

## **Trip Report: The South Pennines**

**Date:** 26th March 2010

**Group:** Lynn (leader), Jim G, Jean, Mike A, Lesley, Graham S

**Route:** Circular walk Downham via Pendle Hill, Lancashire

**Total Distance:** 9 miles as measured by Jim's technology and not Tony's piece of string

**Total Ascent:** Unknown

**Weather:** Unknown

A 7.45 start from Bunbury Pavilion, weather forecasted sunshine and showers, thankfully we were blessed with more of the former, even if it was a little windy.

Usual assortment of retirees and part time workers plus Graham who'd taken a days holiday to join us, so the pressure was on new leader Lynn to come up with a decent walk!

Jim kindly volunteered to drive which meant we could all fit into one car. We parked in the picturesque village of Downham where incidentally they filmed 'Whistle Down the Wind' and the television series 'Born and Bred'. Thanks to Tony and Selina for that information.

From Downham we followed the brook to the base of Pendle Hill, then it was a steep climb of 577 meters to the summit with a short stop for coffee and a check on how Jim W's last ever working day was going. At the trig point we were rewarded with views over the Ribble valley, Trough of Bowland and Burnley!

We headed down towards Ogden Clough then on to the world-renowned 'Pendle Ski Slope'.

Fairly straightforward route back towards Downham stopping for lunch next to a little stream.

Got back to the car park to a round of applause for the new leader, who managed to get everyone round without getting lost, (with some help from Mr Grant - thanks)

Back in good time to miss the Friday evening rush hour traffic on the M6, and to get to the Dysart for some re-hydration.

Lynn