Meet Report for Milehouse Cottage; August 22nd through August 24th 2025 Coordinator; Dale Collie

After the number of attendees ebbed and flowed (with injuries) we had a final number of 8 who came along; Dale, Mike, Val, Oli, Anne and Ron, Helen and Dot.

Oli and Val arrived first and got everything opened and switched on, which I was thankful for; and most of us all arrived within the hour. Everyone was eating in, self catering, and we had a very sociable Friday night, chatting so that we had a relatively "late night" for a night before the hills!

Saturday six of us decided on Sgor Gaoith from Glen Feshie (as described on WH). I heard said; "9.30 and walking, that is an early one for us these days". A circuit fairly gently ascending Sgor Gaoith and then circling back to the north along Meall Buide and Geal-Charn before a sharp descent back to the original path in. Perfect walking conditions, other than midgies, the cloud cover cleared giving us partial views across to Braeriach (pronunciation practised by Dale and Mike!!!!) Helen, recovering from injury, returned the same way going up. Wise woman!! My quads are still aching 3 days later from the very, very, long descent we had!! 16 km in total and 900m ascent so a very satisfying day!

Oli and Val cycled in the area through forest and minor roads; clocking up 34 km on the day!

Tired bunnies by the time all back and lashings of tea and home made cake and biscuits (thanks Dot, Anne) refreshed us enough to enjoy a chicken pasta meal (eventually!! I learned about different gas heats.) Home grown rhubarb and orange crumble left us all very satiated.

Sunday Dot and Helen had to head back to Edinburgh. Dale and Mike headed home as they were wrecked from walking on Saturday. Hardy Ron and Anne had a walk near Newtonmore (that Val and Oli did on the Friday) and Oli and Val stopped off at Killiecrankie.

Thank you everyone who attended. A most successful meet.

Dale Collie 29/08/25