



FRIENDS OF LADY ANNE'S WAY
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Latest News:

The Westmorland Dales Festival was held in July this year and Ann Sandal, of Kirkby Stephen Welcomes Walkers' Group, very kindly invited Frank and me along. They were organising a walk from Aisgill to Outhgill along part of Lady Anne's Way which I was invited to lead. After a heavy rainfall which caused us to shelter beneath the trees beside the river, it cleared up and we enjoyed a delightful walk. The highlight was a visit to Outhgill Church with the plaque above the door which Lady Anne had inscribed to celebrate her restoration of the church.



The latest Journal of the West Riding Ramblers featured an article on hill-top artworks; the 'Water Cut' by the stone carver Mary Bourne was mentioned and its position on Lady Anne's Way. This sculpture is on the 'Highway' above Mallerstang and is an important feature on the route and an ideal place to stop and take in the fantastic view down the valley.

We've sent copies of the guide book to both Thailand and Spain this year and also a couple of badges to Denmark. The Thailand request was interesting as the young man comes from Haworth and was coming over this summer to visit family and to do the walk whilst he was here. This must be the farthest place we've dealt with so far.

Unfortunately the Lady Anne's Way Interpretation Panel, which was due to be erected outside the Visitor Centre at Kirkby Stephen has been delayed. The Westmorland Dales Landscapes Partnership (who are dealing with it) sent an outline of the proposed panel which looks really fascinating but we're not holding our breath!



Frank visited Abbot Hall earlier in the year and found a portrait of Lady Ann which we hadn't seen before. Not very flattering though.

Walkers on the 'Way':

Skipton's medieval Holy Trinity Church have just received permission from N. Yorks. Council to replace its broken gas heating system with air source heat pumps (they've been largely without heating for 3 years). As part of the fundraising efforts to raise half a million pounds the Rector the Rev. James Theodosius decided to walk along Lady Anne's Way. His target was £5,000 but in the event he managed to exceed the target and raised £6,932.00 - a fantastic achievement.

In August Darren emailed to say that they had just completed the first part of Lady Anne's Way to Kirkby Stephen and would hope to finish the route shortly. He wanted a copy of the guide book sending to their friend Vivien which we did. Vivien has a keen interest in Lady Anne and has a particular fondness for Mallerstang. I have to agree it is quite a special valley with stunning hills all around.

Kamil contacted me in October after walking Lady Anne's Way in 3 days. He was doing it as a personal fundraiser to help towards medical costs for their new born baby. He sent me an hour long video complete with soft music of his journey. Doing it in such a short space of time meant that he usually started walking about 5.30am. so there are some fascinating shots of an early sunrise and like wise sunsets at the end of the day. For a brief over view click on <https://youtu.be/eMjgbh1k2to> To view the whole video following the link <https://youtu.be/zoTgs4HBZJ>

Finally we had an email from '5 elderly men from Formby near Liverpool (cumulative age about 385 years!!)'. They'd just completed the route as far as Appleby and had a great time, visiting Skipton Castle at the beginning and then Lady Anne's tomb in Appleby on the last day.



Approaching Hawes

In spring this year I had an email from a walker telling me about an interpretational panel in Penrith behind the Town Hall in Coronation Gardens. I haven't had chance to visit it yet but below is a picture he sent to me. Looks like it needs a bit of TLC.

Happy Walking -
Sheila and Frank

