

[CALLAF meeting Mungrisdale 18 October 2018 - 'Routes to Resilience R2R' visit - informal report](#)

After a formal morning meeting of the Cumbria and Lakes Local Access Forum in Mungrisdale village hall and a brief introduction to the R2R scheme, members walked a short distance west to where the Bulfell Beck, a tributary of the River Glenderamackin, had washed away the path. This is one of the three remaining flood recovery schemes to be completed in the Lake District following the immense damage to the rights of way network in Cumbria caused by floods in 2015. R2R schemes have to include flood resilience and accessibility improvements.



During the floods the river's course moved, and flood waters cut into the soft sediments, a bridge was washed out, and the footpath was severed. The recovery job proved more difficult than first envisaged, not least because of the need for a sympathetic design, in the light of important conservation designations. The area is part of the Derwent Catchment and the High Fells SSSIs. Secretary of State approval is also needed for footpath diversion works on Common Land.



Many solutions were proposed, including the unthinkable, to abandon the footpath, but the area is a popular route, and several walkers crossed the area during our short visit. In depth studies were needed, there were many negotiations with landowners, together with time and cost constraints.



From the many solutions proposed, a flagged diversion path option has been chosen, using specially commissioned large flagstones, which are expected to be put into place in late November. The scheme is supported by the parish council. CALLAF members thanked the LDNPA project Manager and Ranger, Jed Acton and Bruce Wilkinson, for arranging the site visit.

