

U3A Photography Group meeting April 2025 – Report by Alan Kenwright

Photographs by Pete Redgrave, Robin Taylor and Ian Royston

In April the photography group visited Farfield Mill, a former Victorian textile mill near Sedbergh in Cumbria, now converted to use as a museum and gallery space (“cultural venue”). Twelve members of the group made the trip over the Pennines and the day looked set fair with cloudless blue skies and brilliant sunshine but, when we arrived at the mill, we found that the tea-room in the mill was not open that day due to staff shortages. Disaster!!



We are not easily deterred, however, and soldiered on for an hour or so photographing the mill and its exhibits before deciding to adjourn to nearby Sedbergh for lunch at the Black Bull (extra-ordinarily good chips!). Our time there was further enlivened by the local chip shop catching fire – nothing to do with us, your honour. In the afternoon we moved on to explore the picturesque village of Dent, before returning via a scenic route through the northern Dales to Kirkby Stephen and so home. A very pleasant day out in glorious spring weather.





Our next outing will be to the ruined castles at Brough and Bowes, on Tuesday, 6th of May.