

Micromounters Hall of Fame

Roy Starkey

Inducted in 2005



Roy Starkey was born in Surrey, England, in 1956. He earned a degree in Geology from the University of Sheffield.

Roy became interested in minerals in his early teens but it was not until his move to the West Midlands that he became an avid collector.

By the mid 1970's, Roy became increasingly interested in micromounting, but he found that there were very few UK micromounters listed in the International Directory.

In 1980, Roy decided to produce a British Directory of Micromounters and with the help of Mike Bayley, he canvassed support at a national mineral show in March, 1981, and signed up 30 people. He produced the first newsletter of the British Directory of Micromounters in June, 1981. By November, 1981, the group had become the British Micromount Society. His qualification as a founder of a micromount society is clear.

The first British Micromount Society symposium was organised by Roy in September 1982, and has been a popular annual event ever since.

Roy has always promoted micromounting and mineralogy in a variety of ways. He has led field trips for the Russell Society, for the British Micromount Society, and for visiting professionals from other countries. He has donated mineralogical material to local and national mineral collections, and he has become known as a speaker.

Roy regularly has visitors to his house to view his collection and puts on displays at meetings. His current micromount collection is in the order of 3,000 specimens.

He has written or co-authored papers in many publications including the Journal of the Russell Society, the Scottish Journal of Geology, the UK Journal of Mines and Minerals, and the Mineralogical Magazine, and he was a co-author of the paper describing the new mineral wooldridgeite .

In summary, Roy Starkey has been involved with micromounting for more than twenty years. He is a founder of a micromount society, and has founded and helped run a micromount symposium. He has published articles in professional journals and created a significant micromount collection which he

helping other collectors, and donating material is recognised by everyone. His contributions to micromounting have been and continue to be outstanding. He is worthy of a place in the Micromounters Hall of Fame.