

## GEOLOGY AND LANDSCAPE

Our first trip outside this year was in April to explore the Norber erratics at Austwick. Andrew Musgrave led the group between boulders of all sizes deposited by melting ice sheets at the end of the last ice age. Many of the boulders scattered on the landscape are precariously balanced on limestone plinths and quite a sight to see (photo by Andrew Musgrave),

In May we boarded the Lancaster train and were treated to a walk around Lancaster looking at the building stones, which was led by Vic Parsons from the Westmorland Geological Society. Many of the buildings are built of sandstone quarried in Williamson Park. Vic also pointed out examples of the use of Shap granite and stone slates from Clougha Pike plus the many uses of ornamental stones from Europe.

We pass many of these features on every visit but often do not take notice. We finished at the castle which now that the renovations are complete in the inner courtyard looks magnificent.

Our outside programme continues through to September:-

**June:** Land of Fire and Ice, Mickelden, Langdate.

**July:** Ormsgill Bank, Barrow.

**August:** Warton shore

**September:** Millom Rock Park.