



MIDLAND INSTITUTE OF MINING ENGINEERS Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Registered Charity Number: 1177100

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31 July 2026

Principal Operating Address

Midland Institute of Mining Engineers
c/o 74 Newsam Road Kilnhurst,
Mexborough,
South Yorkshire, S64 5UN
Tel: 07305 255606
Email: office@themime.org.uk

Prepared and approved by the Trustees

Steve J. Straw Honorary Secretary Midland Institute of Mining Engineers

President's Foreword

It is my privilege to present the Trustees' Annual Report for 2025–26 on behalf of the Midland Institute of Mining Engineers. This year has been one of renewed momentum, strengthened collaboration, and continued commitment to advancing mining engineering education and professional development across our sector.

Our flagship Annual Safety Seminar once again demonstrated the value of bringing together operators, consultants, academics, suppliers and regulators to share knowledge and best practice. With more than 200 delegates in attendance, the event reaffirmed the Institute's role as a leading forum for safety, innovation and technical excellence.

We continued to invest in the next generation of mining engineers through travelling scholarships, STEM outreach, and support for the Young Persons' Lecture Competition. The Peake and Webster Funds enabled international study tours, teacher development, and the expansion of our STEM booklet programme, which now reaches schools and ambassadors across the UK.

Membership remains strong, with growth in corporate grades and continued engagement from apprentices and early-career professionals. Our technical meetings, delivered in hybrid format, ensured accessibility for members across the region and beyond.

Financially, the Institute remains resilient. Although operational expenditure exceeded income, our investment portfolio performed strongly, increasing total funds to more than £1.94 million. This provides a secure foundation for future charitable activity and long-term sustainability.

I extend my sincere thanks to our Trustees, volunteers, speakers, sponsors, and members for their dedication and support throughout the year. Together, we continue to uphold the Institute's long-standing commitment to education, professionalism, and public benefit within the mining and minerals sector.

John Hind President Midland Institute of Mining Engineers

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1. Introduction
2. Charitable Objectives
3. Structure, Governance and Management
4. Trustees
5. Review of Activities
 - 5.1 Annual General Meeting
 - 5.2 Annual Safety Seminar
 - 5.3 Technical Meetings
 - 5.4 STEM Outreach
 - 5.5 Young Persons' Lecture Competition
6. Membership and Professional Development Support
7. Public Benefit Statement
8. Fund Structure
 - 8.1 Main Trust Fund
 - 8.2 AMCO Bursary Fund
 - 8.3 Webster Travelling Prize Fund
 - 8.4 Peake Travelling Scholarship Fund
9. Financial Review
10. Reserves Policy
11. Risk Management
12. Advisers
13. Principal Operating Address
14. Trustees' Responsibilities
15. Independent Examiner's Report
16. Financial Statements
17. Appendix A – Funds Activity Summary
18. Appendix B – Funds Movement Table
19. Appendix C – Formatting Notes
20. Trustee Signature Page

1. Introduction

The Charity Trustees of the Midland Institute of Mining Engineers present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2026.

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)* applicable to charities preparing receipts-and-payments accounts.

An independent examination of the Trust's accounts has been carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. The examiner's report is attached.

2. Charitable Objectives

The Midland Institute of Mining Engineers (the Institute) is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, CIO, for the advancement of education in mining engineering, minerals, geotechnical engineering and related fields. The Institute operates as an educational learned society, providing financial support to students, apprentices, and early-career engineers.

The Institute's predecessor charities — the AMCO Bursary Fund, the Noel Webster Travelling Prize Fund, and the Peake Travelling Scholarship Fund — have merged with the CIO. These funds continue to operate as designated funds within the CIO structure.

The Trustees confirm they have **had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit** when planning and delivering activities.

3. Structure, Governance and Management

The Institute is governed by its Constitution as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting and may also be appointed by the Governing Board. Trustees meet regularly to oversee governance, strategy, financial stewardship, and delivery of charitable activities.

Seven Trustees' meetings were held during the year, both in person and via video conference.

Administrative support was provided by Claire Stapleton.

4. Trustees

Ex Officio Trustees

- John Hind – President
- Peter Hetherington – Honorary Treasurer
- Steve Straw – Honorary Secretary
- Stuart Walker – Past President
- Vince Fowler – Vice President (resigned 5 March 2026)

Elected Trustees

Adrian Carley; Paul Lowery; Bill Tinsley; Darron Dixon; Gareth Rimmington; Wyn Griffith; Richard Murrell; Paul Bradley; Ian Dixon; Simon Leeming; Richard Severn.

Invited Trustees (non-voting)

Robert Siddall; Sharon Strugnell; Elizabeth Klinkenberg; Kevin Sabin.

Younger Members Representative

George Hopwood

5. Review of Activities

5.1 Annual General Meeting & Members' Dinner

Held at Mount Pleasant Hotel, Doncaster on **10 October 2025**, attended by **68 members**. The Presidential Address covered - "mining engineering, minerals surveying, subsidence engineering, mining legacy and the support the MIME can give to young engineers"

5.2 Annual Safety Seminar — 17 April 2026

Held at the Crowne Plaza Royal Victoria Hotel, Sheffield.

- **207 delegates** attended
- Supported by HSE and IOM3
- Sponsored by Anglo American, Redpath Mining, Mines Rescue Ltd, British Gypsum, ICL Boulby, Komatsu, Dr Sauer & Partners
- Topics included mine safety innovation, shaft construction, ground control, water management, and RAMS verification
- Exhibition stands and a synopsis booklet were provided
- Full papers available on the MIMinE website

This remains the Institute's flagship public-benefit event.

5.3 Technical Meetings

Six hybrid meetings were held, covering:

Topic	Speaker(s)	Date
Surface water management	Givarn Singh	13-Nov-24
African titanium mining	Andy Birtles	11-Dec-24
Woodsmith Mine QA/QC Processes for Segmental Lining in Shaft Construction	Anton Dobra	08-Jan-25
The filling of a Deep Mine Shaft	Alun Jenkins, Mark Jones	12-Feb-25

Topic	Speaker(s)	Date
Approaches to Assessing the Settlement Behaviour of Backfill within Restored Opencast Mines	Sion Roberts	12-Mar-25
Raspberry Shake seismometer applications	Alexader Garcia Gonzales, Marc Brown	14-May-25

Attendance ranged from **35 to 55** participants.

5.4 STEM Outreach

The Webster Fund supported:

- Printing of STEM Activity Booklets
- Distribution of 1,800 copies
- Use by WSP, SRK, BAM Ritchies, STEM ambassadors
- A Year 1 lesson plan developed
- Two new editions planned (Years 7–9 and Year 10+)

5.5 Young Persons' Lecture Competition

Local heat held on **18 February 2026** at Devonshire Hall, Leeds. National Final held on **21 May 2026** in London. Joint sponsorship of **£1,000** provided by Peake and Webster Funds.

6. Membership and Professional Development Support

Most members of the Midland Institute of Mining Engineers are also members of the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining (IOM3). The Institute continues to support students at the **University of Leeds** and the **Camborne School of Mines (CSM)**, as well as apprentices and early-career engineers across industry.

Membership decreased from **300 to 271**, largely due to students completing their courses and not continuing their membership. A greater effort is required to encourage support for MIMinE membership across the range of membership grades to reach a wider industrial base.

The Midland Institute of Mining Engineers remains a viable organisation offering support to members in the current economic climate. It is also worth noting that some members have opted to take up the opportunity of membership of MIMinE without membership of IOM3. This offering continues to provide a valuable means for individuals to maintain their professional engagement with the Institute.

Professional Development and CPD Support

The Institute provides structured support for members' **Continuous Professional Development (CPD)**, including:

- Guidance on professional registration pathways
- Mentoring for those seeking **CEng, IEng, EngTech**

- Support for achieving professional membership grades such as **Member (MIMMM)** and **Fellow (FIMMM)** of IOM3
- Assistance with CPD planning and recording
- Support for professional review interview preparation
- Opportunities to gain CPD through technical meetings, seminars, and STEM outreach

Members of the MIMinE can be supported with their professional development; this includes assisting members through applications for IOM3 membership, upgrades in membership and/or Engineering Council registrations.

We would like to thank the Membership Committee, and its Chair, Mr Wyn Griffith, and Mrs Adele Wilbraham for their professionalism and support towards the membership especially that given to members seeking accreditation as Chartered Engineer status and Fellowship of the IOM3"

7. Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees confirm they have **had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit**.

The Institute delivered public benefit through:

- Scholarships and bursaries
- STEM outreach and educational materials
- Technical meetings and professional development
- The Annual Safety Seminar
- Support for young engineers and students
- Collaboration with industry and professional bodies

These activities advance education, improve professional competence, and promote safe and sustainable mining practice.

8. Fund Structure (2025–26)

The Institute manages **one unrestricted Main Fund** and **three designated funds**. Each designated fund contributed **£1,000** to the Main Fund during the year.

8.1 Main Trust Fund (Unrestricted)

Supports core operations including administration, governance, meetings, publications, member services, and general charitable activity.

8.2 AMCO Bursary Fund (Designated)

Supports short-term, work-related training for mining engineering students and early-career engineers.

Awards:

- £2,000 conference sponsorship
- £570 + £414 conference attendance
- £270 conference expenses

8.3 Noel Webster Travelling Prize Fund (Designated)

Supports travel, STEM outreach, and additional awards.

Travelling Scholarship:

- £6,391 — International mining engineering study tour - North America

Additional Awards:

- £1,950 teacher masterclass support
- £500 YPLC National Final sponsorship
- £500 school geology donation
- £1,198 STEM booklet production
- £516 booklet income

Webster Medal awarded

The Webster medal for 2025/26 was presented to Alexander Garcia-Gonzales and Marc Brown for their paper entitled “The Application of “Raspberry Shake” Seismometers in Ground Control Monitoring” presented on 14th May 2026

8.4 Peake Travelling Scholarship Fund (Designated)

Supports international travel and educational advancement.

Travelling Scholarship:

- £6,187 — International mining engineering study tour - North America

Additional Awards:

- £500 YPLC National Final sponsorship
- £17 small award-related expenses

9. Financial Review (2025–26)

Income: £68,639

Expenditure: £86,732

Net Movement: –£18,093

Revaluation Gains: £234,786

Closing Funds: £1,946,145

The Institute remains financially resilient.

10. Reserves Policy

A cash reserve of **£10,000** is maintained to cover approximately four months of core operating expenditure.

11. Risk Management

Key risks monitored:

- Financial (investment volatility)
- Operational (event delivery, administration)
- Reputational (professional standards)
- Data protection (member information)

Controls, in the form of a comprehensive risk register, are in place and reviewed regularly.

12. Advisers

Beldenn Limited — Independent Examiner

Rathbones — Investment Managers

HSBC — Bankers

13. Principal Operating Address

Midland Institute of Mining Engineers
c/o 74 Newsam Road
Kilnhurst
Mexborough
South Yorkshire S64 5UN
Tel: 07305 255606

14. Trustees' Responsibilities

Trustees are responsible for safeguarding assets, maintaining proper records, preventing fraud, and ensuring compliance with the Charities Act 2011.

15. Independent Examiner's Report

(Attached separately)

16. Financial Statements

(Attached separately)

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A – Funds Activity Summary (2025–26)

Fund	Travelling Scholarships	Additional Awards	Total Value
AMCO Fund	—	£3,347	£3,347
Webster Travelling Scholarship	£6,391	—	£6,391
Webster Additional Awards	—	£3,143	£3,143
Peake Travelling Scholarship	£6,187	—	£6,187
Peake Additional Awards	—	£1,017	£1,017

APPENDIX B – Funds Movement Table (2025–26)

Fund	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Revaluation Gain	Closing Balance
Main Trust Fund	£857,015	£52,055	£61,757	Included	£964,702
Dedicated Funds	£766,885	£16,584	£24,975	Included	£847,310
Total Investments	£1,623,900	—	—	£234,786	£1,812,012
Cash at Bank	£105,552	—	—	—	£134,133
Total Funds	£1,729,452	£68,639	£86,732	£234,786	£1,946,145

Approval of the Trustees' Annual Report

This Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended **31 July 2026** was approved by the Trustees of the Midland Institute of Mining Engineers on **[insert date]**.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Steve J. Straw Honorary Secretary

Date: 30/09/2026



John Hind President

Date: 30/09/2026



Peter Hetherington Honorary Treasurer

Date: 5/10/2026

