

CUMBRIA AMENITY TRUST MINING HISTORY SOCIETY (CATMHS)

Charity Number 1180198

TRUSTEES REPORT

1st November 2023 to 31st October 2024

Trustees:

Warren Allison	Chairman
John Aird	Treasurer
Colin Woollard	Secretary
Ian Matheson	Membership Secretary & Newsletter Editor
Julian Cruickshank	Meets Secretary
Chris Cowdery	Webmaster
Mark Hatton	
John Brown	
Michael Oddie	
Mark Simpson	
Lorraine Crisp	
Stephe Cove	
Chris Bunker	

Governing Document:

By constitution, constituted and registered as a CIO.

Trustee Selection:

By election at the Annual General Meeting, one third stand down each year as per constitution. They may stand for re-election by members attending.

Objects of the Society:

Defined by the constitution which is available on the website.

Summary of the Society's activity during the year:

1. We have been able to provide a regular series of challenging meets, both above and below ground, throughout the year. Through reciprocal events with other societies CATMHS has extended the venues of these activities beyond the boundaries of Cumbria and have been able to offer a great diversity of exploration, geological analysis and specialist photographic training and experiences to a wide range of both members and visitors. With our stock of helmets and lighting equipment for loan this allows us, in conjunction with the BCA public liability scheme, to accommodate "first time" non-member visitors to the underground world. Many new members are attracted this way. We offer two meets per year focussed entirely on those who are new members or visitors so they can experience our world before having to purchase relevant safety equipment. Part of our activities involves monitoring changes to mines and quarries and the open works across the fellsides and have had recourse to inform landowners where safety fencing has deteriorated and there is a real risk to the public from the deep chasms left over from antiquity.

2. Throughout the year the society has carried out a number of guided walks to provide both the historical background and the demonstration of physical features and remains of our mining heritage out in the field. Additionally, the society has provided speakers to present talks to other societies and at various conferences. Use has been made of the increasing collection of remarkable photographs, both old and new, to illustrate how the landscape has been changed, both above and below ground, and what beauties lie in the depths below. Member's mineral collections have been used as focal points to explain the geology and diversity of our area and to enlighten visitors to the vast range of local minerals found in the county.
3. We have maintained and developed our website to make our operations and archive material readily available to all. Virtually all our material is now digitised, and our physical records and books are retained in the Armitage Museum at Ambleside, where members of the public may study our holdings in detail. Major changes have been made to our meet booking system by our Webmaster to ensure it is capable of effective communication with participants whilst protecting us from unwelcome interference by hackers etc.
4. The society has produced 4 off newsletters, recognised to be one of the best sources of new and historical mining information in the country, and one major journal during the year. We continue to offer a range of publications for sale on our website and are considering a reprint of a local field guide that is now out of print on behalf of one of our members.
5. CATMHS shares its wealth of mining and quarrying knowledge with several learned bodies and museums to foster a deeper understanding of our history and to help them deliver key projects. We have worked with Tullie House Museum in Carlisle on a photographic record of their mineral collection and bibliographies of the collectors; the investigation into the sources of lead slingshot found at the Ambleside Roman Fort with the Trimontium Trust and Edinburgh University. In association with the University of Oxford the transcription and assimilation with the Caldbeck Fells of the writings of William Smith on behalf of Thomas Braddyll. Our local knowledge allows us to place the historical notes on the landscape to make sense of 200-year-old reports.
6. The society continues to be an active member of the "Mines Forum" which brings together similar organisations and such agencies as the Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA), the Environment Agency, National Trust, Coal Authority, etc. providing a platform for considered discussion of mining and quarrying matters. For example, providing historical information to the Coal Authority for a planning application it is submitting for a mine water treatment plant.
7. Research continues in Wales, involving both quarries and metal mines.

Colin Woollard
CATMHS Hon Secretary

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st OCTOBER 2024

2022/2023

2023/2024

FUNDS IN HAND

20784.75	Skipton BS	26071.21
4423.56	Bank(including PayPal account)	1110.76
<u>25208.31</u>		<u>27181.97</u>

GENERAL FUND

29115.64	Balance brought forward	25208.31
-3907.33	Surplus/Deficit for the year	1973.66
<u>25208.31</u>	Balance carried forward	<u>27181.97</u>

In our opinion the accounts, consisting of this Balance Sheet and the Receipts and Payments Accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs at 31st October 2023

John R Aird
Treasurer

Date:- 1/11/2024

D Harrison
Auditor

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1st November 2024

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR
ENDING 31st OCTOBER 2024

2022/2023		2023/2024
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	
3198.13	Subscriptions	4440.23
1539.80	Publications	1073.41
1608.64	Donations	1064.61
414.11	Interest	786.46
795.46	Gift Aid Tax reclaim	738.58
674.46	Dinner	0.00
3271.20	Namho 23	0.00
11501.80	Income	8103.29
	Operational Expenses	
2215.00	Public Liability Insurance	2215.50
1427.58	Members Travelling Expenses	849.81
334.00	Library	250.00
143.88	Zoom	155.88
113.86	Website Hosting	72.51
65.70	Ordnance Survey license	70.92
145.24	Treasurer's Expenses	59.40
50.00	Mandalls Rent	50.00
20.00	Subscription to NAMHO	20.00
15.00	Subscription to Cumbrian Local History Feder.	20.00
15.00	Subscription to Cumbrian Industrial History Sc	15.00
4781.81	Namho 2023	0.00
2012.00	Dinner	0.00
1111.40	Equipment	0.00
140.50	Meeting Room Hire	0.00
82.50	Memorial Plaque	0.00
15.00	Subscription to FOCAS	0.00
-47.76	Rates Roanhead	0.00
12640.71		3779.02
	Publications	
1582.85	Newsletter	1282.12
477.57	Dispatch of Publications	12.76
449.00	Red Earth Revisited	364.75
259.00	Newland Furnace Trust	0.00
1185.57		377.51
	Projects	
0.00	Greenside tools	438.98
0.00	Hospital Level scaffolding tube	252.00
0.00		690.98
15409.13	TOTAL PAYMENTS	6129.63
-3907.33	Surplus/Deficit	1973.66