

Prime Minutes

## Daily Coal Report - Wednesday 14 November 1984

	<u>Number</u>	<u>plus on holiday</u>
(i) Working normally	45	-
(ii) Turning some coal	13	-
(iii) Some men present	53	-
(iv) On strike/picketed out	64	-

Monkton Hall (Scotland), where 61 men reported this morning, has moved from category (iii) to category (ii).

It has been a further encouraging day. Over the past eight months the usual experience has been for attendances to decline in the middle of the week. Today, attendances increased: by 5.00 pm 956 ex-strikers had returned, bringing the total for the week to 3896 and the total since 8 November to 6097.

In Scotland the number reporting on the morning shift rose by 112 to 886. 483 of these were at Bilston Glen.

In the North East an additional 200 reported, bringing the total to 647. These included 101 at Ellington pit and 71 at Wearmouth - bringing the prospect that some coal production from this area may soon resume.

In Yorkshire total attendance broke the thousand barrier for the first time: 1055, up 238 from yesterday. This included 180 at Manton, 164 at Shireoaks, 130 at Denby Grange, 52 at Kellingley and 5 at Cortonwood.

In North Derbyshire there were 745 at Shirebrook (from where coal is again being transported by rail), 520 at Warsop, 307 at Bolsover and 257 at Markham. Attendances at other North Derbyshire pits also increased.

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At Bersham pit in Wales, which last week voted narrowly in favour of continuing the strike action after 62 miners boycotted the ballot, 230 men reported this morning - over 50 per cent of the total pit workforce. The number at Cynheidre rose to 45.

There were good attendances in Nottinghamshire and the other main working areas.

Coal Movements

188,000 thousand tonnes were moved yesterday.

31 coal trains ran.

Law and Order

There were further reports of violent skirmishing from Yorkshire and Wales, though nothing on the scale of the last three days.

TUC

Mr Kinnock today defended TUC General Secretary Norman Willis for his condemnation of picket line violence made at last night's rally of striking Welsh miners. Some members of the TUC General Council also expressed anger and concern.

Line to Take

Since the beginning of last week over 6,000 miners have returned to work. Mr Scargill's desperate efforts to stem the tide are failing. Miners are putting loyalty to their families and their communities first.

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