



THE RUSSELL SOCIETY

Annual Society Meeting 2021, hosted by North Branch



Bookings are now being taken for the ASM weekend, to be held online on Friday 16 April & Saturday 17 April 2021. Places are limited and will be reserved on a first come, first served basis so please reserve your place early. The final date for bookings is 31st March.

An exciting line up of activities and speakers has been arranged, this is a great chance to meet up with fellow collectors and catch up with events before what we hope will be the start of a more normal collecting season.

Friday

We start the weekend on Friday night with a rare opportunity to meet **Gail and Jim Spann**, world renowned collectors based in Texas, to see the British part of their wonderful collection. This will be followed by a **virtual Pub Quiz** (based on minerals of course!) and social.



Jim and Gail Spann © 2021 Gail Spann



A view of the British Room © 2021 Gail Spann

Saturday

During the day we have talks by a range of engaging speakers including:

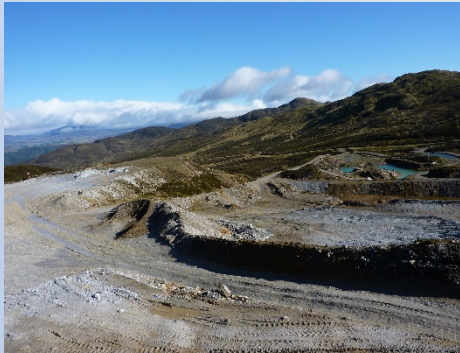
Norman Moles on the Foss and Duntanlich Mines in Perthshire

Michael McMullen on collecting in the Isle of Skye

Phil Taylor on modern drilling and data analysis techniques

John Cooke on vintage boxed mineral sets

Steve Rust giving a pictorial overview of the minerals of the Meadowfoot Smelter at Wanlockhead.



Foss Mine © **Norman Moles**



Moonen Bay © **Michael McMullen**



Rookhope Borehole © **Phil Taylor**



Gregory Bottley Ltd student collection



Caledonite, Meadowfoot Smelter © **Steve Rust**

The Society **Annual General Meeting** will then be followed in the evening by an **online mineral auction** before returning to our **virtual pubs** for more socialising.

2020 may not have been the best year and we are all missing our family, friends and colleagues. The 2021 ASM gives us a chance to meet up again, at least online, and the more of us that join in the better it will be.

To book your place please get in touch with John Davidson at

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MINERAL AUCTION GUIDE

As part of the ASM an online auction will be held on Saturday night. Roy Starkey will be the auctioneer. For those of you who attended the BMS Symposium last year, we will be following a similar format, with auction items shown on screen and bids submitted using the Zoom chat facility. For specimens not collected on Society field trips, we are giving sellers the option to donate 100% or 50% of the proceeds to the Russell Society, with the remaining 50% staying with the seller. For specimens collected on Society field trips 100% of the sale price must be donated to the Society.

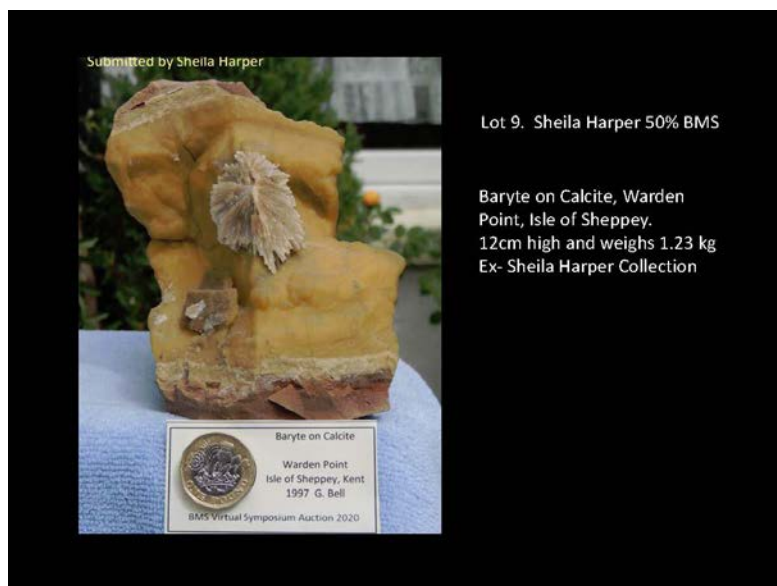
We are looking for good quality items, with lots expected to fetch £10 or more. Minerals should be the mainstay of the auction but associated books and paraphernalia are also welcome. If you are in doubt about whether something is suitable please get in touch with Roy.

Please send a description of your auction item to Roy Starkey at roy.starkey@gmail.com with a photograph, not later than 10pm Friday 9th April. Earlier than that would be better though! Photographs don't need to be technical marvels but do need to be good enough to understand specimen quality. A good camera phone photograph should be acceptable. If one photograph doesn't do the specimen justice please take shots from other angles as appropriate. **Please include a £1 coin in all photographs to give an idea of scale.** Additional descriptive information should be provided (in a format that can be cut and pasted, eg in email or Word text) as follows:

- Sellers name;
- Whether the specimen is to be sold 100% to the Society or 50/50;
- Species and location (or just include a photograph of the label(s) as an alternative);
- Size in millimetres (e.g. 60x40x30mm) or centimetres for larger specimens.

Online payment details will be provided by the Treasurer. Only if you cannot use internet banking send a cheque to the Society Treasurer. For 50/50 items the buyer shall pay the seller in full, the seller shall then transfer 50% of the sale value to the Russell Society.

Transfer arrangements are to be made directly between seller/ purchaser, with the purchaser to cover postal costs where the lot cannot be delivered by other means. Sellers agree to make postal deliveries at cost. The Russell Society will not get involved in the logistics of transferring lots.



Here is an example slide prepared from information submitted for the BMS auction.