

Help, advice and support for mineworkers, former mineworkers and their families

Yorkshire Miners' Welfare Convalescent Homes

YMWCH operate the Lynwood Convalescent Home in Scarborough and provide short breaks for mineworkers, former mineworkers and their wives/widows who are in need of a recuperative break as a result of an illness or operation. The home is situated in the North Bay area of Scarborough close to Peasholm Park and is within walking distance of both the town centre and the beach. Transport to the home is provided from central points in Rotherham, Doncaster, Barnsley, Wakefield and Pontefract.

Eligibility for admission to the home is based on the number of years' service within the Yorkshire Coalfield.

Yorkshire Miners' Welfare Trust Fund

YMWTF provides grants and seeks to promote schemes of lasting benefit to people in mining and former mining communities. The charity has limited resources and therefore seeks to maximise the impact of its grants by supporting worthy projects which will encourage self-help, partnership-working and match-funding wherever possible.

The Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation

CISWO is a national charity and has a focus on delivering community and personal welfare services within mining and former mining communities to mineworkers, ex-mineworkers and their families by offering information, advice and support to enhance the quality of life. Their mission statement is 'improving lives in coalfield communities'.

The Yorkshire regional office is located in Pontefract and offers a CISWO Social Work Service to offer advice and practical assistance to any member of the coalfield community who requires help with any problems of a social or personal nature. In addition, the Yorkshire SW team administer various schemes of benefit unique to CISWO.

During the first nine months of 2011 enquiries were received from 1132 clients resulting in 784 home visits. As a result of CISWO social work team assistance an amount of £274,143 was raised for individuals from all sources including benefits, pensions and personal grants where specific hardship was identified.

Pontefract Miners' Recreational Charity

PMRC operate the Yorkshire Coalfield Resource Centre, a day centre which is open 5 days a week (Monday to Friday) and affords a multi-purpose community centre with facilities and activities open to all. The centre provides a healthy 2-course lunch and minibus transport is provided from various areas of the Yorkshire coalfield on a daily basis.

To contact any of the above charities please ring, in the first instance, 01977 703384 and you will be put in contact with the appropriate charity.