

Mining History and Archaeology in Scotland: Towards a Research Strategy

Hopetoun Arms Hotel, Leadhills, South Lanarkshire. Saturday 19 October 2019, 10:30—3:30

A survey of visitors to Leadhills Miners Library has shown relatively little knowledge of the history of lead mining in the area. It seems important to address this issue and raise awareness of the importance of lead mining in Scottish history. The conference aims are therefore: to identify areas of needed expertise; identify individuals and groups who can take the agenda forward; to contribute to the development of an action plan; and to develop networking in lead mining history research in Scotland. This is the first conference of its type and will hopefully stimulate future activity.

Programme

10:30 Registration opens

11:00 Welcome and introduction

Dr. John Crawford, Leadhills Heritage Trust.

11:15 Overview of Scottish mining history issues.

Dr. Miles Oglethorpe, Historic Environment Scotland.

11:50 Lead and other forms of mining in Britain.

Dr. Peter Cloughton, National Association of Mining History Organisations.

12:25 An overview of the Landscape Legacies Project.

Dr Catherine Mills, University of Stirling.

13:00. Lunch.

13:45 Mining archaeology in Dumfries and Galloway.

John Pickin, Independent Researcher.

14:20 Leadhills mines

Ken Ledger, Leadhills Heritage Trust.

14:55 Discussion: Taking the research agenda forward.

15:15. Closing remarks.

There will be an opportunity for a short visit to the Wanlockhead lead mine after the conference.

Attending the conference

There is no charge for attending this conference. Coffee/tea and a sandwich lunch will be provided.

Anyone wishing to attend is required to register in advance. Registration forms can be requested from the organiser at:

leadhillsconf@outlook.com or at

www.leadhillslibrary.co.uk/events/

Completed registration forms should be returned to the conference organiser **no later than 5 October 2019.**

Getting There

The conference venue is on the B797 in the centre of Leadhills village. It is not readily accessible by public transport.

Leadhills is approximately 1 hours drive from Dumfries, Edinburgh, or Glasgow.

For satnavs use postcode ML12 6XP.

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