

Tuesday 10th June—Podcasting Challenge

9-45	Arrive Introduction
10-00	Killhope Tour Lunch Break
1-15	Editing the Podcast
3-00	Podcasts Completed
3-25	Judging and Presentations
3-30	Leave Killhope

Don't Forget

- Packed Lunches
 - Sensible outdoor clothes that may get slightly wet and muddy
 - A digital camera
- (Please note that there is only very limited mobile phone coverage in Killhope)

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Killhope—Podcasting Challenge—A day in the life of a Washer Boy

The Task

To Produce a podcast of up to 5 minutes about the life of a washer boy.

- The audience for the podcast is other children in Year five and six who are finding out about life in the Victorian era.
- Each team will have loan of a small voice recorder for use round the museum.
- ITSS will provide brief tuition and support for using the recorders and software.
- During the morning each team will visit the mine, dressing floor and mineshop. Teams may make recordings of background sounds or interviews during the visit.
- During the afternoon teams will have access to a computer to combine the recordings into a podcast. At that stage any digital pictures may be added
- Although the washer boys (and girls) did not work underground they might have gone into the mine to visit family members. Recordings may be made inside the mine.
- Teams may use any information from any source about Lead Mining.



Useful information from the Royal Commission Report 1842

Washer Boys were Young - There used to be Girls

"As miners' boys grow up to be 10 or 11 years of age, they get employed in washing. Our Company does not take them earlier, nor does it employ any girls whatever. Formerly children of 8 or 9 would be employed, but not so of late years. We do not think it proper to employ girls. In some districts a few girls are employed by others. We do not think it suitable to the modesty and delicacy of the sex, to be so much associated in labour with boys."

John Parmley, agent for the mines of the Lead Company of London.

William Rodham

Aged 9 last January. Dresses ore; gets 7d a day. Has been here 2 summers. Works the same hours and the same way as the preceding witness. Whiles they lick him a little with their hands; the other boys do this, nothing to hurt (and chiefly from boyish quarrels amongst themselves). Can read (fairly), cannot write his name; goes to the Wesleyan Sunday School and Chapel often. Father is dead, was a miner. Has one brother 'washing' near here in lead mines.

(Taken from the Killhope Website following links to visits —> school visits —> So Much to See Do and Learn.