

Taking full advantage of the brilliant summer weather in the northwest this year, YRC members, aspiring members and past members have been busy putting up a selection of new routes in the Dales and Lakes. It's hard to find new crags these days and many of them will inevitably be "sport" developed rather than "traditional".

## **Yorkshire Dales**

### **Attermire Scar**

The Escarpment. This crag is located towards the east of the Attermire Crag cluster in a beautiful location

Start a couple of metres right of The Cleaver at an innocuous looking crack. A tricky start gains nice climbing trending right and up to the ledge. Climb the upper wall on the right of the bolts. 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Glyn Edwards, Norman Wilkinson, Colin Binks.

### **The Cleaver 20m. 5c**

This climbs the fine sharp rib just right of Chop Gully to a roomy grass ledge halfway. From here climb the upper wall to the left of the bolts. It's probably a good idea to put a lower off/belay on the ledge as there is a bit of rope drag on the top half. 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022. Glyn Edwards, Colin Binks, Norman Wilkinson.

### **Langcliffe Skyline**

The Skyline buttress is a continuation of Stainforth Scar and lies above and to the left of Langcliffe Quarry. The crag is hidden in the trees and approached from the new car park by the Hoffman Kiln.

### **Garlic Gully area**

### **Wild Garlic 16m. 6b**

Further up the gully, the steep wall left of Hostage sports a fine diagonal crack. Gain and follow this with some interest to the 5<sup>th</sup> bolt which is slightly out of line (on the left) and is best extended.

Continue upwards past a ledge and then more easily to the lower off. 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Glyn Edwards, Ged Campion, Norman Wilkinson.

## Main Wall area

### **Directly Unavailable** 24m. 6b

A long and varied route with a distinct crux. Start just right of “W.P.C. Lovely” below the tree stump. Climb pleasantly to the stump and ledge, then take the crack or wall on the right to reach a more incipient crack further up in superb rock. Follow this with a hard move at the bulge to gain good holds and the halfway ledge. Continue directly up the wall above pleasantly. 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Glyn Edwards, Ged Campion, Norman Wilkinson.

Glyn Edwards starting up 'Directly Unavailable' and Norman Wilkinson belaying.



## **The Lake District**

Runestone Quarry originally known as Betsy Crag Quarry is a series of elongated open pit workings which follow a silver-grey slate seam up the fellside. It's said that the quarry, is one of the earliest in the area has been worked since the 1700s. The quarry closed just before the first WW.

The entrance to the middle quarry is gained by passing under an arch formed by a huge single slab of slate. This was a bridge to allow quarrymen to easily walk from Tunnel Hole Quarry to Betsy Crag Quarry.

The quarry is just up from LHG, following track past HHG to the fell gate then left steeply to join main track from Fell Foot Bridge to Tilberthwaite. The spoil heaps can be clearly seen above. Head in direction of Tilberthwaite to where track branches right to quarry. Over stone stile and up ramp to Lower Quarry.

For years YRC members used quarry for top roping / bouldering activities and teams added a few bolted routes from the 1990s but in 2020 just before the pandemic, prompted by the publication of the new guidebook “Lakes Sport and Slate” the quarry saw a burst of activity from an invasion of climber's re-bolting old routes and developing new ones.

It's been agreed with Cumbria Bolt Fund that glue in bolts should be used in slate owing to its tendency to fracture more easily as a soft rock. Therefore, many of the existing routes have been re-bolted and lower off's improved.

### Runestone. Lower Quarry

#### **Omicron** 12m. 6b

Start 3m right of Evergreen. Climb the small groove in the blunt arete making interesting moves over the overhang to an easier slab above. 23.11.2021. Ged & Imogen Campion.

#### **Runescape** 13m. 6a

10m right of Caspian. Move left from large, detached block to a small spike to gain the wall above, then follow the bolt line direct. Lower back to the spike to avoid dubious blocks in the pit below the roof. 5.5.22. Ged & Imogen Campion.

#### **Ron's Ramble** 15m. 5c+

Start as for Caspian and make a rising traverse rightwards to the lower off on Runescape. Lower down to the spike on Runescape to avoid the pit below the overhang. 7.6.22. Ged Campion & Glyn Edwards.

#### **'Send it like Beccs** 12m. 6a+

The steep slab just right of Omicron. Climb directly using a few dubious flakes. Some brittle rock! 23.5.22. Ged & Imogen Campion.



Left:  
Tom  
leading  
Omicron



Right:  
Ged  
leading  
Omicron

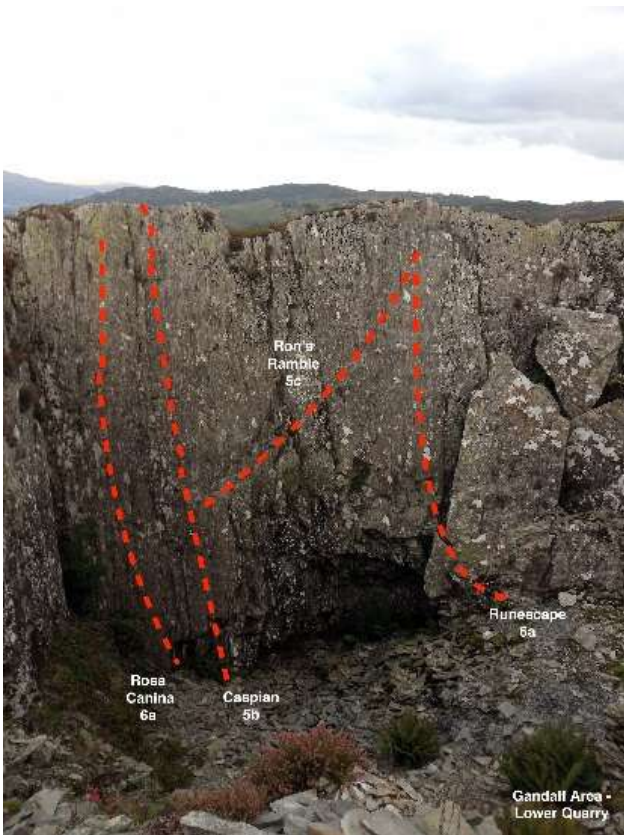




Tom leading Runescape



Imogen on Rosa Canina



Ron's Ramble, Rosa Canina, Casplan and Runescape.



Kobes Cucumber, Omicron and Send it like Beccs.