

Secretary's Report – 2024

What a year this has been!

At last year's meeting, Sue ended her report with the words, **"Looking forward to another great year with all of you fantastic people."** It was unimaginable that she would not be here at this year's meeting to repeat those words. I want to take this moment to thank everyone who has contributed to keeping the group active. Sue's energy and enthusiasm were a source of inspiration for our group, and it is evident that she has instilled a bit of that spirit in us all. The coach trip to Brimham Rocks and Fountains Abbey, coming so shortly after Sue's passing, was a poignant homage to her meticulous organization and planning, giving us all a day to remember.

Thank you, Sue.

Once again, we have enjoyed a year brimming with events and walks, all thanks to those who have contributed and suggested/researched activities. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. I will leave the specifics of our numerous events to our Social Secretary, but I'd like to highlight some memorable moments.

The year kicked off with our coach trip to Kendal, featuring fantastic walks and a delightful cruise on Lake Windermere. Richard led our now traditional visit to the Cuckney Christmas Tree Festival. The welcoming mulled wine and mince pies were a hit. In January, we celebrated Burns Night, and February took us to a pantomime and on a tour of the Amazon. March's coach holiday to Tenby included enjoyable walks, a thrilling coach journey through the Llanberis Pass, and a distillery tour. Sue organized and led walk leader training and map reading sessions at Pleasley Pit. Our social outings included the Calendar Girls play and a ceilidh, both immensely enjoyable. In May, some of our members volunteered at the Ramblers stall, savoured a Gin Festival, experienced greyhound racing, and trekked up Pendle Hill. August presented a canal boat excursion and a venture to scale the Yorkshire Three Peaks, and in September, we explored the Ecton Copper Mines.

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