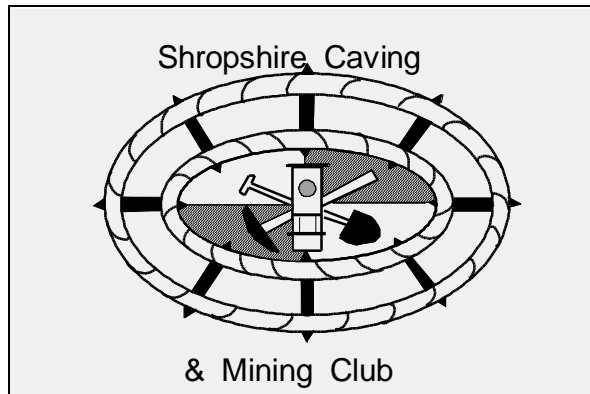


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Metalliferous Mines of Shropshire

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PREFACE

The Shropshire Caving & Mining Club has been surveying and recording the remains of the mining industry of Shropshire for over 30 years. During that time, many surface buildings have either fallen down, disappeared completely or have become obscured by trees and undergrowth. Similarly, many mine entrances have collapsed or been filled in and are now no longer accessible to the mine explorer.

The information gained by the Club on South West Shropshire has been published over the years in various Club publications as well as a series of Accounts, viz

Account 2	"Survey of the South Shropshire Lead Mining Area" D Adams, 1962
Account 4	"First Supplement to Survey of the South Shropshire Lead Mining Area" D Adams, 1968
Account 12	"A Survey of the Metal Mines of South West Shropshire" J Heathcote, 1979. Revised S Holding, 1992

Much of the information contained in these is now out of date and, in 1993, the Club began a comprehensive survey of the remaining surface features and accessible underground workings. When complete, the information will be published in several volumes to make a comprehensive record of the area. This Gazetteer is the first volume and it will be followed by several more, each one concentrating on the surface features and underground workings of different areas of Shropshire.

Mining history does not stand still and new information is always coming to light, as well as more underground workings becoming accessible due to better techniques and equipment. As a result, it is likely that the information contained in these volumes will eventually become out of date as well and, at that time, revised editions will be published.

INTRODUCTION

This Gazetteer is part of a record of the non-ferrous metalliferous mining areas of Shropshire. The main area is centred on a three mile radius of Shelve, where some of the most productive and famous mines of the county were situated. Apart from this, significant metalliferous mining took place around Llanymynech, to the north of Shrewsbury and around Hawkstone. Other small sites also occur (see Fig.1).

This study does not include coal, iron, clay or limestone mines, of which there were many in the county. It concentrates instead on "metalliferous" mines, the definition of which includes metals and other minerals found in association. The metalliferous minerals mined in the areas in question were :-

Barytes
Calcite
Copper
Fluorspar
Lead
Silver
Zinc.

The gazetteer will provide basic information as well as providing further references for the reader who wishes to delve deeper into the history of a particular mine. Some mines worked under different names at various times in their history. For the purposes of this gazetteer, therefore, information has been shown under the most commonly used name and alternative names refer to the main entry. Some names refer to a "Sett" which was a group of mines. In such cases, the sett name refers to the individual mines.

Some of the mines are just over the Welsh border but they have traditionally been regarded as part of the South West Shropshire orefield and are thus included for completeness. The entries show the following information where available :-

1. Mine name

This shows the name by which the mine is generally known today.

2. Location

A six figure grid reference is given where possible. Since most mines covered a wide area, the reference given refers to the central point. Some entries only have a four figure reference and this is where a literary reference has been found but the exact location has not yet been determined.

3. Country rock

This shows the predominant country rock in which the ore was mined.

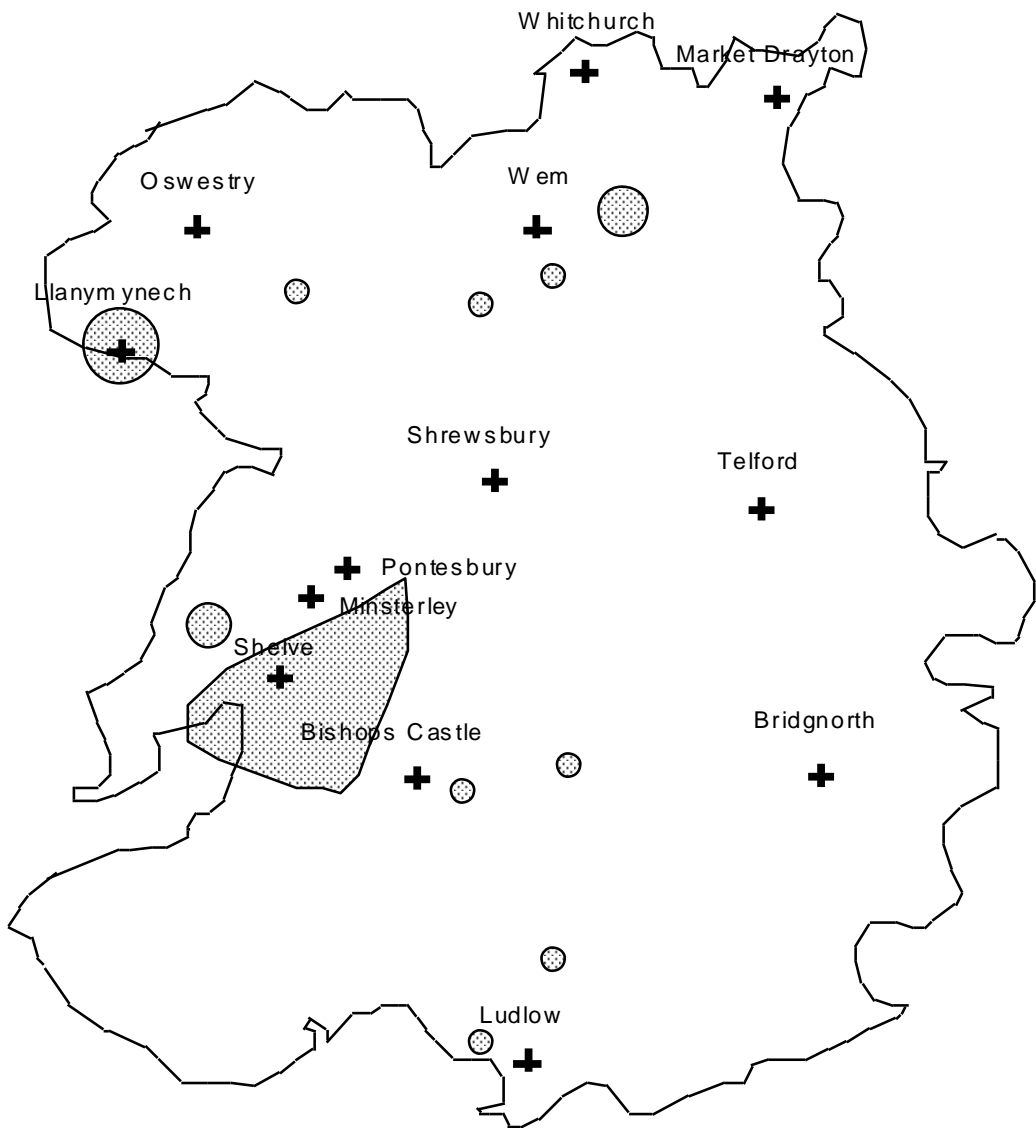
4. Minerals

This shows the main minerals extracted from the mine for sale. There may have been others but these were never in sufficient quantities to be commercially viable.

5. Working life

This shows the known period that the mine was worked, from contemporary records. In some cases, very early periods are suggested from archaeological evidence. It is quite possible that many mines were worked for much longer than shown but that this period was never recorded.

Figure 1 - Metalliferous Mining Areas of Shropshire



6. Output

This summarises the known output of minerals from official annual records. The output figures are only approximate since official returns did not start until 1845 and many mines had already been extracting for many years.

7. Alternative names

This lists other names that the mine has been known as in the past. Where a mine became very rich and famous, neighbouring mines with poorer prospects often adapted the name to attract investors to their own site. Thus we have North Snailbeach, West Snailbeach and Central Snailbeach, all of which had no connection with Snailbeach Mine itself. Another reason for a name change was where a mining company became bankrupt and a new company working the mine wished to avoid the stigma of the previous operations. In such a way West Tankerville Mine became East Roman Gravels Mine.

8. General references

This lists major sources of information where a description of the mine can be found. The relevant codes are :-

- A Shropshire Caving & Mining Club Newsletter
- B Shropshire Caving & Mining Club Account
- C Shropshire Caving & Mining Club Yearbook
- D Shropshire Caving & Mining Club Journal
- F "Mines of Shropshire" I Brown, 1976
- G "Shropshire Lead Mines" F Brook & M Allbutt, 1973
- H "The Mines of Shropshire & Montgomeryshire" R Burt et al, 1990
- I Birmingham Enterprise Club Transactions
- J "West Shropshire Mining Region" H Dines, 1958, Bull. Geological Survey of Great Britain No.14
- K "Welsh Borderland" R Pocock & T Whitehead, 1948, British Regional Geology
- L Northern Mine Research Society British Mining Bulletins
- M "Mines of Wales" T Spargo, republished 1975
- N "Engine Houses of South Shropshire" T Davies, 1969
- P Peak District Mines Historical Society Bulletins
- Q Ordnance Survey maps
- R Mining Magazine
- S "The Mines of Cardiganshire, Montgomeryshire & Shropshire" Liscombe & Co, 1870
- T "Lead & Zinc Ores in the Pre-Carboniferous Rocks of West Shropshire & North Wales" 1922, BGS
- U Videos by IA Recordings

9. Library plans

This lists plans or sections of the mine held in the library collection of the Shropshire Caving & Mining Club. Many of these are old but new ones are constantly being added as the surveying project proceeds.

10. Library references

This lists other sources of information held in the library collection of the Shropshire Caving & Mining Club. The codes refer to the internal numbering system of the records.

ADSTONE MINE

Location : SO391941
Country rock : Longmyndian Sandstone
Minerals : Barytes, Copper
Working life : N/K
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : A149, B12, D93
Library plans : None
Library references : KG4, PS10

BATHOLES MINE

Location : SJ339006
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Lead
Working life : 1790s-1960s
Output : Lead 1,698 tons (1847-1868)
Alternative names : Lower Batholes, Old Batholes, West Tankerville (part of)
General references : A156, A164, B2, B4, B10, B12, D72, D93, E, G, H, J, P2/2, P3/3, T
Library plans : GB4, GL3, GR6, GW3
Library references : AM8, KL6, KP3, KS3, PF2, PM4, PS2, PS10, PW1

BENREE MINE

Location : SO344987
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Lead
Working life : 1859-1866
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : H
Library plans : None
Library references : None

BERGAM MINE - see Burgam Mine

BLACKWOOD MINE

Location : SO5191
Country rock : N/K
Minerals : Lead
Working life : N/K
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : None
Library plans : None
Library references : AM4

BOAT LEVEL

Location : SJ358001
Purpose : Drainage Level
Driven : 1790s
Mines drained : Burgam, Tankerville, Potters Pit, Pennerley, Bog, Nipstone
Alternative names : None
General references : A72, A108, A133, A161, A198, B4, B12, C66, D72, D93, I2, I3, T
Library plans : GB3, GB7
Library references : AM8, KL6, KS3, PS10, XS1

BOG MINE

Location : SO356978
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Barytes, Lead, Silver, Zinc
Working life : 1739-1932
Output : Barytes 4,634 tons (1865-1913)
Lead/Silver 6,980 tons (1845-1913)
Zinc 6,852 tons (1866-1913)
Alternative names : Stiperstones (part of), Tankerville Great Consols (part of)
General references : A80, A94, A119, A130, A149, A210, A214, A231, A232, A2/92, A3/92, B2, B4, B10, B12, B18, D71, D93, F, G, H, J, N, P2/3, P2/4, P2/6, P11/6, R4/90, S, T
Library plans : GB3, GB7, GR6
Library references : AM4, AM8, KL1, KL6, KM1, KN6, KS3, KS4, MT16, PA2, PD1, PS2, PS10, RB1, RB2, XB2

BROMLOW MINE

Location : SJ321019
Country rock : N/K
Minerals : Lead
Working life : 1815-1866
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : D93, H
Library plans : None
Library references : PS10

BROWNHILLS MINE - see Gatten Lodge Mine

BULTHY MINE

Location : SJ310131
Country rock : Ordovician Shales, Conglomerates & Tuffs / Silurian Shales
Minerals : Barytes, Lead
Working life : 1879-1923
Output : Barytes 8,742 tons (1880-1918)
Lead 1 ton (1885)
Alternative names : Middletown, Middletown Hill, North Snailbeach
General references : B4, D71, H, T
Library plans : None
Library references : AM4, AM9, KL6, PA2

BURGAM MINE

Location : SO358997
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Barytes, Lead, Zinc
Working life : 1866-1960s
Output : Barytes 2,025 tons (1890-1894)
Lead 40 tons (1867-1893)
Zinc 4 tons (1893)
Alternative names : Bergam
General references : A76, A112, A159, A206, A221, A2/90, A2/93, A4/93, B2, B4, B10, B12, C63, C64, D93, F, G, H, J, P2/3, P3/3, P11/2, T
Library plans : GB3, GB13, GP1, GP2
Library references : AM4, AM8, AM9, KB4, KL6, KP3, PA2, PF2, PS2, PS10, ZT1

CALCOT MINE

Location : SO298973
Country rock : Stapeley Ashes
Minerals : Barytes
Working life : 1914-1919
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : B12, H, J, T
Library plans : None
Library references : None

CALLOW HILL MINE

Location : SJ386048
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Barytes, Lead, Zinc
Working life : 1888-1914
Output : Lead 4 tons (1890-1891)
Zinc 1 ton (1890)
Alternative names : None
General references : A169, A2/93, B2, B4, B12, H, J, S, T
Library plans : None
Library references : AM9, KL6, PA2, PS2

CARREGWFA MINE

Location : SJ264219
Country rock : Carboniferous Limestone
Minerals : Lead, Silver
Working life : 12-13th Centuries
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : B14
Library plans : None
Library references : None

CATHERCOTT MINE - see Cothercott Mine

CEFN GUNTLEY MINE

Location : SO331950
Country rock : Stapeley Ashes & Shales
Minerals : Barytes, Lead
Working life : 1859-1899
Output : Barytes 1,118 tons (1887-1889)
Alternative names : Cefn Guntley, Cefn-y-Gunla, Cefn-y-Gwynlle, Cefnyguntle, Cevn-Guntley
General references : B2, B4, B12, D93, G, H, J, P2/3, S, T
Library plans : GC9
Library references : AM4, AM9, PS2, PS10

CEFN GUNTLEY MINE - see Cefn Gunthly Mine

CEFN-Y-GWYNLLE MINE - see Cefn Gunthly Mine

CEFN-Y-GUNLA MINE - see Cefn Gunthly Mine

CEFNYGUNTLE MINE - see Cefn Gunthly Mine

CENTRAL SNAILBEACH MINE

Location : SJ369016
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Lead
Working life : 1850s-1875
Output : Lead 626 tons (1871-1872)
Alternative names : New Central, Crowsnest, Crowsnest Dingle, New Central Snailbeach
General References : A2/93, B2, B4, B12, B18, C62, C63, D73, D93, F, G, H, J, M, N, P2/3, S, T
Library plans : GR6
Library References : AM4, AM8, AM9, KL6, KM1, KS3, MT16, PS2, PS10, RN1

CEVN-GUNTLEY MINE - see Cefn Gunthly Mine

CHITTOL MINE - see Chittol Wood Mine

CHITTOL WOOD MINE

Location : SO348950
Country rock : Palaeozoic Slate
Minerals : Copper
Working life : 1859-1866
Output : N/K
Alternative names : Chittol
General references : A149, B2, B10, B12, D93, H, J, P2/3
Library plans : GC2
Library references : KL6, KT7, PS10

CHURCH STOKE TRIAL

Location : SO2994
Country rock : N/K
Minerals : Barytes
Working life : N/K
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : C66
Library plans : None
Library references : None

CHURCHSTOKE MINE - see Cliffdale Mine

CLIFFDALE LEVEL

Location : SO298980
Purpose : Drainage Level
Driven : N/K
Mines drained : Cliffdale Mine
Alternative names : None
General references : see Cliffdale Mine
Library plans : see Cliffdale Mine
Library references : see Cliffdale Mine

CLIFFDALE MINE

Location : SO302977
Country rock : Stapeley Ashes & Andesites
Minerals : Barytes, Calcite
Working life : 1859-1927
Output : Barytes 35,816 tons (1860-1913)
Alternative names : Churchstoke, Western, Weston
General references : A85, A88, A169, A172, A2/90, B2, B4, B12, D93, H, J, P2/2, S, T
Library plans : None
Library references : C175/T/58/2, KL6, PA2, PS2, PS10

CLIVE MINE

Location : SJ514239
Country rock : Triassic Sandstone
Minerals : Cobalt, Copper
Working life : 17th Century-1870
Output : N/K
Alternative names : Drepewood, Grinshill, Spendiloes, Threapwood
General references : A126, A155, A158, A187, A198, A232, A2/88, A2/90, A2/92, A3/92, A4/93, C65, D79, H, L16, P8/1, U
Library plans : GC3
Library references : AM2, AM4, AM8, AM9, KE2, KG2, KM2, RC2

COLDYELD MINE

Location : SO364965
Country rock : Uriconian Rhyolite
Minerals : Barytes
Working life : 1943
Output : Barytes 800 tons (1943)
Alternative names : None
General references : B2, B12, J, P2/3
Library plans : None
Library references : None

COTHERCOTT MINE

Location : SJ415003
Country rock : Longmyndian Sandstone
Minerals : Barytes
Working life : 1910-35
Output : Barytes 23,000 tons (1910-1935)
Alternative names : Cathercott, Cuthbarcotte
General references : A95, A153, A204, A2/90, A4/92, A3/93, B2, B4, B12, B18, H, J, P2/3
Library plans : GC5
Library references : AM4, AM8, KI3, PA2, PS2, RC1

CRICKHEATH HILL MINE

Location : SJ274232
Country rock : Carboniferous Limestone
Minerals : Lead, Zinc
Working life : 1884-1886
Output : Lead 85 tons (1884)
Zinc 60 tons (1884)
Alternative names : Llyncllys Hill
General references : B9, C61, C62, C63, C66, H, P3/3
Library plans : GL5
Library references : AM8, KP3, KT4, PS4

CROWSNEST MINE - see Central Snailbeach Mine

CROWSNEST DINGLE MINE - see Central Snailbeach Mine

CUTHBARCOTTE MINE - see Cothercott Mine

CWM DINGLE MINE

Location : SJ295982
Country rock : N/K
Minerals : Barytes
Working life : N/K
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : A2/93, D93
Library plans : None
Library references : PS10

CWMDWLA MINE

Location : SO291965
Country rock : N/K
Minerals : Barytes
Working life : 1895-1913
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : H
Library plans : None
Library references : None

DREPEWOOD MINE - see Clive Mine

EARDISTON MINE - see Rednal Mine

EAST GRIT MINE - see Grit Mine

EAST ROMAN GRAVELS MINE

Location : SJ337002
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Barytes, Calcite, Lead, Silver, Zinc
Working life : 1790s-1930
Output : Barytes 600 tons (1865)
Lead/Silver 3,979 tons (1854-1913)
Zinc 4,106 tons (1872-1907)
Alternative names : Hope Valley, Minsterley, Upper Batholes, West Tankerville (part of), Wood
General references : A157, A205, A206, A4/93, B2, B4, B10, B12, B18, C63, D71, D73, D93, G, H, J, N,
P2/2, S, T
Library plans : GR6, GW3
Library references : AM4, AM8, KL6, KM1, KN6, KS3, MM4, PA2, PF2, PM4, PS2, PS10

EAST WHITE GRIT MINE - see Grit Mine

EAST WOTHERTON MINE

Location : SJ279004
Country rock : Whittery Tuffs
Minerals : Barytes
Working life : 1883-1890
Output : Barytes 5,277 tons (1874-1890)
Copper 325 tons (1878)
Alternative names : None
General references : B18, D93
Library plans : None
Library references : PA2, PS10

FAR GATTEN MINE

Location : SO388985
Country rock : Longmyndian Sandstone
Minerals : Barytes
Working life : N/K
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : D93
Library plans : None
Library references : PS10

FOXHOLE MINE - see Grit Mine

GATTEN MINE

Location : SO386992
Country rock : Longmyndian Sandstone
Minerals : Barytes
Working life : 1887-1948
Output : Barytes 19,029 tons (1887-1944)
Alternative names : Brownhills, Gatten Lodge, Gattling, Gattling Lodge
General references : A149, B2, B4, B12, B18, C65, D93, H, J, P2/3
Library plans : None
Library references : AM9, KL6, KN6, MT16, PA2, PG1, PS2, PS10

GATTEN LODGE MINE - see Gatten Mine

GATTING MINE - see Gatten Mine

GATTING LODGE MINE - see Gatten Mine

GRINSHILL MINE - see Clive Mine

GRIT MINE

Location : SO327980
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Barytes, Calcite, Lead, Zinc
Working life : Roman(?)-1940
Output : Lead 7,789 tons (1845-1901)
Zinc 13 tons (1899-1901)
Alternative names : East Grit, East White Grit, Foxhole, Gritt, Grit Hill, Old Grit, South Salop (part of),
West Grit, White Grit
General references : A164, A170, A205, A206, A220, A4/93, B2, B4, B10, B12, B18, D71, D72, D76, D93,
G, H, J, L25, N, P2/2, P2/5, P3/3, P11/6, S, T
Library plans : GG3, GR6
Library references : AM4, KL6, KM1, KP3, KS3, KT7, KW2, PA2, PD1, PM4, PS2, PS10, PW1, XS3

GRITT MINE - see Grit Mine

GRIT HILL MINE - see Grit Mine

HAWKSTONE MINE

Location : SJ587293
Country rock : Triassic Sandstone
Minerals : Copper
Working life : 1697-1830s
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : D79, L16
Library plans : GH2
Library references : KC9

HAYTONS BENT MINE

Location : SO516811
Country rock : N/K
Minerals : Copper
Working life : 1870-1919
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : A175, B12
Library plans : None
Library references : AM9, KG4, KH4, PF2

HAZELOR MINE

Location : SO462929
Country rock : N/K
Minerals : Copper
Working life : 1853-1865
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : H
Library plans : None
Library references : KS8

HEATHMYND MINE

Location : SO3393
Country rock : N/K
Minerals : Lead
Working life : 1830-1875
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : A4/93, B4, C64, H, S
Library plans : None
Library references : PM4

HILL SETT MINE - see Myttonsbeach Mine

HOGSTOW HALL TRIAL

Location : SJ361014
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Lead
Working life : 19th Century
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : None
Library plans : None
Library references : AM4

HOPE VALLEY MINE - see East Roman Gravels Mine

HUGLETH MINE - see Huglith Mine

HUGLITH MINE

Location : SJ404016
Country rock : Longmyndian Grits
Minerals : Barytes, Copper
Working life : 1850s-1945
Output : Barytes 295,108 tons (1910-1945)
Alternative names : Hugleth
General references : A94, A120, A151, A155, A157, A159, A166, A175, A177, A189, A191, A198, A213, A3/92, A2/93, A3/93, A4/93, B2, B4, B10, B12, B13, B18, C61, D71, D80, D93, F, H, J, N, P2/3, P3/3
Library plans : GH4
Library references : AM8, KG6, KL6, KM1, KN6, KP3, MB4, PA2, PS2, PS10, XP1

KNICK KNOLLS MINE - see Nick Knolls Mine

KNOLLS MINE

Location : SO374974
Country rock : Longmyndian Sandstone
Minerals : Barytes
Working life : 1943-1944
Output : Barytes 1,357 tons (1944)
Alternative names : None
General references : B2, B12, J, P2/3
Library plans : None
Library references : None

LADYWELL MINE

Location : SO328992
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Lead
Working life : 1825-1900
Output : Lead 963 tons (1871-1880)
Alternative names : South Salop (part of)
General references : A119, A151, A205, A206, A2/90, A2/93, B2, B4, B12, B18, D73, D76, D93, G, H, J, N, P2/2, P3/3, S
Library plans : GR6
Library references : AM4, AM8, KM1, KP3, KS3, KW2, PA2, PM4, PS2, PS10, PW1, XS3

LEEDS ROCK HOUSE MINE - see Rock Mine

LEIGH LEVEL

Location : SJ331035
Purpose : Drainage Level
Driven : 1825-1923
Mines Drained : Batholes
Alternative names : None
General references : A94, A108, A134, A159, A161, B2, B4, B12, D72, D93, G, J, P2/2, T
Library plans : GB4, GL3, GW3
Library references : AM4, AM8, KL6, KS3, PS2, PS10, PW1

LINLEY CONSOLS MINE - see Cefn Gunthly & Rhadley Mines

LINLEY MINE

Location : SO3493
Country rock : N/K
Minerals : Lead
Working life : Roman(?)
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : None
Library plans : None
Library references : KT7

LLANYMYNECH MINE

Location : SJ266222
Country rock : Carboniferous Limestone
Minerals : Copper, Lead, Zinc
Working life : Bronze Age(?)-19th Century
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : A76, A82, A90, A105, A117, A130, A138, A155, A192, A203, A216, B8, B9, B14, C61, C62
Library plans : GL8, GL10, GL11, GL12, GL17
Library references : AM4, AM8, AM9, EB34, KG6, KL3, KO1, KS8, KT4, KT7, MS2, PN1, PR2, PS2, PS3

LLYNCLYS MINE - see Crickheath Hill Mine

LORDSHILL MINE - see Snailbeach Mine

LOWER BATHOLES MINE - see Batholes Mine

MADDOX COPPICE MINE

Location : SJ382031
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Lead
Working life : N/K
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : A144, A162, B12, D93, T
Library plans : None
Library references : AM8, PS10

MEADOWTOWN MINE

Location : SJ314015
Country rock : N/K
Minerals : Lead
Working life : 1858-1865
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : D93, H
Library plans : None
Library references : PF2, PS10

MEDLICOTT MINE

Location : SO400946
Country rock : Longmyndian Sandstone
Minerals : Copper
Working life : 1800s
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : B4, B12, C63, D93, K
Library plans : None
Library references : AM9, KG4, PF2, PS10

MIDDLETON MINE - see Bulthy Mine

MIDDLETOWN MINE - see Bulthy Mine

MIDDLETOWN HILL MINE - see Bulthy Mine

MINSTERLEY MINE - see East Roman Gravels Mine

MITCHELLS FOLD MINE - see Stapeley Mine

MYNDTOWN MINE

Location : SO389888
Country rock : Longmyndian Sandstone
Minerals : Copper
Working life : N/K
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : D93
Library plans : None
Library references : PF2, PS10

MYTTONSBEACH MINE

Location : SJ368005
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Lead
Working life : 1850s-1869
Output : N/K
Alternative names : Hill Sett
General references : A193, B2, B4, B12, C63, D93, G, J, P2/3, P3/3, T
Library plans : None
Library References : AM8, AM9, KL6, KM1, KP3, KS3, MT16, PS2, PS10

NETHER HEATH MINE

Location : SO3600
Country rock : N/K
Minerals : Copper
Working life : 1728-1735
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : D79, D80
Library plans : None
Library references : None

NEW BOG MINE - see Nipstone Mine

NEW CENTRAL MINE - see Central Snailbeach Mine

NEW CENTRAL SNAILBEACH MINE - see Central Snailbeach Mine

NEW VENTURE MINE

Location : SO367999
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Lead
Working life : 1857-1865
Output : N/K
Alternative names : Stiperstones (part of)
General references : A211, B10, B12, D93, H, J
Library plans : GP2
Library references : PS10

NEW WEST SNAILBEACH MINE - see Roundhill Mine

NICK KNOLLS MINE

Location : SJ343008
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Barytes
Working life : 1844-1956
Output : Barytes 300 tons (1872-1876)
Alternative names : Knick Knolls
General references : A160, B2, B4, B10, B12, C64, D93, G, J, N, P2/2, T
Library plans : GB4, GL3, GN1, GW3
Library references : AM8, AM9, KL6, KM1, PA2, PF2, PS2, PS10

NIPSTONE MINE

Location : SO354968
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Barytes
Working life : 1890-1911
Output : Barytes 5,585 tons (1890-1911)
Alternative names : New Bog, Nipstone Bog, Nipstone Rock
General references : A149, A2/90, B4, B10, B12, C61, C64, D93, H, J, T
Library plans : GB3, GB7
Library references : AM4, AM9, KS6, PA2, PF2, PS2, PS10

NIPSTONE BOG MINE - see Nipstone Mine

NIPSTONE ROCK MINE - see Nipstone Mine

NORBURY MINE

Location : SO359943
Country rock : Palaeozoic Slate
Minerals : Copper
Working life : 1830s-1865
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : A149, B2, B10, B12, D93, H, J, P2/3
Library plans : GN2
Library references : KG4, KL6, PS10

NORTH CENTRAL MINE - see Ladywell & Grit Mines

NORTH SNAILBEACH MINE - see Bulthy Mine

NORTH TANKERVILLE MINE - see Roundhill Mine

OLD BATHOLES MINE - see Batholes Mine

OLD GRIT MINE - see Grit Mine

OLD SNAILBEACH MINE - see Snailbeach Mine

OVENPIPE MINE - see Tankerville Mine

PENNERLEY MINE

Location : SO353989
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Barytes, Lead, Silver, Zinc
Working life : 1780s-1925
Output : Barytes 2,206 tons (1890-1899)
Lead 9,156 tons (1845-1895)
Zinc 265 tons (1872-1895)
Alternative names : Stiperstones (part of)
General references : A72, A119, A143, A4/93, B2, B4, B10, B12, B18, D71, D72, G, H, J, N, P2/3, S, T
Library plans : GB3, GP1, GR6
Library references : AM4, AM8, KM1, KS3, MT16, PA2, PS2

PENTIRVIN MINE

Location : SJ330015
Country rock : N/K
Minerals : Lead
Working life : N/K
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : D93
Library plans : N/K
Library references : PS10

PERKINS REACH MINE - see Perkinsbeach Mine

PERKINSBEACH MINE

Location : SO364997
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Barytes, Lead
Working life : 1850s-1938
Output : Barytes 10,043 tons (1884-1913)
Lead 930 tons (1870-1913)
Alternative names : None
General references : A85, A153, A193, B2, B4, B10, B12, C63, C64, D79, D93, G, H, J, P2/3, P3/3, S, T
Library plans : GP2, GR6
Library references : AM4, AM8, AM9, KL6, KN6, KP3, KS3, MT16, PA2, PS2, PS10

PIM HILL MINE

Location : SJ488215
Country rock : Triassic Sandstone
Minerals : Cobalt, Copper, Vanadium
Working life : 1710-1878
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : A126, A1/90, B13, D79, D80, L16, P8/1
Library plans : None
Library references : AM4, KE2, KG2, KL6, KN2

PITCHOLDS MINE

Location : SO330929
Country rock : N/K
Minerals : Lead
Working life : 1873-1875
Output : N/K
Alternative names : Stiperstones Consols (part of)
General references : D93
Library plans : N/K
Library references : PM4, PS10

POTTERS PIPE MINE - see Potters Pit Mine

POTTERS PIT MINE

Location : SO355993
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Lead
Working life : 1857-1872
Output : Lead 100 tons (1857-1868)
Alternative names : Potters Pipe, Stiperstones (part of)
General references : A149, A152, A155, A165, A4/93, B2, B4, B12, C63, D71, D93, G, H, J, P2/3, T
Library plans : GP1
Library references : AM4, AM8, KM1, KP4, KS3, PF2, PS2, PS10

RATLINGHOPE TRIAL

Location : SO4096
Country rock : Longmyndian Sandstone
Minerals : Copper
Working life : 1800s
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : None
Library plans : None
Library references : KG4

REDNAL MINE

Location : SJ367247
Country rock : Triassic Sandstone
Minerals : Copper
Working life : 1826-1865
Output : Copper 3,500 tons (1841-1865)
Alternative names : Eardiston
General References : A82, A84, A92, A95, B13, C61, D71, D79, D80, H, L16, P8/1
Library plans : None
Library references : AM8, KB1, KE2, KG6, KL6, KN2

RHADLEY MINE

Location : SO344957
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Barytes, Lead
Working life : 1854-1935
Output : Barytes 6,970 tons (1887-1910)
Lead 12 tons (1907-1908)
Alternative names : Linley Consols (part of), Rhadley Stiperstones
General references : A149, A160, A231, A4/93, B2, B4, B10, B12, C63, C64, D71, D93, G, H, J, P2/3, T
Library plans : GR2
Library references : AM4, AM8, AM9, KL6, PA2, PF2, PR1, PS2, PS10

RHADLEY STIPERSTONES MINE - see Rhadley Mine

RIDGE HILL MINE

Location : SO279980
Country rock : Hagley Tuffs
Minerals : Barytes
Working life : 1919-1931
Output : Barytes 300 tons (1922-1930)
Alternative names : None
General references : A166, B4, B12, D71, D93, J
Library plans : None
Library references : PS10

RITTON CASTLE MINE

Location : SO341977
Country rock : Stapeley Ashes, Breccia & Shales
Minerals : Lead
Working life : 1852-1876
Output : N/K
Alternative names : Ventnor, West Stiperstones, Wentnor
General references : A151, A205, B2, B4, B12, B18, C61, D76, D93, G, H, J, N, P2/3, S, T
Library plans : GR4
Library references : AM8, KL6, KM1, KS3, PF2, PS2, PS10

ROCK MINE

Location : SO347963
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Barytes, Lead
Working life : 1854-1945
Output : Barytes 780 tons (1887-1889)
Lead 334 tons (1854-1888)
Alternative names : Leeds Rock House, Rock House, South Bog
General references : A76, A149, A164, A231, B2, B4, B10, B12, C63, D93, G, H, J, P2/3, S, T
Library plans : GR5
Library references : AM4, AM8, AM9, KL6, KS3, MT16, PA2, PF2, PS2, PS10

ROCK HOUSE MINE - see Rock Mine

ROMAN BOUNDARY MINE

Location : SJ333002
Country rock : Hope Shales
Minerals : Lead
Working life : 1881-1889
Output : N/K
Alternative names : Roman Gravels Boundary, West Tankerville (part of)
General references : B10, B12, G,H
Library plans : GR6
Library references : PM4

ROMAN GRAVELS MINE

Location : SO334998
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Barytes, Calcite, Lead, Silver, Zinc
Working life : Roman(?)-1929
Output : Barytes 56 tons (1875-1880)
Lead 50,281 tons (1845-1912)
Zinc 3,052 tons (1863-1913)
Alternative names : Sawpit, Shelvefield Gravels, West Roman, West Roman Gravels
General references : A119, A143, A4/93, B2, B4, B10, B12, B18, C62, C63, C64, D71, D93, F, G, H, J, N, P2/2, P3/3, S, T
Library plans : GR6, GW3
Library references : AM4, AM9, KL6, KM1, KP3, KS3, MT16, PA2, PD1, PR2, PS2, PW1, RR1

ROMAN GRAVELS BOUNDARY MINE - see Roman Boundary Mine

RORRETON MINE - see Rorrington Mine

RORRINGTON MINE

Location : SO305998
Country rock : Upper Weston Grit
Minerals : Barytes, Lead
Working life : 1850-1930s
Output : Barytes 363 tons (1879-1930s)
Lead 293 tons (1850-1880)
Alternative names : Rorretton, West Roman Mine, West Roman Gravels Mine, West Snailbeach
General references : A108, A4/93, B2, B4, B10, B12, C63, C64, C66, D73, D93, G, H, J, P2/2, S, T
Library plans : GR6, GR7
Library references : AM8, AM9, EB39, KL6, KN6, KS3, PS2, PS10, RR4

ROUNDHILL MINE

Location : SO351995
Country rock : Stapeley Ashes
Minerals : Barytes, Calcite, Lead, Silver
Working life : 1846-1940
Output : Barytes 3,964 tons (1884-1908)
Lead/Silver 3,061 tons (1846-1913)
Alternative names : New West Snailbeach, North Tankerville
General references : A85, A107, A151, A4/93, B2, B4, B10, B12, D73, D93, F, G, H, J, N, P2/3, S, T
Library plans : GP1, GR6, GR8
Library references : AM8, KL6, KS3, PA2, PF2, PS2, PS10

ROUNDTAIN MINE

Location : SO292947
Country rock : Stapeley Ashes & Lavas
Minerals : Barytes
Working life : 1920
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : A166, B12, C66, J
Library plans : None
Library references : PF2

SALLIES MINE

Location : SJ396001
Country rock : Longmyndian Sandstone
Minerals : Barytes
Working life : 1937-1948
Output : Barytes 1,388 tons (1943-1944)
Alternative names : None
General references : A149, A151, A231, A2/93, B2, B4, B12, F, J, P2/3
Library plans : None
Library references : AM8, KM1, PA2, PR1, PS10

SANTLEY TRIAL

Location : SJ342003
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Lead
Working life : N/K
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : D93
Library plans : None
Library references : PS10

SAWPIT MINE - see Roman Gravels Mine

SHELVE MINE

Location : SO339991
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Lead
Working life : N/K
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : D93
Library plans : None
Library references : PM4, PS10

SHELVE DEEP LEVEL

Location : SO342993
Purpose : Drainage Level
Driven : N/K
Mines Drained : Shelve
Alternative names : None
General references : C63, D93
Library plans : None
Library references : AM9, PS10

SHELVE POOL MINE

Location : SO332979
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Barytes
Working life : 1872-1900
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : B2, B4, B12, G, H, J, P2/2
Library plans : None
Library references : KL6, PA2, PS2

SHELVE TRIAL

Location : SO331985
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Lead
Working life : N/K
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : D93
Library plans : None
Library references : PS10

SHELVEFIELD MINE - see South Roman Gravels Mine

SHELVEFIELD GRAVELS MINE - see Roman Gravels Mine

SHIPTON MINE

Location : SO563922
Country rock : N/K
Minerals : Lead
Working life : N/K
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : A165, A166, A168, A175, A176, B13, D80
Library plans : None
Library references : GS11

SHUTTOCKS WOOD MINE

Location : SO373923
Country rock : Longmyndian Sandstone
Minerals : Copper
Working life : N/K
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : A149, D93
Library plans : None
Library references : KG4, PS10

SNAILBEACH MINE

Location : SJ375822
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Barytes, Calcite, Fluorspar, Lead, Silver, Zinc
Working life : Roman(?)-1955
Output : Barytes 42,150 tons (1860-1913)
Fluorspar 904 tons (1874-1879)
Lead/Silver 132,007 tons (1845-1913)
Zinc 4,393 tons (1858-1912)
Alternative names : Lordshill, Old Snailbeach
General references : A80, A88, A94, A98, A102, A106, A108, A111, A112, A119, A143, A144, A153, A155, A157, A162, A164, A168, A174, A178, A183, A205, A206, A210, A220, A224, A227, A231, A2/88, A1/90, A1/91, A4/91, A2/92, A3/92, A4/92, A2/93, A3/93, A4/93, B2, B4, B10, B12, B15, B17, B18, C62, C63, C64, D71, D72, D73, D76, D77, F, G, H, J, N, P2/3, P11/6, S, T, U
Library plans : GR6, GS3
Library references : AM4, AM8, AM9, C132/S13/3, C170/J/2, KG6, KI3, KL1, KL6, KM1, KS3, KT7, KW2, MB7, MT16, PA2, PC1, PD1, PS2, PS7, RS1, WS3, XS2, XS3, YB1, ZG1

SOUTH BOG MINE - see Rock Mine

SOUTH ROMAN GRAVELS MINE

Location : SO342996
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Barytes, Calcite, Lead
Working life : 1871-1940
Output : Barytes 58 tons (1874-1882)
Lead 12 tons (1875-1879)
Alternative names : Shelvefield
General references : B2, B4, B10, B12, D71, D73, D93, G, H, J, P2/2, S, T
Library plans : GR6, GS8
Library references : AM8, KL6, KS3, PA2, PM4, PS2, PS10

SOUTH SALOP MINE - see Ladywell & Grit Mines

SPENDILOES MINE - see Clive Mine

SQUILVER MINE

Location : SO377974
Country rock : Longmyndian Sandstone
Minerals : Barytes
Working life : 1943-1944
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : B2, B4, B12, C64, J, P2/3
Library plans : None
Library references : AM9, KG4, MT16, PM4

SQUILVER HILL MINE

Location : SO327932
Country rock : N/K
Minerals : Lead
Working life : 1873-1875
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : D93
Library plans : None
Library references : PS10

STAPELEY MINE

Location : SO309992
Country rock : N/K
Minerals : Lead
Working life : 1863-1866
Output : Lead 809 tons (1863-1866)
Alternative names : Middleton, Mitchells Fold, Stapeley Hill, Staveley
General references : A2/93, B4, C61, D93, H, P2/2
Library plans : GR6
Library references : PF2, PS10

STAPELEY HILL MINE - see Stapeley Mine

STAVELEY MINE - see Stapeley Mine

STIPERSTONES MINE - see Bog, New Venture, Pennerley & Potters Pit Mines

STIPERSTONES CONSOLS MINE - see Heathmynd, Pitchold & Squilver Hill Mines

TANKERVILLE MINE

Location : SO355994
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Barytes, Calcite, Lead, Silver, Zinc
Working life : 1800s-1925
Output : Barytes 1,168 tons (1865-1893)
Lead/Silver 17,924 tons (1865-1893)
Zinc 3,049 tons (1865-1892)
Alternative names : Ovenpipe, Tankerville Great Consols (part of)
General references : A95, A143, A4/93, B2, B4, B12, B18, D71, D72, D73, D93, F, G, H, J, N, P2/3, P3/3, S, T
Library plans : GB3, GP1, GR6
Library references : AM4, AM8, KL6, KM1, KP3, KS3, KW2, MT10, PA2, PF2, PS2, PS10, RT1, YT1

TANKERVILLE GREAT CONSOLS MINE - see Bog, Pennerley & Tankerville Mines

THREAPWOOD MINE - see Clive Mine

UPPER BATHOLES MINE - see East Roman Gravels Mine

VENTNOR MINE - see Ritton Castle Mine

WAGBEACH LEVEL

Location : SJ364025
Purpose : Drainage Level
Driven : 18th Century
Mines drained : Snailbeach
Alternative names : None
General References : see Snailbeach Mine
Library plans : see Snailbeach Mine
Library references : see Snailbeach Mine

WATERCRESS LEVEL

Location : SO348998
Purpose : Drainage Level
Driven : N/K
Mines drained : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : A2/93, D93
Library plans : None
Library references : PS10

WENTNOR MINE - see Ritton Castle Mine

VENUSBANK TRIAL

Location : SJ352011
Country rock : Mytton Flags
Minerals : Lead
Working life : 19th Century
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : Q
Library plans : None
Library references : None

WEST GRIT MINE - see Grit Mine

WEST ROMAN MINE - see Rorrington Mine

WEST ROMAN GRAVELS MINE - see Rorrington Mine

WEST SNAILBEACH MINE - see Rorrington Mine

WEST STIPERSTONES MINE - see Ritton Castle Mine

WEST TANKERVILLE MINE - see Batholes, East Roman Gravels & Roman Boundary Mines

WESTCOTT MINE

Location : SJ403015
Country rock : Longmyndian Grits
Minerals : Barytes, Copper
Working life : 1859-1945
Output : Barytes 1,002 tons (1891-1894)
Copper 179 tons (1866-1868)
Alternative names : None
General references : B2, B4, B10, B12, B18, D93, H, J, K, P2/3, S
Library plans : GW13
Library references : PA2, PS2, PS10, PW2

WESTERN MINE - see Cliffdale Mine

WESTON MINE - see Cliffdale Mine

WESTON HEATH TRIAL

Location : SJ5527
Country rock : Triassic Sandstone
Minerals : Copper
Working life : 1697-1728
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : D79, L16
Library plans : None
Library references : KG2

WHITCLIFFE MINE

Location : SO5074
Country rock : N/K
Minerals : Lead
Working life : 1750s
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : None
Library plans : None
Library references : C175/T/58/2

WHITE GRIT MINE - see Grit Mine

WHITTINGSLOW TRIAL

Location : SO429894
Country rock : N/K
Minerals : N/K
Working life : 19th Century
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : None
Library plans : None
Library references : KG4

WILDERLEY MINE

Location : SJ412005
Country rock : Longmyndian Sandstone
Minerals : Copper
Working life : 1916-1918
Output : Copper 8 tons (1916-1918)
Alternative names : None
General references : A2/90, B2, B4, B12, H, J, P2/3
Library plans : GW10
Library references : KL6, KM1, PA2, PS2, PW3

WIXHILL TRIAL

Location : SJ5528
Country rock : Triassic Sandstone
Minerals : Copper
Working life : 1697-1867
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : A1/90, D79, L16
Library plans : None
Library references : KG2, KL6, KN2

WOOD LEVEL

Location : SJ336004
Purpose : Drainage Level
Driven : 1790s
Mines drained : East Roman Gravels, Roman Gravels, Ladywell, Grit
Alternative names : None
General references : A231, B4, B12, D72, D93, G, J, T
Library plans : GG3, GW3
Library references : KS3, PS10

WOOD MINE - see East Roman Gravels Mine

WOTHERTON MINE

Location : SJ277005
Country rock : Whittery Tuffs
Minerals : Barytes, Copper
Working life : 1865-1912
Output : Barytes 120,967 tons (1865-1911)
Alternative names : None
General references : B4, B10, B12, B18, D76, D93, F, H, J, N, T
Library plans : GW5
Library references : AM9, KG6, KL6, MM4, PS10

WRETNALL MINE

Location : SJ417031
Country rock : Longmyndian Sandstone
Minerals : Barytes
Working life : 1890-1925
Output : Barytes 29,206 tons (1890-1925)
Alternative names : None
General references : B2, B4, B12, H, J, P2/3
Library plans : None
Library references : AM4, KL6, KM1, PA2, PS2

YORTON MINE

Location : SJ499238
Country rock : Triassic Sandstone
Minerals : Copper
Working life : N/K
Output : N/K
Alternative names : None
General references : D79, L16
Library plans : None
Library references : KG2, KN2

The Shropshire Caving & Mining Club was formed in 1959 by a group of people interested in the exploration and study of disused mines and caves in Shropshire and Wales. Since that time, the Club has expanded its interest to include caves and mines throughout Britain and Ireland. Our main interest is in Shropshire and Mid-Wales but we organise trips to caves and mines in all parts of the mainland, Isle of Man and Ireland. The Club has an active programme of underground trips and there are usually at least 2-3 trips per month. Full and Probationary Members receive a future trips list every month with full details.

Members carry out historical research which the Club publishes in :-

- a quarterly Newsletter for members called "Below"
- an annual Journal
- occasional publications called "Accounts" on specific mines or topics
- videos (in conjunction with IA Recordings)

A full price list of publications and videos can be obtained from the address below. There is a large Club library with all sorts of publications, documents, plans, etc which are available to members.

The Club has a large range of tackle such as ropes, ladders, etc to gain access to underground workings. This is used for official club trips and can be borrowed by members as soon as they are competent in its use. Individual equipment, such as helmets, lamps, etc, can be loaned in the early days but members are expected to buy their own as soon as possible. Club members are willing to give advice on the best equipment to buy and one of our members runs his own equipment sales business which offers competitive prices.

Everybody has to start sometime and the Club has a Training Officer whose responsibility is to organise training for new members. Certain of the club trips are specially planned for novices and this allows them to learn the necessary skills without pressure. We use single rope techniques (abseiling and prussiking) a great deal and experienced members are willing to teach these skills and advise on the necessary personal equipment.

If you wish to become a Full Member, you first join as a Probationary Member until you have attended at least three trips with the Club. This allows us (and you!) to decide whether you have the right attitude to become a member. Underground exploration can be potentially dangerous if you do not have the right equipment or skills and this is why we insist on this initial assessment period. Don't worry if you have never been underground before since we will train you in the necessary skills and lend you equipment for your first few trips. Those under 16 join as Junior Members and can only attend Club trips where a Full Member takes responsibility for them. If you do not intend to join in the underground trips, you can become an Associate Member to receive the Newsletter and join in surface trips and social events.

The Club meets at 8pm on the first Friday of every month in the back room of the Last Inn at Church Aston near Newport. We discuss Club business, organise future trips, have slide shows, etc. You are welcome to come along and talk to members. In you cannot attend these meetings, write to the Secretary :-

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