Northwest Miners Heritage Association Annual Trustee Report December2025-December 2026

The Association has conducted many educational activities during this year including the following

1. visits to local schools where ex miners dressed in Miners outfits and answered questions about life underground and used artefacts to illustrate the history of mining in St Helens.
2. Talks to local Brownie and Rainbow Groups both at their Group venues and at the Site of the Dream
3. Led Walk and Talk events at the Site of The Dream including support to people on “access to work”. This now can include the Clock Face Colliery Pk & Bold Forest Country Pk.
4. Attended Community Events with a stall with information and artefacts including the Heritage Day at the Town Hall which involved discussion with many members of the Community of Mining Heritage of the Town.
5. Developed partnerships relationships with the Councils Heritage and Arts Service and conducted a Heritage story telling project across the town recording the stories of miners and their families and developing resources with schools.
6. Continued to build the resources available to support the work of the association buying appropriate memorabilia and receiving artefacts from families.
7. Undertook an Easter Egg Hunt and Father Christmas Community visits to engage with the former mining community and communicate the community values of the Mining Community.
8. Displayed the Banners at a range of Community events including the Annual Commemoration of those who have lost their lives at work. Also, at the launch of a new Community Arts space.
9. Have continued to organise reunions of former miners and keep them informed on relevant issues and have taken the Banners to display at the Funerals of ex Miners to show respect and solidarity and condolence from the wider mining community.
10. Have continued to network, visit and support the work of the National Mining Museum and the Lancashire Mining Museum who have also supported our activities.
11. We are also developing more partnership working with the Coalfields Communities Trust. Along side other Voluntary Groups, St Helens & Widnes Rotary Clubs.
12. We applied for a grant to the British Council to work with local artists and refugee women on heritage with the Palestinian Heritage Museum in East Jerusalem but were unsuccessful and are considering an alternative way to take this work forward.
13. We sponsored local sports teams and Clock Face Miners Band.
14. We also lay wreaths at the Cenotaphs in The Town Centre and Earlestown to commemorate Miners and have ensured a local commemorative plaque was preserved.
15. We have developed new policies for the association on Bullying and Harassment; Conflict of Interest and Expenses.
16. We attended VCA training on Safeguarding and ensured we have up to date policies.
17. Acquire a new trailer and build a new sleigh for the Christmas Santa event.
18. This year we have developed a detailed submission to the Heritage Lottery fund to improve our educational resources and work with schools. It will also assist in developing a community archive to enable people to share and understand their mining heritage. It also contains proposals to develop the association and our capacity.

19. We have completed several community litter-picking activities on our mining heritage sites, working with like-minded community groups within our local area.
20. We now work with the Clock Face Colliery band to put on events in the local area at set dates throughout the year.
21. We have in the past twelve months highlighted the shafts at Clock Face Colliery Pk, cleaned them and applied commemorative plaques to educate members of the public to its history as a site.