

Dear NVT

Just a few words to say what a great job you and your colleagues at the NVT are doing.

I picked up your website from the Railway Ramblers site having seen reference to it on Julia Bradbury's latest TV series Railway Walks.

Any way never having been to Kirkby Stephen before but it was half term and the weather was set fine so the walk around the Merrygill and Podgill looked very appealing.

The walk was superb and full of interest. From the moment we got on the Merrygill viaduct and the restoration which had been achieved. The two platelayer huts and interpretation boards were full of interest (what a pity the old signal box couldn't have been saved). Podgill viaduct with the opportunity to get down below and get a real sense of the size and scale of the viaduct – fascinating to see the two viaducts built side by side. We were lucky on Friday as the trees were showing their marvellous autumn colours as you looked down Podgill valley.

The enjoyment continued as we crossed the Millenium Bridge and made our way through the park and alongside the River Eden back to KS.

What a wonderful local treasure you have helped to establish. We shall be coming back shortly to do the Smardale Gill Viaduct Round.

Once again, well done.

Jim Taylor