Snibston Heritage Trust

(Registered Charity Number 1190436)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held in Snibston Colliery Lamp Room, Snibston Colliery Park, Ashby Road, Coalville.

25th September 2026.

The following are the minutes of the fourth Snibston Heritage Trust Annual General Meeting for the period 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025.

Present: Alan Bilton (Chair), Stuart Warburton (Secretary/Acting Treasurer), Bryan Hallam (Trustee), Steve Duckworth (Trustee), Steve Brotherhood (Trustee), Cliff Seymore (Trustee), Paul Smith (Trustee), John Geary (Trustee), Barry Kendrick (Member/volunteer), Dave Cook (Member/volunteer), Sue Barton (Member/volunteer).

1. Apologies

Jenny Case (Trustee)

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th May 2025 were approved as a true record of the meeting Proposed by John Geary, Seconded by Bryan Hallam.

2. Secretary's Report.

2. Governance

2.1 The Trust is governed by its Constitution. The Trust is a closed CIO which means the organisation is managed solely by the Trustees who form a Committee/Board. Voting rights are gifted to the Trustees which means volunteers do not have voting rights. To change to an open CIO will require amendment to the constitution and approval by the Charities Commission.

The Trust has a Memorandum of Understanding with LCC which directs our operations and objectives in line with LCC Country Parks objectives.

2.2 The SHT was registered (Charity reg no. 1190436) by the Charity Commission in July 2020. And the Trust is governed by its constitution.

2.3 The Objectives of the Snibston Heritage Trust a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (registration number 1190436) are:

(1) To preserve for the benefit of our cultural and industrial heritage those historic industrial and architectural remains including all forms of archival material, handwritten, printed and oral as may exist in the town of Coalville in the County of Leicestershire, in the form of mining remains and related industrial workings, both above and below ground.

(2) To advance the education of the public concerning the industrial history of Coalville in Leicestershire, in particular the history of mining.

2.4 Trustees

The governance of the Snibston Heritage Trust is managed by Trustees.

During 2025 there was one resignation Mr John Merison.

Executive Committee

Chair	Dr Terri Eynon
Secretary	Mr Stuart Warburton
Treasurer	Vacant (Acting Treasurer Mr Stuart Warburton)

Board/Committee

Mr Steve Brotherhood

Miss Jenny Case

Mr Steve Duckworth

Mr Bryan Hallam

Ratification of newly appointed Trustees (April 2025)

Mr. Alan Bilton

Mr John Geary

Mr. Clifford Seymore

Mr. Paul Smith

2.4 The Trust has a membership who work as volunteers towards the objective of the Trust The membership/volunteers begun in February 2022. The members/volunteers are managed by the Trustees but abide by Leicestershire County Council volunteer management procedures and the Trusts objectives are aligned with the County Council.

2.5 Volunteer activities include site and collection maintenance and restoration, colliery tours, school/college site visits, school of site visits, events on and off site, archiving and research

2.6 The SHT is actively engaged with the work of the following organisations.

- Coalville Heritage Society
- North West Leicestershire Heritage Network
- Leicestershire County Council – Country Parks, Museums and Property
- North West Leicestershire District Council
- Leicester Transport Heritage Trust

2.7 The Secretary reported the resignation of Dr Terri Eynon as Chair and tabled the election of a Chair in advance of Item 5.

2.8 There was only one person standing for Chair, Mr. Alan Bilton. The voted unanimously to appoint Mr Alan Bilton as Chairman. He agreed to deliver the Chair report prepared by Dr. Terri Eynon, outgoing Chair.

3. Chairman's Report on the affairs of the Trust for the period ended 31st December 2025.

This is the Chairs report for the year 1st January to 31st December 2025.

2025 has been a mixed bag of success.

3.1 UK-SPF Grant.

We have been extremely successful due to the efforts of the Secretary is acquiring a major UK-Share Prosperity Fund Grant for £16,495. The grant was awarded in September 2025 by NW Leicestershire District Council through central government funding and will be used for the following purposes

- **Physical movement of machinery for public access viewing.**

  Employ Leicester Machine Movers to move the Inseam Miner into the external machinery display and position dannies and other underground vehicles onto No.2 pit top.

- **Weather proofing sheeting over MC3 mining machine.**

  Extend the roof arches over the MC3 and provide a vinyl sheeting over the arches.

- **Specialist conservation paint for restoration of vehicles.**

  Purchase specialist paint for machine restoration.

- **Tactile stimulation for the underground mine stimulation.**

  To improve the visitor experience in the mine simulation.

This work should be completed by Summer 2026.

3.2 Colliery Tours.

Once again, we have delivered an excellent programme of Colliery Tours; 18 tours have been advertised. Unfortunately for the first year we have had to cancel some tours due to no public booking via Eventbrite.

Thank you to all the colliery guides, and re-enactors for their time and dedication. Can I also extend a thanks to Dave Cooke for joining the team and bring a new interpretation to the site through his knowledge of the winding engine and providing information regarding sounds to bring it to life.

3.3 Midland Red Centenary Bus Festival.

In September we worked in collaboration with the Leicester Transport Heritage Trust to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the construction of the Midland Red bus garage in Coalville. The event was attended by 25 Midland Red buses and over 2,500 visitors. Both LTHT and SHT agreed the event was a huge success. A follow up bus event is planned for 2026. The event identified some logistical issues for the site most importantly was internet connection at the café.

3.4 Website development.

Work has started on developing a SHT website. This is granted aided by the first round of UK-SPF grant in December 2024. It is envisaged the site will be completed by December 2025.

3.5 Creation of a Merchandise Team.

I'd like to thank Paul and Jenny for setting up a merchandise team and developing a selection of items relating to Snibston Colliery for sale. The quality of merchandise is very high and likewise very well priced. The sale has been supported by acquiring a Sum Up card reader, not only for merchandise purchases but also colliery tour tickets for people who pay on the day.

3.6 POP and SHT mining machinery painting.

I'd like to thank all our volunteers who have restored the DOSCO and other pieces of machinery. SHT is also grateful to the Probation Service for their assistance with machine restoration. I would like to thank Stuart for managing the POPs (People on Parole) and keeping them supplied with paint and brushes.

Restoring the machinery is not yet complete and will be carried on through 2026.

3.7 Peter's fall and issues around LCC and SHT volunteer management over the incident.

Sadly, Peter had a fall in the Spring when he broke his pelvis. This saw an over reaction by LCC Senior Ranger and initially Peter and the volunteers were blamed for the fall. It was pointed out by Peter and the Trust that the fall was due to a serious pothole and LCC accepted it was at fault. The potholes on the site have been filled but the sad outcome of this incident was Peter was refused a claim against LCC insurance.

3.8 Relationship with Grounds Colliery Café.

It is with regret that I must report that relationship with the Café have not been as conducive has they could be. They initially allowed the sale of merchandise through the café but in September stopped this. There has also been issues regarding the start of the colliery tours inside the café during inclement weather. These issues have not been with the café staff but Grounds management. It is hoped that relationship will be strengthened and improved in 2026.

3.9 Thanks to all Volunteers.

I would like to thank all the volunteers for your dedication, knowledge, time and passion for Snibston Colliery and the work we do with schools and Colliery Tours.

Thanks to Stuart for co-ordinating the school visits and all the volunteers who contribute with the Tours, Children of the Dark sessions, Miners Wash Day and our new session Where I Live. This work is extremely important for our viability but also to keep the mining heritage alive within the schools and children.

Thank you for the ban of colliery guides and re-enactors, your selfless dedication to turn out every fortnight in all weathers is testimony to the success of our work and public appreciation of the site.

Thank you to Monday working party who spend their valuable time helping to keep the site looking as decent as possible. A specific thanks to the weeding team, without them we would be knee deep in weeds.

Thank you to the archive team who are the custodians of Snibston history and access for maps, photographs and working with other local societies.

3.10 Thank you to our secretary.

Last but not least thank you to Stuart for keeping the administration rolling and for his hard work and time he gives to the site. I can vouch that he does an inordinate amount of work behind the

scenes. Thanks also for being the acting Treasurer for the last 3 years. Through your careful financial management has seen the Trusts find financial stability.

BUT he cannot carry on as Acting Treasurer for ever so is there anyone in the members hip who wish to take on this important role?

That concludes the report for 2025 of the Chair for the Snibston Heritage Trust.

Dr Terri Eynon
May 2026.

4. Annual Financial Statements of the Trust for the period 1st January 2025 - 31st December 2025.

Stuart Warburton (Acting Treasurer) circulated the financial report,

Management ACCOUNTS

For

Snibston Heritage Trust

Registered Charity Commission Number 1190436

FOR THE PRIOD 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025

BALANCE SHEET

	2024 £'s	2025 £'s
Fixed Assets:		
Intangible Assets	0	0
Tangible Assets	900.00	1143.00
Current Assets		
Debtors	0	0
Cash at Bank	13,925.50	27,135.94
Total Net Current Assets	**14,825.50**	**28,278.94**

Income & Expenditure 1st January 2025 – 31st December 2025

Income	**2024**	**2025**
Donations	232.39	521.50
Ticket sales		
Eventbrite	1,137.78	1,886.70
Cash sales	205.00	259.00
Merchandise	0	518.03
Grants	7,562.77	16,495.00
Total Income	**9,562.77**	**19,680.23**

Expenditure	**2024**	**2025**
Materials, equipment, paint, etc.	1,774.23	2,758.41
Design, Print, web design	177.23	4,840.43
Reenactors material and artefacts	242.07	100.00
Events/hospitality	96.35	369.60
Merchandise purchases	0	400.00
Total Expenditure	**2,319.88**	**8,488.44**

Carry over from 2024		**13,925.50**
Money in Bank	**(31.12.2025)**	**19680.23**
Cash in Hand	**(31.12.2025)**	**156.09**
Total		**33,761.82**
Less Expenditure	**(2025)**	**8,488.44**
BALANCE	**(31.12.2025)**	**25,273.38**

Note.
Intangible assets are long-term assets, meaning they are used for more than one year and include intellectual property, copyrights, branding and customer/contact lists, etc.

We do not yet possess any intangible assets, although by the end of 2024 we will have a website.

Tangible assets include equipment, collections, vehicles, etc.

Over the last 2 years we have acquired a number of tangible assts, both equipment and artefacts for educational purposes and re-enactment. These tangible assts include,

- Portable petrol generator.
- Four folding tables.
- Colliery guide clothing and equipment e.g. donkey jackets for winter months, tallies, safety lamp.
- Children role-play/living history collapsible coalface.
- Various pieces of wash day material for educational purposes.
- Gazebo, slide panels and weights.

5. Election of Trustees in accordance with the Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

5.1 All current members of the Board of Trustees agreed to stand for re-election. The Board was voted on in its entirety to continue unanimously.

Chairman Alan Bilton

Secretary	Stuart Warburton
Acting Treasurer	Stuart Warburton
Trustees	Steve Brotherhood
	Jenny Case
	Steve Duckworth
	John Geary
	Bryan Hallam
	Cliff Seymore
	Paul Smith

5.2 There are no new Trustees and one resignation Dr. Terri Eynon.

5.3 The Secretary appealed for a member of the Board to come forward to take the role of Treasurer. There was no Trustee prepared to put their name forward for the role. Stuart Warburton agreed to continue as Acting Treasurer.

6. Questions Relating to the above Report from Trustees, Members and Volunteers.

No questions tabled.

7. To consider any other matters.

7.1 Steve Brotherhood asked if the Leicestershire County Council suspended volunteer could be reinstated by the Trust. The Secretary replied that the Trust had no authority to overturn the decision made by Leicestershire County Council as they are the land owners and therefore responsible for all issue relating to volunteers on the site. It is hoped that this issue can be raised with Debbie Reid (Consultant) who has been appointed by the County Council to review and recommend the governance and management of the volunteers who are engaged in Leicester County Council country parks and heritage services. The consultant will be on site during October 2026.

7.2 Cliff Seymore asked if the Snibston volunteers could be organised into two volunteer groups – Monday working party and colliery tours and school sessions. The Secretary responded that the volunteers are members of the Snibston Heritage Trust as well as approved Leicestershire County Council volunteers and therefore there is a potential precedence to approach the activities on the site into two groups. This proposal will be suggested to the consultant during the interviews.

These comments closed the meeting at 11.05.

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Prepared by Acting Treasurer

Stuart Warburton

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Signed



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Acting Treasurer