



# DISCOVER THE EXTRAORDINARY



A guide to the **best attractions** within  
the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site



# CORNISH MINING WORLD HERITAGE SITE

**C**ornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site, popularly known as Cornish Mining, has gained international recognition from UNESCO for specific mine sites, landscapes, towns and villages within Cornwall and west Devon, which are of global significance.

As a World Heritage Site, Cornwall and west Devon's historic mining landscapes are on par with such international treasures as Stonehenge, the Taj Mahal, and the Great Wall of China.

## WHAT IS THE CORNISH MINING WORLD HERITAGE SITE?

The Cornish Mining World Heritage Site comprises ten landscape Areas from the west of Cornwall to west Devon, which together best represent the international significance of our historic deep-lode metal mining. Also at just over 19,700 hectares (48,700 acres), Cornish Mining is the largest World Heritage Site on the United Kingdom mainland.

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# WHERE CAN I EXPERIENCE CORNISH MINING?

The World Heritage Site has many exciting mining heritage attractions across Cornwall and west Devon which together enable the visitor to experience the full breadth of the Cornish Mining story.

The following pages contain information on these attractions to help plan your visit, and for further information on Cornish Mining, and links to these sites, please log on to [www.cornishmining.org.uk](http://www.cornishmining.org.uk)

## CORNISH MINING ATTRACTIONS MARKETING ASSOCIATION

Cornish Mining Attractions marketing Association (CMAMA) works with the World Heritage Site to ensure a high quality visitor experience consistent with World Heritage status.

All CMAMA member attractions have passed a rigorous assessment process to ensure you have an enjoyable visit. At CMAMA attractions you can find out about the historical and cultural significance of the World Heritage Site and other places to visit which tell the story of Cornish Mining.

Please note that while the opening times given in this booklet are usual for the individual sites it is recommended that these are checked before visiting.

Mine; Poldark Mine; Morwellham River Port, Mine & Railway; St Agnes Museum; Kit Hill; Tavistock Museum.

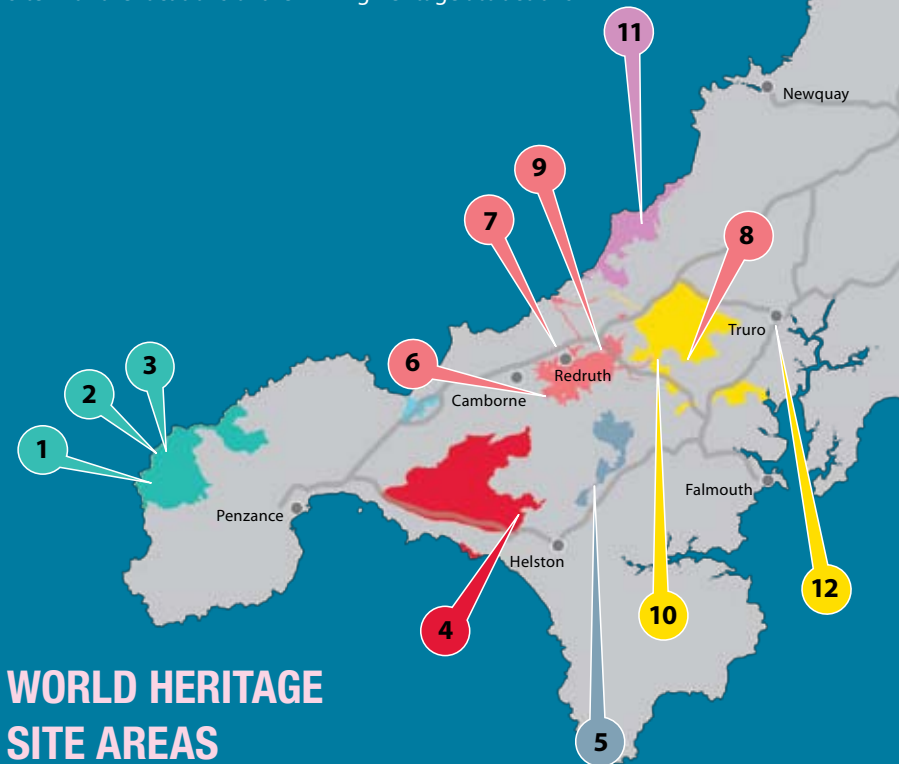
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# CORNISH MINING WORLD HERITAGE

The ten Areas which together comprise the World Heritage Site with the locations of the mining heritage attractions



## WORLD HERITAGE SITE AREAS

-  The St Just Mining District
-  The Port of Hayle
-  The Tregonning and Gwinear Mining Districts with Trewavas
-  The Wendron Mining District
-  The Camborne and Redruth Mining District with Wheal Peevor and Portreath Harbour
-  The Gwennap Mining District with Devoran, Perran and Kennall Vale
-  The St Agnes Mining District
-  The Luxulyan Valley with Charlestown
-  The Caradon Mining District
-  The Tamar Valley Mining District with Tavistock



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# THE COUNT HOUSE WORKSHOP, BOTALLACK

Built in the mid 1860s, Botallack Count House was the impressive administrative building for this important nineteenth century mine. Now owned by the National Trust, the building houses interpretation covering the history and ecology of the local mining area, as well as being used as a centre for community events.

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)  
01736 788588

Usual opening: 10.00 am to 4.00 pm daily (except 25th/26th December and 1st January).

*The Count House Workshop is seven miles from Penzance. By car, follow the A3071 or the B3306 from St Ives. Buses serve the town of St Just, a mile to the south of Botallack, including the popular Penwith Explorer open-top service, which runs along the spectacular B3306 coast road from St Ives between May and September. The nearest main line train station is Penzance. Please see [www.cornwallpublictransport.info](http://www.cornwallpublictransport.info) for the latest travel information.*

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# LEVANT MINE AND BEAM ENGINE

Owned by the National Trust, Levant is home to the only Cornish beam engine anywhere in the world that is still in steam, in its original mine location. This famous engine is housed in a small building on the edge of the cliffs and was restored after 60 idle years by a group of volunteers known as the "Greasy Gang".

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)  
01736 786156

Usual opening: March to November 11.00 am to 5.00 pm but check days and times before visiting and for when the engine can be experienced in steam.

*Levant Mine is seven miles from Penzance. By car, follow the A3071 or the B3306 from St Ives. Buses serve the town of St Just, 2.5 miles to the south of Levant, including the popular Penwith Explorer open-top service, which runs along the spectacular B3306 coast road from St Ives between May and September. The nearest main line train station is Penzance. Please see [www.cornwallpublictransport.info](http://www.cornwallpublictransport.info) for the latest travel information.*

# GEEVOR TIN MINE

Geevor is the major monument to Cornish mining in the modern era. Situated on the dramatic cliffs of the north coast, Geevor was a working mine until 1990, but there has been tin extraction on and around the site for perhaps 4,000 years. A vast range of buildings houses the original equipment, while a new state of the art museum tells the story of the mine and Cornish mining.

**www.geevor.com**  
**01736 788662**

Usual opening: Sunday - Friday  
9.00 am – 5.00 pm (last entry  
4.00 pm) all year round. During  
the winter months last admission  
is at 3.00 pm. Access to the  
underground is available from  
10.00 am - 4.30 pm each day.

*Geevor Tin Mine is seven miles from Penzance. By car, follow the A3071 or the B3306 from St Ives. Buses serve the town of St Just, two miles to the south of Geevor, including the popular Penwith Explorer open-top service, which runs along the spectacular B3306 coast road from St Ives between May and September. The nearest main line train station is Penzance. Please see [www.cornwallpublictransport.info](http://www.cornwallpublictransport.info) for the latest travel information.*

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## TREVARNO ESTATE

Visit the historic Trevarno Estate where you can explore 70 acres of gardens, grounds and woodlands, some of which date to 1246. Later home of the Bickford-Smith family, who are associated with invention of the world's first mining safety fuse, Trevarno is one of the great estates and gardens of Cornwall to be founded on mining wealth. Trevarno also features one of Cornwall's largest and most diverse plant collections set within magnificent formal, informal and woodland landscapes.

**www.trevarno.co.uk**  
**01326 574274**

Usual opening: 10.30 am -  
5.00 pm daily (except 25th and  
26th December).

*The Trevarno Estate is just less than three miles from Helston and a bus service operates between St Ives and Helston from May to September. Please see [www.cornwallpublictransport.info](http://www.cornwallpublictransport.info) for the latest travel information.*

# POLDARK MINE

Described as one of the two most atmospheric mine tours in Europe\*, Poldark offers the rare opportunity to go underground in a complete 18th century tin mine and experience all the excitement of extensive tin mine workings dating from the 1700s. Poldark also has on display the last Cornish beam engine to pump commercially in Cornwall, the Poldark Engine. Formerly located at a china clay pit in mid Cornwall, this ceased working in 1959 but has recently been restored to pump once more.

**[www.poldark-mine.co.uk](http://www.poldark-mine.co.uk)**  
**01326 573173**

Usual opening: Easter to end October  
10.00 am - 5.30 pm (last Mine Tour  
4.00 pm) closed on Saturdays except  
during July and August; organised  
groups can be accommodated at  
other times by prior arrangement.  
For further information please  
visit the website (above).

*Located 2 miles north of Helston  
on the B3297 to Redruth; please see  
[www.cornwallpublictransport.info](http://www.cornwallpublictransport.info)  
for the latest travel information. Bus  
services run from Redruth Railway  
Station, Helston and Truro.*

*(\*Sir Neil Cossons, Chairman,  
English Heritage 2000-2007)*

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# KING EDWARD MINE

King Edward, formerly the world famous Camborne School of Mines Training Mine, is the oldest complete mine site in Cornwall.

- Visit the museum, find out how a mine works and learn about the social history
- Take the guided tour through the tin processing plant where the machinery can be seen running
- Browse in the shop
- Group and school visits a speciality

Visit the Mineral Tramways exhibition. King Edward is also an ideal base from which to explore the 'Great Flat Lode' trail.

**[www.kingedwardmine.co.uk](http://www.kingedwardmine.co.uk)**  
**01209 614681**

Usual opening: May to September  
10.00 am to 5.00 pm (Last  
entry 4.00 pm) but check days  
and times before visiting.

*King Edward Mine is situated just to the south of Camborne near the village of Troon. Camborne has a main line train station, and the town is just off the A30. There are regular buses to Camborne from most major Cornish areas. See [www.cornwallpublictransport.info](http://www.cornwallpublictransport.info) for the latest travel information.*



# CORNISH MINES & ENGINES

Originally known as East Pool Mine, the site contains a wealth of fascinating attractions, the most significant being two magnificent Cornish Beam Engines which are still, very unusually, situated in their original and iconic engine houses. These are the 1887 Michell's Whim Engine which has been beautifully restored and is run daily using electricity, and the massive Taylor's Engine with its 90 inch cylinder and immense 52 ton beam which was one of the largest ever built for pumping water from a Cornish Mine. The site also contains many other original buildings and mining artefacts, numerous models and static displays, and an emotive film about Cornwall's mining heritage.

**[www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)  
01209 315027**

Usual opening: Easter to the end of October 11.00 am to 5.00 pm but check days and times before visiting.

*Cornish Mines & Engines is located along Agar Road at Illogan Highway, between Camborne and Redruth. Both towns have a main line train station, are situated just off the A30, and there is a bus stop at the site served from most major Cornish areas. Please see [www.cornwallpublictransport.info](http://www.cornwallpublictransport.info) for the latest travel information. The NCN3 cycleway is also only ½ mile distant.*



## MINERAL TRAMWAYS

**(see also the Mineral Tramways Exhibition at King Edward Mine - Site 6)**

Explore the historic landscape in and around the mining districts of Camborne, Redruth and Gwennap via a 60km network of mostly off-road multi-use trails, largely following the tramway routes that once serviced the region's tin and copper mines from the eighteenth through to the twentieth centuries. The predominantly flat trails are ideal for beginners, novices and families and the coast to coast route can be cycled in just a few hours. Enjoy stunning scenery, discover historic mine sites and experience Cornwall's rich mining heritage, with various picnic/refreshment stops and bike hire facilities en route.

**[www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk)  
01872 323468**

Usual opening: no restrictions - publicly accessible multi-use trails.

*The Mineral Tramways Trails connect the great mining landscapes of Camborne, Redruth and Gwennap to both the north and south coasts, at Portreath and Devoran. Camborne and Redruth have main line train stations and are situated just off the A30. Portreath is close to both towns (four miles north), and Devoran is approximately seven miles south-east. There are regular buses to Redruth and Camborne from most major Cornish areas. Please see [www.cornwallpublictransport.info](http://www.cornwallpublictransport.info) for the latest travel information.*



# CORNISH STUDIES LIBRARY

Based at the Cornwall Centre in Alma Place, Redruth, this is Cornwall Council's largest library of books and printed resources on Cornwall. The collection of over 30,000 volumes covers Cornwall's history, geography, industries, customs and other aspects of Cornish life. Open to everyone, the collection also highlights Cornwall's mining industry through books, photographs, maps, newspapers and journals.

**[www.cornwall.gov.uk/](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/)  
cornwallcentre 01209 216760**

*Usual opening: 10.00 am to  
5.00 pm Monday to Friday,  
10.00 am to 4.00 pm Saturday.*

*The Cornish Studies Library is located in the historic centre of Redruth which is situated just off the A30. The town has a main line train station and there are regular buses to Redruth from most major Cornish areas. Please see [www.cornwallpublictransport.info](http://www.cornwallpublictransport.info) for the latest travel information.*



## GWENNAP PIT

Gwennap Pit is an open air amphitheatre, possibly a hollow created by sunken mine workings. Having remarkable acoustic properties, it was a favourite preaching place of John Wesley, the eighteenth century founder of Methodism, thousands from the mining communities gathering. Remodelled in 1806 as a memorial to him, it seats 2,000 on 13 circular grassy terraces, the top tier being 34 metres across. Used since then for the annual Whit Monday/ Spring Bank Holiday gathering, other events are held - music, drama, worship, weddings. Alongside is a visitor centre.

**Gwennap Pit 01209 820013  
or 01326 372084**

**Usual opening:** There is public access to the site at any time. **Visitor Centre opening:** June to September, Monday to Friday 10.00 am to 4.30 pm. Saturday 10.00 am to 1.00 pm; other times by appointment.

*Gwennap Pit is located at Busveal just less than a mile east of Redruth. Access is via the A393, which links Mount Ambrose and Redruth, and then by a choice of minor routes – just look out for the signs. Please also see [www.cornwallpublictransport.info](http://www.cornwallpublictransport.info) for public transport options.*

# ST AGNES MUSEUM

Housed in a Listed nineteenth century chapel, the social and economic legacy of tin and copper mining in St Agnes is reflected in a fascinating collection of artefacts, photographs, maps, films, audio and family histories which, together, trace the impact of metalliferous mining on today's landscape and community.

[www.stagnesmuseum.org.uk](http://www.stagnesmuseum.org.uk)  
**01872 553228**

Usual opening: March to October  
10.30 am – 5.00 pm but check days  
and times before visiting.

*The St Agnes Museum is accessible from the A30 via the B3277, and is situated near the entrance to the town, approximately nine miles from Truro. There are regular buses from Truro during the week. Please see [www.cornwallpublictransport.info](http://www.cornwallpublictransport.info) for the latest travel information.*



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# ROYAL CORNWALL MUSEUM

The Museum displays an internationally important collection of minerals, a high proportion of which are Cornish. At its heart is the eighteenth century collection of Philip Rashleigh, with further early manuscripts and other documentation available in the Courtney Library by appointment. The Museum also houses many interesting mining photographs, which can be viewed by appointment. These include the Burrow's underground photographs which used artificial light to show working conditions underground at the end of the Victorian era. The archaeological displays show examples of the very earliest mining activity in Cornwall.

[www.royalcornwallmuseum.org.uk](http://www.royalcornwallmuseum.org.uk)  
**01872 272205**

Usual opening: Monday - Saturday  
10.00 am - 4:45 pm, closed Sundays and  
Bank Holidays. Please check the website  
for Christmas/New Year opening.

*The Royal Cornwall Museum is situated in the historic centre of Truro on River Street. Truro can be reached via the A39 and A390, when travelling from both east and west. There is a main line train station and regular buses run to Truro from most major Cornish areas. Please see [www.cornwallpublictransport.info](http://www.cornwallpublictransport.info) for the latest travel information.*

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## CHINA CLAY COUNTRY PARK

Set in 10 hectares of woodland nestling in the historic Ruddle Valley on the outskirts of St Austell, the China Clay Country Park provides a fascinating day out for all the family. The China Clay Country Park is set in the grounds of two former working China Clay pits and provides visitors with a fascinating insight into China Clay - how it was mined, what it was used for and what it meant for local communities.

**[www.chinaclaycountry.co.uk](http://www.chinaclaycountry.co.uk)  
01726 850362**

Usual opening: March to September  
10.00 am – 5.00 pm (last entry 4 pm)  
seven days a week, but check days  
and times before visiting.

*The China Clay Country Park is located just less than two miles north of St Austell on the B3274. St Austell has a main line train station and there are regular bus services to the town. Please see [www.cornwallpublictransport.info](http://www.cornwallpublictransport.info) for the latest travel information.*

## LISKEARD & DISTRICT MUSEUM & INFORMATION CENTRE

Situated in the award winning Foresters Hall, the museum aims to link the past, the present and the future of Liskeard and its surrounding areas in an interesting and informative manner for visitors of all ages. The displays concentrate on local people, organisations, trades, professions and industries together with the events that have shaped the history of the locality. These include changes in mining and agriculture, building and architecture, places of worship, local government and in the lives of those in the community.

**[www.liskeard.gov.uk](http://www.liskeard.gov.uk)  
Museum: 01579 346087  
Information Centre: 01579 349148**

Usual opening: 11.00 am – 4.00 pm  
Monday to Friday, 11.00 am - 1.30 pm  
Saturday, but check days and times  
before visiting.

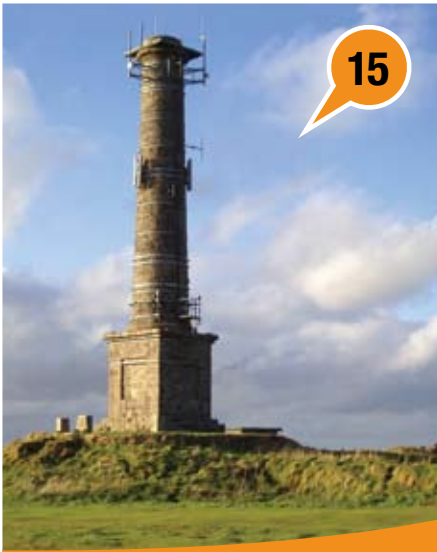
*The Liskeard & District Museum & Information Centre is located in the centre of the town on Pike Street. By car, access is via the A390 or A38. Liskeard has a main line train station and has bus connections with most major Cornish areas. See [www.cornwallpublictransport.info](http://www.cornwallpublictransport.info) for the latest travel information.*

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## KIT HILL

At just over 333m (1000'), and additionally because of its prominent mining stack, Kit Hill stands out as the highest point on the Hingston Down granite ridge. With stunning 360 degree views over east Cornwall, west Devon and the Tamar Valley, there are miles of footpaths and innumerable archaeological remains to explore and discover. The Hill is managed as an Open Access Country Park by Cornwall Council, with particular emphasis on the management of Lowland Heath; guided walks and events take place all year round.

**[www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk)**

(search - Kit Hill)

**01579 370030**

Usual opening: no restrictions -  
Open Country Access Land.

*The A390 crosses the southern flank of the hill which is also readily accessible from the A30 via the B3254 and B3257. Bus links are available and please check [www.cornwallpublictransport.info](http://www.cornwallpublictransport.info) for the latest travel information.*

## COTEHELE

Medieval house with superb collections of textiles, armour and furniture set in extensive grounds with riverside quay. The quay provides the gateway to a working watermill and the wider estate for visitors to enjoy, with its abundant wildlife and evocative industrial ruins - all that remains of a rich industrial past. Our Discovery Centre also provides an insight into the changing times and stunning heritage of this area of the Tamar Valley.

**[www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)**

**01579 351346**

Usual opening: March to  
November but check days and  
times before visiting.

*Cotehele can easily be reached via the A390 by following the signs at St Ann's Chapel, near Gunnislake. Bus links are available and please check [www.cornwallpublictransport.info](http://www.cornwallpublictransport.info) for the latest travel information.*

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## MORWELLHAM RIVER PORT, MINE & RAILWAY

An award-winning, evocative museum and visitor centre. Just four miles west of Tavistock the historic port, mine workings and Estate, border the beautiful River Tamar. Amidst towering cliffs and gently rolling farmland, a lost world lives again.

**[www.morwellham-quay.co.uk](http://www.morwellham-quay.co.uk)  
01822 832766**

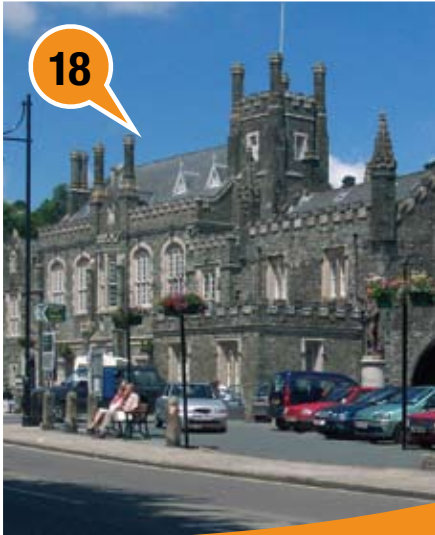
Usual opening: March to November  
10.00 am to 5.00 pm but check days  
and times before visiting.

*From Tavistock, Morwellham can be reached via the A390 and is signposted. Bus links are available and the information services [www.travelinesw.com](http://www.travelinesw.com) and [www.cornwallpublictransport.info](http://www.cornwallpublictransport.info) provide the latest travel details.*

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## TAVISTOCK MUSEUM

Occupies rooms above the historic Court Gate in the town centre. There are permanent exhibitions, DVD shows, and artefacts which record the town's early history as an Abbey and a Stannary Town, and its later history as a commercial centre for copper and arsenic mining. The many fine public buildings and model workers' cottages built by the Dukes of Bedford from their mining royalties, the Tavistock Canal and the three former foundry sites give Tavistock a real link to its mining past.

**[www.tavistockhistory.ik.com](http://www.tavistockhistory.ik.com)  
01822 612546**

Usual opening: Easter to the end of  
October 11.00 am to 3.00 pm but  
check days and times before visiting.

*Tavistock Museum is located at the heart of the town's historic Bedford Square and ample parking is available nearby. There are bus connections with Plymouth and Cornwall, and the information services [www.travelinesw.com](http://www.travelinesw.com) and [www.cornwallpublictransport.info](http://www.cornwallpublictransport.info) provide the latest travel details.*

# Mine & Yours

For much more information on the World Heritage Site including what to do and where to go, you can buy a copy of the family guide Mine & Yours which is available from mining heritage attractions, all good bookshops, or by seeing our dedicated website:

[www.cornishmining.com/mineandyoures](http://www.cornishmining.com/mineandyoures)



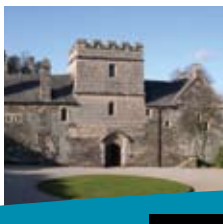


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For further information please see:

[www.cornishmining.org.uk](http://www.cornishmining.org.uk)



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Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape  
inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2006



Our mining culture shaped your world