
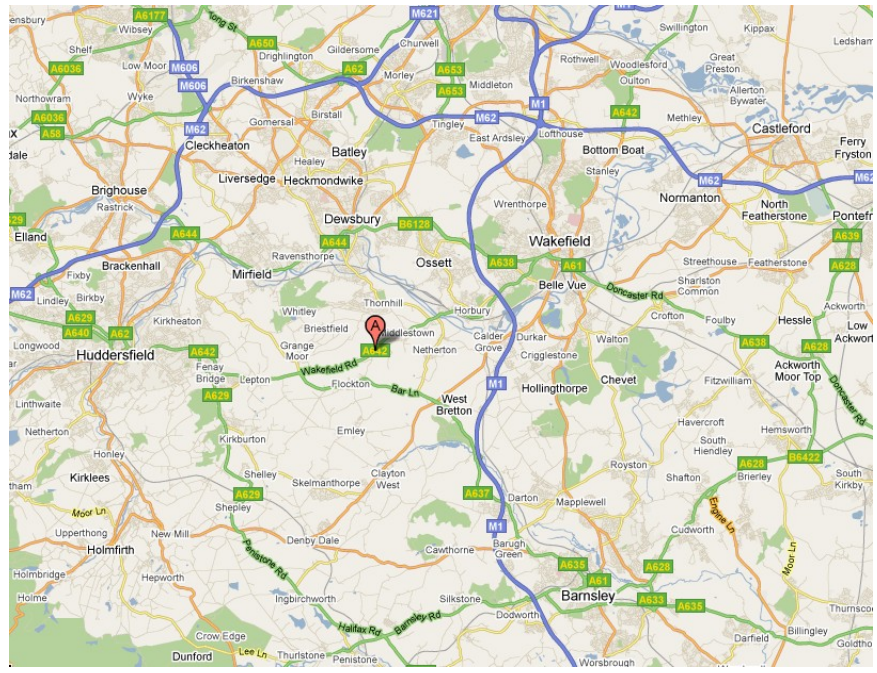


Date	2 July, 2003	 British Land Reclamation Society
Event	Summer visit and AGM	
Theme	Minewater Treatment – The State of the Art	
Commentary	<p>The problems caused by the increasing volume of contaminated water issuing from closed mines are now a major cause for concern and are proving highly expensive. When the Society visited the Caphouse Colliery Mining Museum in 1998 the Manager explained his concerns for its future; no visitors were being allowed underground for fear of flooding and the treatment of the pumped water was becoming prohibitively expensive. Nearly five years later these problems were being overcome. Using results based on a borehole programme, expensive minewater treatment works at this and the nearby disused Woolley Colliery were being installed under a 'state of the art' scheme costing nearly £3 million. This project was funded mainly by the EC and the Coal Authority, and supported by MIRO, Human Dynamics of Austria and the Museum Trust, with partners in Germany and Romania. Works on site, to deal with over 7 million gallons per week, were well underway.</p> <p>As well as providing a major practical demonstration feature the project intended to develop new data sets, methodologies and strategic approaches to the integrated management of water resources in former coalfield areas.</p> <p>The programme for the visit included short talks from the experts of the parties concerned, an underground visit and visits to the demonstration project at Caphouse Colliery and to the established conventional plant at Woolley Colliery.</p>	
Photos		
Presentations	<p>Development of the Underground Visitor Experience – Deputy Director, National Coal Mining Museum for England.</p> <p>Hydrological management and minewater treatment – Coal Authority</p>	
Venue	National Coal Mining Museum for England, Caphouse Colliery, Overton, Wakefield	

Location



Thanks to the National Coal Mining Museum for England for hosting the event.
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