### What is the Conference about?

This year our conference will focus on aspects of the fascinating history of various small- and large-scale extractive industries, mainly in central Scotland but also further afield, as well as their impact on the environment. We will also consider how, either unaided or with further human intervention, nature has managed to recover from the intrusive nature of these industries.

## Where is the conference held?

The conference will be held at Stirling University, as well as online. We do hope that you will choose to attend the conference and look forward to seeing you all again.





Brown Long-Eared Bat (Plecotus auritus) -Woodland Trust

# Forth Naturalist & Historian

48th Annual Conference



Aspects of Extractive Industries – History, Impact and Recovery

at Stirling University
Saturday 11th November 2023

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| 09.00 - 3  | 10.00 Registration (Please follow signs to Cottrell C2V1, 2 and 3)   |
| 09.30  | Displays and Book Sales  |
| 10.00  | Welcome (Susan Mills, FNH Conference Convenor) Introduction to the Day (Keith Broomfield, FNH Depute Chair)                      |
| 10.10  | Documenting Local Coal Mining before 1750 (John G Harrison, www.johnscothist.com)  |
| 10.40  | Aberfoyle Slate Quarry Tunnel – a hibernation site for bats (Eilidh McNab, Central Scotland Bat Group)                           |
| 11.10  | Refreshments, Displays and Book Sales  |
| 11.30  | Mine Water Pollution in the Forth Basin: the Esk catchment area, Midlothian (William Johnston, Forth Rivers Trust)               |
| 12.00  | Gold Exploitation in Scotland before 1900 (Dr Neil Clark, The Hunterian, University of Glasgow)                                  |
| 12.30  | Discussion   |
| 12.40  | Forth Naturalist & Historian – Annual General Meeting  |
| 12.55  | Forth Naturalist & Historian -Launch of Volume 46 (Murray Dickie)  |
| 13.00  | Lunch  |
| 14.05  | Welcome Back (Susan Mills)   |
| 14.10  | Airthrey Copper Mine from the 17 <sup>th</sup> century to 1807 (Dave Walsh, Well House Group)                                    |
| 14.40  | Landscape Legacies of Coal (Dr Catherine Mills, University of Stirling)  |
| 15.10  | Refreshments   |
| 15.30  | The Flora of our Local Mines, Quarries and Spoil Heaps (Roy Sexton, FNH)   |
| 16.00  | Citizen Science Biodiversity Project, Gartmorn Dam and the Forth ERA (David Newitt, Scotland's International Environment Centre) |
| 16.30<br>16.50   | Discussion Conclusion, thanks and end of Conference  |
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