

ANNAN WALKING GROUP
WALK 83
SATURDAY 24 MARCH 2007
ROCKCLIFFE - CUMBRIA

Distance	About 5-6 miles / 8-10 kms.
Walk Time	2.5 to 3 hours. The plan is to only have a brief stop en-route and when we arrive back at the starting point, the Crown and Thistle Inn, those who wish can have a bar lunch and those who don't can eat their picnic in the car / bus.
Walk Description	Half on quiet country roads, half on muddy riverbank. Through Rockcliffe, past Castletown Estate gates and Rockcliffe Cross Farm to the Ferryman's House (Old Esk Boathouse). Back on the raised flood defence overlooking Rockcliffe and Demesne Marshes up the river Eden to Rockcliffe. Good view of the Solway if the weather is kind.
Travel	Murray Street car park at 9.30 a.m. Mini-bus available for 16 passengers. FROM ANNAN: A74 south. Leave at the junction immediately after Highland Laddie. Very tight corner into the Crown & Thistle car park can be avoided by leaving dual carriageway at first Carlisle roundabout and driving past Asda to Rockcliffe.
Walk Starting Point	Car park of Crown and Thistle Inn at 10.00 a.m. Proprietors don't mind us parking if we keep cars to the minimum or become customers. Toilets available in Inn but not for muddy feet.
Walkers Dogs	Dogs okay but strictly on lead at all times for the safety of other walkers and farm stock.
Refreshments	As above, i.e. either a bar lunch in the Inn (Archie & Rona rosette!) or own snacks and drinks in car / bus. Can book lunch in advance but the Crown & Thistle serves food all day on a Saturday.
Equipment	Walking boots, waterproofs etc. If there has been rain boots and gaiters recommended.

Everyone is welcome. You can turn up on the day but advance notice is always helpful. For further information please phone the walk leader, Archie Smith on (01461) 203250.