

Fernhurst Furnace Preservation Group

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We are planning to hold Open Weekend **Open Weekend 2021 on September 11th & 12th** unless Government Regulations prohibit our style of event. All updates will be on our website.

Repair Project Stage 1

The Procurement or Development Stage is complete – hurrah. Unfortunately it was decided that Planning Permission was required for this repair project. There is no problem except that a whole new series of Ecology surveys and restrictions are required.

So all the preparation work has been completed and we have selected a main contractor with the help of Jane-Jones-Warner Associates and Historic England.

Repair Project Stage 2

The good news is that Carla and I along with the adjacent landowner have signed the Grant Contract from Historic England for the works on the Southern Spillway and associated stonework, wing walls and new water channel to carry the main volume of water away and

back to the main stream. We have also just heard that we are to receive a considerable grant from a charitable trust.

The funding for the Northern or Working area has also been confirmed as coming from Rural Payments Agency through Natural England.

The contract with our main contractor, C J Thorne of Uckfield, has also been signed.

FFPG Contributions



September 2019

So far FFPG has contributed £10,900 towards the project. Your committee had pledged £10k for the whole project but whether we will have to dig deeper for Stage 2 of the project will be awaited with trepidation.

Iron Ore

Various pieces of iron ore have been discovered in the stream bed approximately 300 m north east of the furnace.



The ruler is 12 ins long

This ore looks very much like haematite to me whereas the main ore around the site is siderite.

Fernhurst was always supposed to have good quality ore which is why it was the only site in the Western Weald which cast cannon, so this might be the answer, mix and match!

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AGM 2020/2021

The Fourteenth **FFPG AGM** will be held on **3rd July** in the event field.

Documents will be sent out at a later date. Following the meeting there will be a short site visit to view the progress of the Repair Project.
