HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD

SOMERSET

Summary of sources

This HER covers most of the old county of Somerset, though now excludes the unitary authorities of North Somerset, Bath and North-East Somerset, and Exmoor National Park, each of which has a separate HER. This is a well ordered and up to date record, with an inclusive mines and quarries content. Minerals exploited in the county, for which archaeological evidence is recorded in the HER include: alabaster, blue lias, calamine, coal, copper, gravel, gypsum, ironstone, lead, limestone, manganese, marl, ochre, sand. A majority of the sites listed have been ground-verified by SCC staff. Major archaeological projects have provided much information on the coal industry, however, considering the landscape impact of lead mining, the archaeology of the Mendip lead industry is not well represented in the HER.

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