

Throughout 1991 HRH The Prince of Wales invited a number of business leaders to join him visiting community projects across the country.

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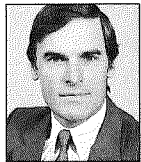
His Royal Highness
The Prince of Wales

VISITS LED BY HRH THE PRINCE OF WALES

VISIT TO ABERDARE AND PENRHYS

The Prince of Wales took a number of business leaders to visit Aberdare and Penrhys. Business leaders met with young people from an Aberdare self-help group and visited the town centre. They then went to the isolated housing estate at Penrhys and had the opportunity to discuss with local community leaders the problems facing Penrhys.

BUSINESS LEADERS



Stephen Walls
Chief Executive,
Arjo Wiggins Appleton



Peter Rawlins
Chief Executive,
the London Stock Exchange



Robert Montague
Executive Chairman,
Tiphook



Gerald Ratner
Chairman & MD,
Ratners Group



Bill Castell
Chief Executive,
Amersham International

"This visit proved to be educational and thought provoking. Both in Aberdare and Penrhys, the determination of involved persons that self help was the first key ingredient to successful programmes came across loud and clear."

Stephen Walls – Arjo Wiggins Appleton

"I found the experience and visit eye-opening and feel that despite the necessity for them to help themselves, more support from local industry – not necessarily solely with funds, is essential; the local media in particular, could also provide greater communication of awareness and successes."

Robert Montague – Tiphook

"The problem with Penrhys is that it attracts one parent families and people with problems rather than stable families and until this situation is resolved, Penrhys will continue to have problems."

Gerald Ratner – Ratners

"The policy of self help with external funding acting as a catalyst is one that would seem to have the greatest chance of success, since it is the most likely to be accepted by the community. However, one can only be struck by the lack of facilities and amenities available to the Penrhys community."

Bill Castell – Amersham International

"Until this visit, I had not adequately appreciated the extent of the economic and social blight that has been caused by the now complete closure of the Rhondda and Cynon Valley's mining industry. The problem is exacerbated by the use of Penrhys as a "dumping ground" for an unhealthy large transient population."

Peter Rawlins – London Stock Exchange