

Birchen Edge Trip Report, February 2014

Due to bad weather forcing the day trip to be postponed, unfortunately a group of only seven hardy Stoats made it to the Munrow to venture out to the Peaks on a chilly February morning. These brave stoats were, however, rewarded with good conditions and an excellent day of climbing at Birchen Edge, with a couple of members getting their first experience of climbing outdoors.

Probably the highlight of the day was Dan's impressive onsight of *Orpheus Wall* (HVS 5c), commonly known as the "most dogged HVS in the Peak District" - a fact he ensured everyone at the crag was aware of. At the other end of the spectrum, myself and Lizzie comically failed to start a VDiff chimney.

As the weather brightened up over the day, we were treated to an excellent day of climbing, completing a number of short but enjoyable routes, before finishing up with a spot of bouldering and an appearance by former Stoat, Jake Lodge.

Thanks to all who came along, I hope you enjoyed the trip.

Sam