

# What's so great about John Major's Britain?

**I**T is relatively easy for John Major and Prince Charles, who have not experienced living on or near the poverty line or experienced long term unemployment to say we should not "talk Britain down". Mr Heseltine's white paper on the future of the coal industry provides little hope for thousands of min-

ers who will be made redundant over the next few months and join the army of 3 million who are already out of work.

The short-term subsidies given to some of the mines will not necessarily secure mining jobs in these areas in the long run. The future prospect for all mining areas in Britain is one of decline and unemployment while this Government refuses to take a longer term view of Britain's coal reserves and invests in these resources.

Given this, how realistic is it for Mr Major and Prince Charles to expect miners and their families to put the "Great" back into Great Britain when the future they face is bleak?

The Government has already had 13 years to put the "Great" back into Great Britain and failed.

What Britain really needs is strong leadership with constructive and perhaps interventionist ideas to bring the country out of recession.

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