

ECTON MINE EDUCATIONAL TRUST

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ANNUAL REPORT

For Year Ending 30th September 2010

The objectives of the Trust are to promote education and research in applied geology, mining and mineral extraction; and to preserve for the benefit of the public Ecton Mine and all its shafts and adits. It is again pleasing to be able to report that during the Trust's fifth year these objectives have been consistently achieved.

Further improvements to the roofing, fenestration and internal layout of the Study Centre were carried out after the end of the previous season and were ready for use when courses and visits recommenced early in 2010. The Trust has been grateful for a financial contribution and the considerable assistance of members of the Ecton Hill Field Studies Association (EHFSA) in decorating and organising the interior space. Three new windows were paid for directly by EHFSA.

In the 2010 season, which extended into November, beyond the financial year-end, there were a total of 30 visits that included schools, local interest groups, adult education groups (such as U3A) and mine historians. Two highlights were a visit of council members of the London and Southern Counties Minerals Industries Institute ("MinSouth") and their families in May, and a visit of 120 Year 9 pupils from Nottingham Girls' High School over two days in June. MinSouth council members had asked to be subjected to the day course normally given to sixth-formers, gaining an insight into the work that they have been supporting. The High School visit, which is to be repeated by request in 2011, needed five tutors and complex organisation on each of the two days. It also involved the creation by EHFSA of appropriate new course material, this work being supported by The Royal Society of Chemistry. The visits did highlight the need to upgrade the Study Centre's washing and toilet facilities and work has been put in hand to do this before the start of the 2011 season.

The Ecton Mine Educational Trust was grateful for the continued support of Anglo American plc and Rio Tinto plc, as corporate members, together with the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining, and MinSouth as institutional members. We would not be able to function either without their financial support, or without the sterling efforts of the many volunteers who offer their valuable time to promote the Trust's objectives.

Donations were gratefully received from the Duke of Devonshire's Charitable Trust and, on its winding-up, from the Mining Industry Educational Trust. We are also most grateful for the services of Dr Stephen Henley for maintaining its website www.ectonmine.org that he originally set up for us.

EHFSA and the Peak District Mines Historical Society are Affiliate Society members of the Trust. Mrs Eileen Barrett is an Individual Member, and Mr James Plant and Mr William Whitehead are Honorary Members. Both the Trust and EHFSA are represented on a liaison committee involving English Heritage, English Nature, The National Trust and the Peak Park Authority, all of whom have interests in Ecton Hill and its environs.

Trustees: The trustees at the 30th September 2009 were Dr Lisa Morrow, Dr Graham Woodrow, Mr Peter Huxtable, Mr Tony Brewis, Dr John Bramley and Mr Paul Mortimer. Mr Mortimer represents the local area office of the National Trust.

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Chairman