

## Works Visit

## DSF Refractories & Minerals Ltd Friden, Newhaven, Nr Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17\_0DX Wednesday 16th April 2025,10.30am for 11am start

Refractories are materials that are specifically designed and manufactured to withstand the very harsh conditions encountered in processes such as iron and steel, cements, glass, petro chemicals and ceramics.

Such products must withstand high temperature, rapid fluctuations in those temperatures, together with chemical and gaseous attack.

Refractory products are used extensively in all types of kilns used in the brick industry, and DSF have kindly offered the society an opportunity to see how refractory products are made.

DSF, is an independent private limited company based in Derbyshire. The company was established over 120 years ago as the Derbyshire Silica Firebrick Company, mining local mineral deposits to manufacture refractories for use in the production of town gas. Through the second half of the 20th century, the business diversified into supplying other industries including steel, glass and cement. More recently, considerable investment has been undertaken to allow products to be manufactured for new and expanding markets worldwide

There is a limit of 12 visitors, so please let me know if interested.

Please advise the Society's Chair, Mike Chapman if you would like to attend by e mail **chapman481@btinternet.com**