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A GUIDE TO CORNWALL'S WORLD HERITAGE SITES

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In July 2006 the Cornwall and West Devon mining landscape became a World Heritage Site, placing ten distinct areas of the SouthWest alongside the select number that exist worldwide, including the Pyramids of Egypt, the Taj Mahal and the Great Barrier Reef. A small ceremony, attended by Prince Charles, took place at Cotehele House to celebrate the achievement. This marked the official designation and acknowledged the contribution the region made to the Industrial Revolution, both in Britain as well as around the world. As Prince Charles said in his speech, "Cornish hard rock expertise shaped the mining world in a dynamic way".

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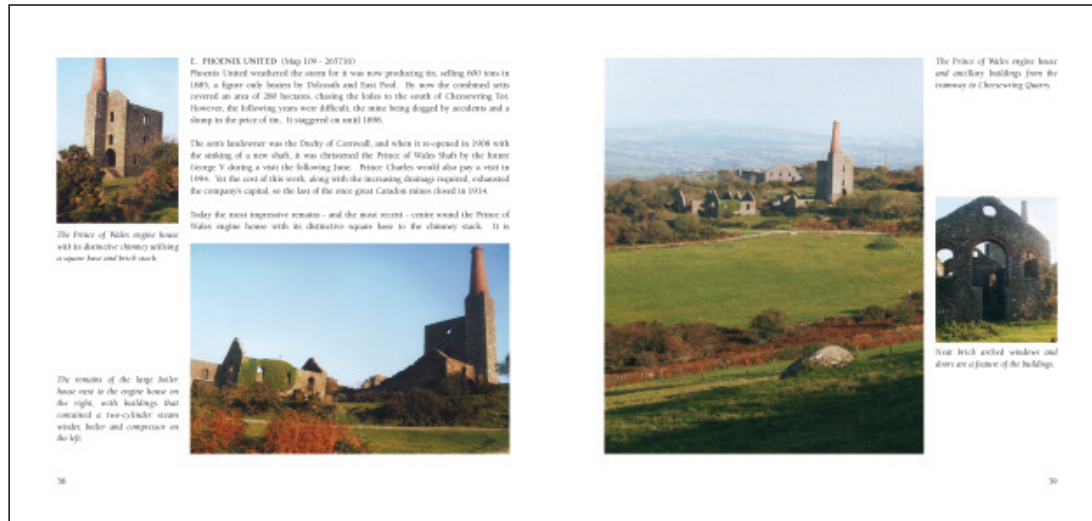
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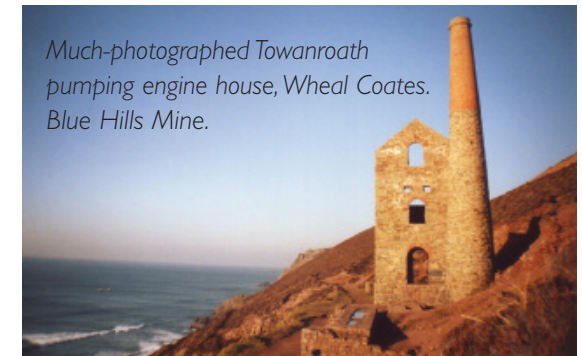


Miners at croust time in Cook's Kitchen Mine, 1893.

Crowns engine houses, possibly the most dramatic situation of any mine.



Medlyn Moor engine house.



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