

# **CAMBRIAN MINES TRUST**

## **Annual report 2015**

### **Financial**

At the date of this report the trust has a balance of £1,493.22 with all current liabilities paid including legal fees relative to the acquisition of the Craig y Ddinas Mineral Estate.

Future expenditure in the short term will be necessary for permanent signage and underground remedial work at Cwmystwyth.

The trust is very grateful to Welsh Mines Society for the recent generous donation of £700 from the sale of books bequeathed to the society by the late John Henner.

### **Cwmystwyth**

Underground safety works to facilitate access in Level Fawr and prevent a possible collapse due to a rotten stull adjacent to the incline have received Ancient Monument consent and it is expected that work will commence in the near future.

The first phase of work will involve the permanent support of a sagging timber with concrete faced with stone packwall so as to harmonise with the surroundings.

The second phase will involve a walking height roadway replacing the second plastic drum in Lefel Fawr.

### **Possible hydro-electric project**

Unfortunately, the hydro people have pulled out which leaves the trust dependant on its grazing income, voluntary contributions, and external funding.

### **Hen Barc**

A proposal for a trial investigation to assess the possibility of safe reopening of the Hen Barc adit on Ty Newydd farm land has received SSSI approval and an initial investigation has been made to assess possible head of water prior to the actual reopening.

### **Bwlch Glas**

The transfer to the Trust of the 50% of the mineral rights owned by Mr Bernard Moore is imminent, the contract having been forwarded for signature.

### **Upper Dinas Silica Mine**

Natural Amenities Ltd, an associated company of Cambrian Mines Trust has acquired the mineral rights at the site in order to safeguard future access to the mine. Access remains unaffected.

### **Enlargement of the board of directors**

It was unanimously agreed to invite Dr Simon Timberlake to join the board; in particular view of his knowledge of the Cwmystwyth site and his contacts in the archaeological sphere. Simon Lowe of Aditnow has also joined the board bringing the number of directors up to five, with Roy Fellows as Managing Director and Prof David James as Chairman.

## **Other News**

Cambrian Mines Trust is now represented on the Cambrian Caving Council

### **Frongoch**

Further new access and safety work had been accomplished at Frongoch and the results published via Aditnow. This has given access to the 14 fathom level by way of fixed ladders. Workings in the region of Engine Shaft remain inaccessible due to a fall, but this is being dealt with.

### **Alltycrib**

Remedial work in the access shaft to deep adit is proceeding which involves stripping out now rotten timber fitted during the original project and replacing it with galvanised steel mesh and concrete. This is an ongoing task and will visitors to the mine please exercise due care and respect tools etc.

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