

Mouldridge Mine Report 06-05-2023 by Helen Perkins

I organised a trip for DCC members to see Mouldridge Mine and to give people the chance to practise their underground navigation skills. Our team consisted of Phil Brown, Allan Berry, Nigel Dibben and Mark Stevens. We set off clutching our freshly laminated surveys. Mouldridge Mine is a small scale working that was mined for lead. It is thought that it took its name from Mole Ridge. Work finished in 1884 when the mine was closed. There are lots of pipe workings in this mine and a good chance to practise our navigation skills. We made our way around the mine annotating our surveys as we went. Allan and I were able to point out the hidden pockets of large dogtooth calcite crystals as we have previously thoroughly checked out every part of this mine. There are some nice examples of mini gour pool formations that most people do not see. We had fun doing the tight vertical squeeze in the opposite direction to most and enjoyed the banana slide. A nice educational trip in survey marking and hazard spotting.

