

Syndicate exercise – AGM 2015

How to Progress the Society

Area to examine	Suggestions	Progress report May 2016
<p>1. Membership and committee looking at succession planning; increased membership; and activities for members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geology students, universities and other colleges should be made aware the we exist • Approach schools/universities • ‘Advertise’ cheaper BCA insurance if you become a member • Need local committee members • Young people – target parents • Invite member of Nenthead ward to join committee • Keep committee small but look for 1 or 2 for succession • Email NAMHO attendees about NMCS – come and join/help • Have work days or work weeks • UG trips for beginners – beyond Carrs tourist mine • Have job lists • More member activities – surface and UG trips • Have special interest events for members e.g. photography, geology, botany, industrial history/archaeology • Trips to other areas e.g. Boulby, Rogerley, Haig Pit • Include non members on extra activities where possible 	<p>Committee – Martyn Langley has joined the committee.</p> <p>Regular workdays on Wednesdays and monthly Sundays.</p> <p>UG Trips offered beyond Carrs Mine.</p> <p>Job list compiled and updated.</p> <p>Newcastle and Durham University using site for undergraduate students.</p> <p>Large amount of the NPHT records, plans & drawings & artefacts catalogued & stored in new archive boxes.</p> <p>Worked with consultants for Mine Water project.</p> <p>Offered volunteer opportunities with the Tees-Wear Metal Mine project.</p> <p>Assisted with design for North Pennines AONB Oresome project, to include Nenthead Mines.</p>

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2. Three Year Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange to change LPG supplier (suggest 'LPG Home Heat') • Widen scope of interest to include other smelters and the carriers ways • Possibility of us leading guided surface walks • Become financially self sufficient • Have a stable long term membership base • Continued UG access • Better drying facilities in the Assay House • Site looking more attractive • site open every weekend • More school visits • 'on line' activities/virtual mine • Close links with other 'industrial' sites • Education packs for schools – on line • Power of water operating • Surface open days to link Brewery shaft, power of water and smelt mill • Self led tour leaflet • Retain UG access • Advertise at C2C • Double the membership • More information visible around the site • Greater web presence – interactive • Increase income to cover expenses and research and publishing results • Facebook group 	<p>Step 1 of 3-year plan achieved – Charity registered.</p> <p>Reduced gas consumption.</p> <p>Site clean up carried out – rubbish collected and removed via skip.</p> <p>Facebook group operating.</p> <p>Interior of buildings tidied and sorted. Rubbish skipped. Displays maintained. Wagons moved inside.</p> <p>Tidying Campaign has generated space in Barracks building for indoor work.</p> <p>Carrs Mine stripped of electric fittings and cabling. To improve visual appearance of mine.</p> <p>Visits of other Geological, Industrial Heritage Societies & Scouts.</p> <p>Very successful open days for general public (which have generated funds & new members).</p> <p>Extra Open days planned for August 2016.</p>

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<p>3. Charity Structure Keep Brewery shaft at arms length? Objectives wider than Nenthead?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep Brewery shaft at arms length liability wise • Don't expand objectives wider than Nenthead • Don't leave Brewery shaft out – too much interest. 'Connections' to Nentforce level – in which there is big interest • Do we need wider objectives? – can be spread too far • Keep a Nenthead focus • Work towards wider objectives 	<p>Registered as a CIO.</p> <p>Charity objectives focused on Nenthead, and including the wider area.</p>
<p>4. Site Plan South Explosives store? Middlecleugh compressor house? Leats?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get water flowing to show 'activity' for anyone • Any walls to rebuild – again an 'active' thing • Interpretation boards with QR codes on them • Yes to South Explosives store • Yes to MC compressor house • Brewery shaft top roof and frame • Smelt mill adit • Path maintenance i.e. timber edging, level surface • Signage for walks on site • Getting from road up to site 	<p>Improvements to how all site buildings are used.</p> <p>Conservation of North Explosives Store almost completed. Hodgsons Mine Shop and Barracks building pointing repaired.</p> <p>Toilets and lobby redecorated in Assay House.</p> <p>Brewery shaft lighting inspected and put on job list.</p>

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<p>5. Relationships with Killhope, Friends of Killhope, Others</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal letter from secretary to very small museums for them to advertise within their museum that we exist. Do we need a colourful A4 poster? • Get A4 colour poster out to Path Head watermill near Blaydon; Spennymoor town hall coal mining museum; Tanfield railway; Bowes railway; South Tynedale railway at Alston. • Some sort of reciprocal relationship with Allendale Brewery – vouchers? 	<p>Poster produced in 2015 and distributed.</p> <p>Leaflets distributed.</p> <p>120 Years of the VMZ Weekend – working with Alston Moor Historical Society.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People doing C2C need to see flags flying as they go past to 'click' it into their minds. • Work with not against • Beamish, Durham Mining Museum • All related organisations • Internet links • Cycling organisations • Relationships are critical – cooperation is vital for survival, not just development • Beamish, Allenheads Trust, Bowes Museum, AONB, Weardale FS. Middleton Historical Soc, Threlkeld • Hub at Alston, South Tynedale railway • Cycle clubs/organisations • Informal social meetings • Involvement with Nenthead community • Jointly advertise activities • Linked websites • Good relationships with other organisation across the North of England needed • Access to wider pool of volunteers e.g. Altogether Archaeology • Share skills and experience and volunteers • Projects like Dukesfield and AA are time limited and have volunteers with nothing to do when they finish 	<p>Joined Roof of England tourism Initiative.</p> <p>Member of the North Pennines AONB Partnership.</p> <p>Worked with FOK to organise "Forgotten Minerals" Conference.</p> <p>Attending sharing meetings with Alston Moor tourist venues.</p> <p>Attended Nenthead Ward meetings.</p> <p>Links added to website.</p> <p>Altogether Archaeology project on water system.</p> <p>Continued working with EA contractors.</p> <p>Alston Moor Hydro project.</p> <p>Represented at Tyne and Wear 2016 Heritage Conference in Newcastle</p>

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