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Keyworth HQ, Kingsley Dunham Centre, Keyworth, Nottingham NG12 5GG
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To purchase copies of maps and publications.

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Web Sites:

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This Island based research group covers all the mines on the Island and has site tours on its site.

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