

Black Dog Meet

No. 222 Ochil Hills

Saturday 1st May 2021

In Attendance

Charles Alexander Wull Clark Valerie Inglis Lorna Smith David Cameron Gerry Feeney Liz Kennedy Tony Smith

Mountains Climbed

The Full Group Innerdownie (611m), Whitewisp Hill (643m) and

Commonedge Hill (469m)

Charles, David, Val, Wull & Tony Hillfoot Hill (442m)

Weather

Generally fair but more persistent, although light, rain later. Better than forecast.

Notes / Highlights

Finally we can get out and travel to meet up but where to go? Given that the Munros were likely to be busy Alan suggested Glendevon – and then he got a last minute trip to Skye instead.

We gathered as planned at the large and inevitably busy Whittens car park (confusingly not signed as such) and followed the well signed forest road south to gain easy access to the open hill about 1k NE of Innerdownie. Well worn tracks then took us to that first summit (a Donald) and on to Whitewisp (Donald top). For those (few) who might be interested both these hills are also Simms. Good conditions afforded us fine 360 views although we did have some initial difficulty in correctly identifying the distant Tay Road Bridge!

From Whitewisp we headed S then SE on steepening grass to reach the Glenquey track towards Maiden's Well before turning uphill towards Commonedge. A sub-group of the more intrepid (stupid?) members took a detour into the very 'atmospheric' forestry on Hillfoot with me to claim that summit before we all headed to the final top. Thereafter further tracks took us back down to Glenquey and back to the start point.

Thanks to Wull for navigational assistance and to Lorna for the biscuits.

Next Meet

Tarfside, Glen Esk. Saturday 22nd May. The route plan will include Creag na h-loaire.

Tony