

HATFIELD HOTLINE

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STILL IN BUSINESS

We've just received the best result we could hope for from the recent Colliery Review. The director has suspended his decision on the future of Hatfield until the end of January, to give us the opportunity to prove that we can sustain recent creditable performances.

The colliery situation will be under constant scrutiny, therefore we cannot accommodate any lapse of production.

The equipment for our next face, F110's will be phased into this period, therefore, we must continue to generate the present level of cash to ensure that the purchase of this equipment does not hinder our progress.

The powered supports for 110's will not be coming from F06's face but a set will become available early in the New Year. The line pans are available now for transportation to site and the remaining equipment is identified.

Contractors employed to undertake this installation and the drivage of F122's retreat unit must be given every assistance and support from

the Hatfield men in order that both face and development commence, as scheduled, early in the new year.

A positive response from everyone and a great deal of hard work has brought us time. We must use the time available to prove we can top Hatfield's potential and maintain flow.

We are still in business. Christmas may appear to have come early this year but once the "seasonal euphoria" has subsided the reality is that we will only remain in business by sustaining the production levels which have taken us through and beyond the initial review.

I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a merry Christmas and a successful new year.

Jeff Ainley, colliery manager.

OUTPUT & FINANCIAL RESULTS

	November Month 1991	Cumulative for year
Total saleable output	76,450	287,250
Average daily tonnes	3,823	1,741
O.M.S. overall	8.15	3.72
Estimated operating cash cost per gigajoule	£1.10	£2.79

DAMAGE TO SAFETY EQUIPMENT

During my recent visits around the pit, I have seen an increase in the amount of damage caused to items of equipment which are placed underground for the safety of the people working there.

I am not saying that all of the damage is deliberate, some of it is just neglect or carelessness. Examples which I have come across are fire hoses strewn across the roadway left to be run over by FSV's and fire extinguishers left on the ground discharged. This is inexcusable.

The attitude towards the care of airdoors is appalling. They are being continually damaged by mine vehicles running into them. I said that the damage is not all deliberate, but the smashing and defacing of safety notices can be nothing other than intentional.

Just think!!! the festive season is again almost upon us. You may be the person who comes to grief because of the thoughtless actions of others. You may need a stretcher only to find it has been broken carrying heavy machine parts.

You may be a stranger to a district and the sign warning of the approach to the alighting platform on the manrider has been torn down and strewn in small pieces around the gate. You may need a fire hydrant in a hurry and the indication sign is not there.

The message is:- Take care of the safety equipment and stop others from damaging it.



A merry Christmas and a safe new year from the members of the safety team.

Jim Ramshaw, safety engineer.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please note that any changes of circumstance – change of address – must be notified to the manager's secretary in order that records can be kept up to date.

