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Brand new multimedia mine tour ready to explode into action at Honister Slate Mine

Honister Slate Mine, England's last working slate mine, is delighted to announce its brand-new multimedia mine tour is open and ready to bring the mines history to life through storytelling, music, light and most importantly explosions!

Daily guided tours already take place in an array of narrow passages and cathedral-like caverns, but now the popular attraction is delighted to share with you their latest development.

Working with audio visual engineers Piranha Creative who specialise in working with a range of visitor attractions across the UK including museums and mines - Honister has invested in bringing the latest technologies to Cumbria to build upon their iconic attraction and taking it to the next level.

Go deep within the mine to meet 8-year John Taylor of Borrowdale and hear his story and share his most vivid memories of what life was really like for slate miners working at Honister throughout the ages.

Jan Wilkinson, Co-owner of Honister Slate Mine, says,

"We have designed the new tour to appeal to all ages, but we especially want it to engage with today's children who can hopefully learn for themselves how young boys started work at the age of 8 to become their fathers apprentices. How they built trust, learned of the dangers and lived within the camaraderie of their workmates. We are really excited to share the new experience with the public and look forward to their feedback,"

The new installation gives the visitor a complete sensory experience bringing together sight, hearing and touch to encompass the journey of the family's ancestors. Follow in their footsteps right through to 2018 and hear from the final presenters of the new tour who are actually the great grandchildren - Prentice and Tiger. Hear how this generation of the family along with their parents and the commitment of the workforce have diversified the mine in so many ways to maintain

its market place in the world of stone and slate as well as realising the new industrial benefit to the community with tourism and making it the vibrant place it is today.

Tours run daily from 10.30am and take around 90 minutes, and safety helmets and lamps are provided. Find out more at honister.com

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