

The Blacksmith video transcript

[Video Clips: Ariel shot of Killhope Museum. A shot of a hammer lying on an anvil. A fire with blacksmith's tongs in it. The face of Alex Sowden illuminated by fire.]

[Alex Sowden] My name is Alex Sowden I am a traditional black smith and I am from Hamrforge.

[Video Clip: Alex Sowden hammering hot metal on an anvil.]

[Alex Sowden] This specific forge is dedicated solely to the use of the mine and it operated to keep the mine running. You would last maybe three or four days if the smith decided to go on holiday, he wouldn't, he wouldn't get a holiday.

[Video Clip: Alex Sowden hammering.]

[Alex Sowden] You would have had a team of maybe three or four people you would have had a master smith, you would have had an apprentice which would have been a relatively young child and a striker.

[Video Clip: A red hot piece of metal being held by tongs and being hammered on an anvil.]

[Alex Sowden] Today we are doing traditional demonstrations so we are doing a bit of tool making we are doing a bit of odds and ends making, so it is a bit of nails, some rivets, some little quick things.

[Video Clip: A red hot piece of metal being held by tongs and being hammered on an anvil.]

[Alex Sowden] And we will be doing a bit of trinketry stuff as well, some little ornamental pieces that people can take home with them.

[Video Clip: A shot of a selection of metal ornament pieces of different shapes.]

[Alex Sowden] You will get to see a lot of the history in action when you come in and visit the forge.

[Video Clip: Two women taking a "selfie" up against a wall, while a third woman looks at an object out of shot.]

[Uncredited 1] I have just been into the black smith workshop and he has been absolutely brilliant.

[Uncredited 2] Amazing!

[Uncredited 1] He is making a little snail which the kids are very impressed with and he has gone over in detail everything that he has been doing. So, it has been really education for the kids which has been lovely.

[Uncredited 3] We saw some sparks flying.

[Uncredited 2] There were sparks flying.

[Video Clip: A red hot piece of metal being held by tongs and being hammered on an anvil, there are sparks visible coming off the metal.]

[Alex Sowden] Over the summer season we are going to be doing a few different courses that people can come and take.

[Video Clip: Alex Sowden standing in front of the forge.]

[Alex Sowden] So, the idea that is people book in for a morning session, or an afternoon session, or if they are wanting a bit of a longer stint they can do a day, or two days, or even three or four in the forge depending on the project they want to tackle.

[Video Clip: Alex Sowden removing a red hot piece of metal from the forge using tongs and placing it onto an anvil.]

[Alex Sowden] And they can come along and they can learn some traditional iron work and they can do, they will learn, a lot about the history of the craft, as well all using traditional tool and traditional setups.

[Video Clips: A shot of a selection of black smith's tools hanging on the wall. Alex Sowden using a pump in front of the forge. A shot of the fire in the forge. A shot of a selection of black smith's tools.]

[Alex Sowden] So, hand held bellows using coke fired forge and you will be making all sorts of different pieces, there's, there's numerous different options we are offering it will all be under the Killhope website and anything they make they, they, they can take home with themselves.

[Video Clip: A shot of the Killhope sign with the wording "Killhope, Museum, Café, Walks, Wildlife."]

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[Video Clip: Ariel shot of Killhope Museum.]