

October Meeting:

A well attended meeting saw photos of a flock of sheep which had “invaded” the Recreation Ground! We then continued with our topic of Industrial Ainsworth, this time looking at mining in the area, but with a focus on the bell pits of Cockey Moor, which can be clearly seen from the Google satellite view of the moor, and which also shows how a pit had



been dug after the formation of Higher Pit Lane, leading to a U shaped diversion in the lane to go around it. We also heard about Cockey Moor Colliery and its sough, and listened to tales of bravery and tragedy recorded by Walter Taylor, the village postmaster.

This was followed by a continuation of the last meeting, where the remaining extracts from Ken’s book were read out and again there were interesting contributions from those present. It was decided that we would try to continue Ken’s work (see note below). The meeting ended with a slideshow of photos of some of the villagers, past and present.

History of Ainsworth:

The History Society is aiming to continue Ken Bullock’s amazing history of the village by recording significant events in village life which have occurred since Ken finished his record when he left in 1983. If you have anything which you can contribute, please email us at

ainswortharchive@outlook.com); or contact us through the page on the website; or write it down and give/send it to Polly at Christ Church Vicarage, Ainsworth Hall Road. Details and exact dates would be great, but month and year (or even just the year) will do and we can try to find out more.