HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD

CORNWALL

Summary of Sources

The standard search used for HERs elsewhere in England for the Framework, proved impractical for the Cornwall HER, due to the size of the database. Instead, the Cornwall Historic Environment Services provided detailed lists of reports commissioned by CCC over the past 20 years. The resource list below has been compiled from these lists, supplemented by selected items from a bibliography of published sources that was prepared in support of the Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage nomination. Additional material gleaned from other non CHES sources is also included.

Cornwall is unlike any other county in England because of the totality of the archaeological evidence for metal mining, and the fact that mining remains have become so central to Cornwall’s historic environment policies; the output of archaeological research has increased greatly in the period leading up to and following the success of the WHS bid. The quantity of grey material is, therefore, on a commensurately large scale. Understandably, the major focus of archaeological research into extractive industries has been on metal mining, but china clay, slate and granite have all received some attention.

Useful Contacts

The Trevithick Society publishes a journal and a newsletter for which the article titles, although not the contents, are published online: http://www.trevithick-society.org.uk/journal.htm

The Cornwall and West Devon World Heritage Site webpages contain much downloadable information: www.cornishmining.org.uk

Cornwall Archaeological Society Index of Cornish Archaeology http://www.cornisharchaeology.org.uk/journal-index.htm

Abbreviations

CAU – Cornwall Archaeological Unit
CHES – Cornwall Historic Environment Services
CCC – Cornwall County Council

[nb. In the bibliography that follows, the use of the word Anon in place of an author’s name does not imply that a report was authored anonymously, simply that the authors’ names were not present in the sources consulted to compile this list.]

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