

Society of Antiquaries and Northern Architectural History Society
Guided tour of Redhills, Durham Miners Association Headquarters,
Saturday 30th May 2026, tours 9.30-11am and 2.30-4pm



Redhills opened in 1915 as the headquarters of the Durham Miners' Association, replacing the earlier Miners' Hall on North Road, Durham. The new building in Edwardian Baroque-style included the 'Pitmen's Parliament', where representatives of each colliery branch voted on proposals for governing the Union. Redhills reopened in 2025 after a major restoration of its historic features. The guided tour (1.5 hours) includes a short film with commentary by Alun Armstrong about the importance of Durham coal in building the modern world, the Pitmen's Parliament and committee rooms. There will be refreshments after the tour.

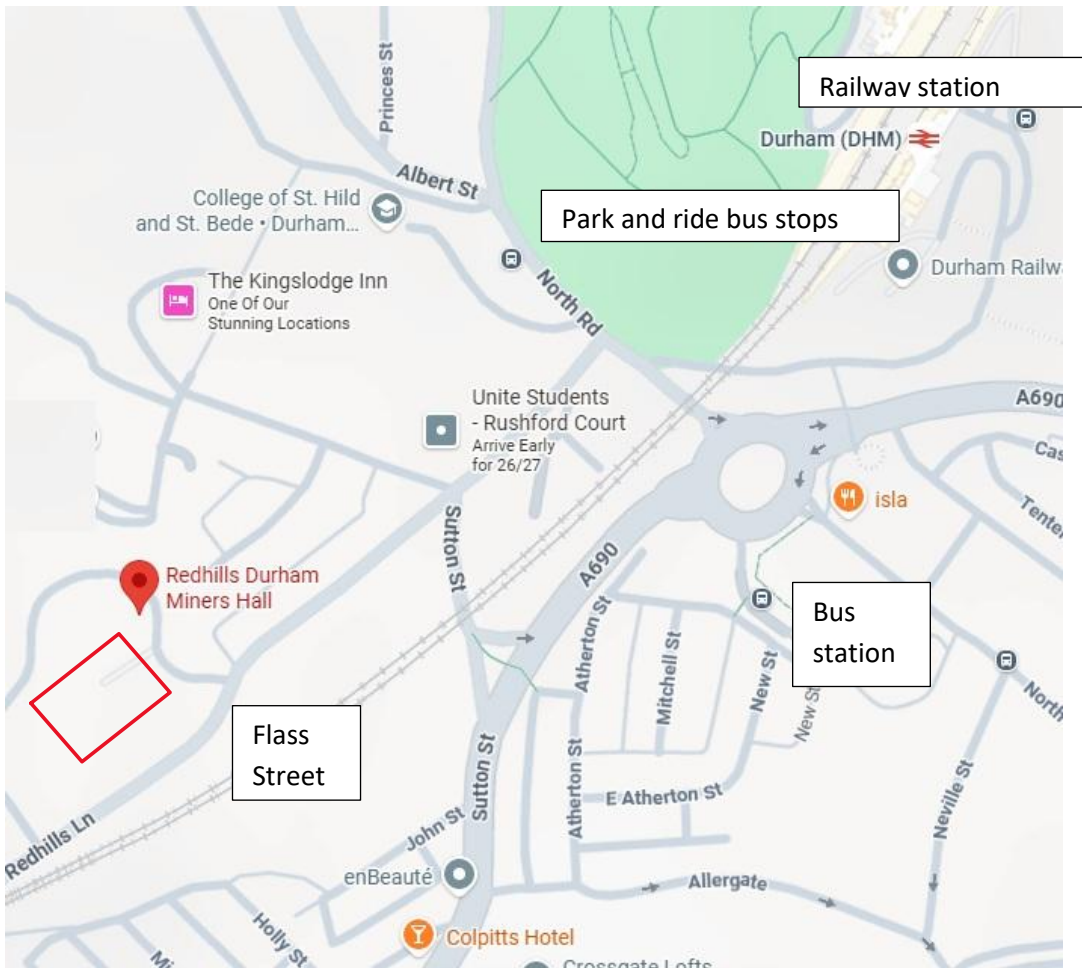


There are two tours for up to 20 people each (minimum 10 people per tour). Please confirm your preferred time. Please confirm if you can go on the other tour if your preferred tour is full. Places will be allocated in the order that bookings are received. I will keep a waiting list if required. **Cost £9 per person. When I confirm your place on the tour I will send you the payment details.** Please return this booking form to Richard Pears before 22 May by email: richard_pears@hotmail.com or by post: 1 Staindrop Road, Durham, DH1 5XS.

Getting to Redhills (see map overleaf):

Redhills is a 10 minute walk from Durham railway station or bus station. If driving, Durham City Park and Ride is open 7am – 7pm, £2.20 day ticket or free with a bus pass. The nearest bus stop to Redhills is Wharton Park on North Road, located within a 5 minute walk and is served by the PR1 Sniperley and Belmont Park and Ride bus routes. There is limited parking on site, or on Flass Street (60p per half hour). If coming by car, drive past the main entrance gates on Flass Street and continue up Redhills Lane. Take the first next right up a small, narrow lane. Go past The White House on your left and follow the lane around to the right, behind the row of houses. Very limited parking is available on the left hand side verge of this lane. Once parked, follow the lane downhill and around to the right, access is via the automated glass doors.

Before or after the Redhills tour there are other attractions in Durham, including the Cathedral and Castle, the Botanic Gardens and the Oriental Museum.



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