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CHAIRMAN'S FINAL EDITORIAL

The Journal of the Mining Heritage Trust of Ireland commenced in 2000 and published an annual issue until 2015. In 2018, a volume 16 was published, comprising papers from the NAHMO meeting on 'Mining and social change' held in 2016. Sadly with the current issue (Volume 17) the series terminates. The Mining Heritage Trust of Ireland clg was dissolved as a company at the end of August 2019.

The papers in this issue are a mix of topics, like most preceding journals and with a geographical spread too. If you are coming across this journal for the first time, the only good news is that all issues of the series will be available for free on the legacy website of the MHTI [www.mhti.org]. Looking back over those volumes, it is easy to be proud of the amount of work and dedication that went into them from all the authors, the Editors and Directors of MHTI. They should provide detailed resources as the researchers of the future revisit historic mine sites all over Ireland. MHTI especially thanks all of the landowners of mine sites who have accommodated our visits over the years. For the reader, publication of information about a site is not an open invitation and permission must always be sought from the landowner before visiting any site described in this journal.

It is my opportunity to sign off with grateful thanks to all of the many groups, companies, organisations and individuals who have helped make this journal happen over the years. There are too many to name individually and inevitably someone would be accidentally omitted. However, the list below includes the main organisational supporters who have helped sustain MHTI activities in-kind, financially, or by supporting Directors and hosting regular meetings. Apologies to anyone who has been accidentally overlooked.

Matthew Parkes, Chairman

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