

## **R to R Project : LM Survey Team**

Our team was allocated an area which included a large area of craggy fellside but also farmland in the Lickle & Duddon Valleys. It was the farmland which proved to be an unexpected treat; we retreated to the valleys during the summers when the bracken covered everything on the fells. We were not prepared for the myriad of fascinating features we found there, mostly associated with the rearing of sheep. We became connoisseurs of hogg holes, noting a huge variety of designs, & admired the ingenuity of farmers in using local materials to make sheep pens & dips, stiles & water yeats. We found complex water management systems with underground culverts, many different styles of walling & some intriguing methods of disposing of excess stone. We hunted out named & dated gate stoops.

We hope that all this information, now recorded, may assist some future student with an interest in early farming. The other real treat were the picnics on sunny summer days in beautiful places to which we would not have had access without the co-operation of the many farmers in the valleys.