

## **Lizzie Maddison**

My first experience of Upper Teesdale was through field courses on Widdybank and Cronkley Fell as part of my Botany degree many years ago. I started my teaching career in a crumbling inner-city school and soon appreciated the value of practical biology in engaging students.

I was privileged to meet Dr Margaret Bradshaw on my retirement and have attended her Upper Teesdale Botany Group ever since – recently taking on the role of Chairperson. I have also taught a range of courses on botany and survey skills, often involving recording the rare plants in Upper Teesdale.