he has a sore coxis amongst the bruising to his bum! We take a a coffee break here to allow Mike to recover his composure and repair his damaged ego. We continue on our way and eventually arrive at the attractive village of Hartington.

Passing through the village we climb uphill on tarmac to a signpost to Crowdicote, the sun is now out and a mass delayering takes place before we cross the stile onto open

access land, there is no footpath on the OS map, however there are the occasional blue posts marking the way to assist navigation. We are heading for our first summit of the day, Carder Low. He have a bit of trouble telling the vague path from the numerous sheep trods, we head steeply uphill until the terrain flatness out before turning left heading for the summit. There is no clear path and no obvious way of crossing a large drystone wall. We resort to climbing the barbwire topped wall without any injuries but really missed Dave Bond's patented barbwire protection pipe. We make our way to the summit and drop down a short way where lunch is taken.

We head downhill to rejoin the main path which contours along the hillside for about 3 miles until we reach the road above the village of Crowdicote. This is a logical cutoff point and Mike A, Lesley and Steve opt for this with the rest of the squad leaving the road and heading steeply upwards to reach our second summit of the day, High Wheeldon. This a very shapely hill with magnificent views all round and great views of Chrome Hill and Parkhouse Hill. The descent from the summit is the most challenging part of the whole day, a very steep descent grassy down a narrow ridge sees two fallers, Ray and Sarah! The descent requires a great deal of care and gets more slippery the further down we go, taking our time we make it to the bottom without any further mishaps. The route then follows a road and green lane before a short sharp pull up to Longnor, we all agree that nobody likes an uphill finish at the end of a walk!

We meet the rest of the squad quaffing a coffee in the Market Square, the drive back to the Dysart is quick for a Friday afternoon arriving at 4.45pm for a well earned refreshment. Interesting side note, not one response to the call to drinks from the Bums or Saturday Night Drinks WhatsApp Groups! This is surely a first, the cost of living crisis is real.

Jim G