Surrey has no non-ferrous metalliferous industries and energy minerals are limited to a small amount of oil and gas (not covered by the Framework). The focus of research, as reflected in the HER, has been flint and firestone extraction, where underground explorers have been particularly active. Other bulk materials are known to have been studied in Surrey but the resulting data is not yet recorded in the HER. The county includes within its boundaries, a portion of the Weald where iron was produced in medieval and earlier times, although the Surrey HER is not rich with iron mining information (see however summaries for Sussex and Kent). Surrey also contains the Surrey Hills AONB, although this designation has not, as yet, triggered any notable increase in research into the extractive industries. Archaeological projects involving investigations of extractive sites by commercial units do not feature in this HER.

**Useful contacts**
The Wealden Cave & Mine Society website [www.wcms.org.uk](http://www.wcms.org.uk) publishes a newsletter called *News of the Weald*, containing numerous reports on underground sites.


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