

ECTON MINE EDUCATIONAL TRUST SAFETY POLICY

Context: The Trust is owner of the mine under Ecton Hill, of the Study Centre adjacent to the Salts Level mine entrance and the land providing access over the Hillocks.

The Trust's objectives are:

- (a) to promote education and research in applied geology, mining and mineral extraction; and
- (b) to preserve for the benefit of the public Ecton Mine and all its shafts and adits.

In the pursuit of objective (a) the Trust provides the location and facilities for approved organisations to run educational courses for school and university students. The Trust also permits arranged visits from community interest groups and industrial historians and archaeologists.

The use of the mine underground is restricted to Salts Level. Other of the mine workings are only visited by competent persons with special permission who have indemnified the Trust from responsibility.

POLICY

The Trust's policy is to:

1. ensure that the underground workings of Salts Level are maintained in a safe condition, and that should an emergency arise there is a safe second means of egress through Deep Ecton Adit.
2. ensure that the Study Centre is maintained in a safe condition.
3. require that organisations running courses carry out risk assessments of their activities and, as a result, devise and follow appropriate safety procedures.
4. ensure that all persons in charge of visiting parties are competent to lead them, and that leaders of all parties going underground have been trained for that purpose and appointed by the Trust's Mine Manager.
5. have in place and regularly review risk assessments directly relating to the Trust's provision of its facilities.
6. provide safety and first aid equipment including fire extinguishers and alarms.
7. safeguard the general public from accidental injury by maintaining appropriate fencing and/or capping of all the mine's shafts and adits on Ecton Hill, with warning notices as appropriate.
8. ensure that specialist interest groups entering parts of the mine other than Salts Level are competent to do so, and that they give written agreement that they are solely responsible for their own safety.