



Promoting the study and appreciation of industrial archaeology

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Dear Col Cowan,

Association for Industrial Archaeology Conference, Wiltshire 2008

As you will know the Association for Industrial Archaeology enjoyed an excellent annual conference in Wiltshire in August, with a full programme of visits and talks. As a mark of our appreciation to those who welcome our members to their sites and museums, we make two Conference Awards each year: the President's Award for the best site visited and the Initiative Award for the group that has taken on a challenging task in an innovate manner.

Following consideration at our Council meeting earlier this month, I am delighted to inform you that we would like to present the Initiative Award to the Harnham Water Meadows. This award is partly decided by the membership from forms they return to me and partly by the decision of the Council. I quote from a couple of the forms returned to me by conference delegates: 'a really enthusiastic group managing a priceless asset for the City of Salisbury' and 'good presentation to our group – physical signs of active work by volunteers; strong on "public education"'.

The award takes the form of a plaque, which I know our President, Professor Angus Buchanan, would like to present to you in person. We hope that the award can achieve some local publicity for you, and we would like to be able to write up the presentation and details of your project in *Industrial Archaeology News*. The President's Award from the conference will be presented to Trowbridge Museum and I expect that Angus would like to combine the two presentations. We are hoping to hold this joint presentation event at Trowbridge Museum, if that would be convenient for you. The presentation event tends to be a brief and fairly informal affair at which I will accompany Angus and our Publicity Officer will also attend. I will invite Pam Slocombe who was the main local organiser of the conference visits and talks, but we leave it to award winners to arrange any publicity that might benefit their organisation and invite any guests connected with their project.

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Would you please contact me, details below, to arrange the best date and time for the event.

Yours sincerely

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