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SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION

POWYS

DYLIFE MINE

Date of Notification: 1989

National Grid Reference: SN 865938

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Site Area: 3.8 ha

Description:

This mine was one of the largest in the Central Wales Orefield and has been the subject of much romanticism as a sort of Welsh 'Leadhills'. The considerable extent of the dumps testify to the large production, but only those between the Star Inn and the Machynlleth Road are of special mineralogical interest. Fine specimens of banded sulphide ore (sphalerite-galena) can still be found, hemimorphite being a common alteration product of the sphalerite. However, the main interest lies in the fact that the zone of supergene alteration was at least partly intact at the time of mining and this is one of the few places in Wales (*q.v.* Eaglebrook and Vaughan Mines) where a wide range of lead, zinc and copper secondary minerals is found.

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