

Monthly dig report for Leicestershire Industrial History Society and Swannington Heritage Trust. Present - 10 diggers.

**Engine House Area**



The session focused on digging around the south west corner of the engine house.

One purpose was to make the area flatter so that pedestrian access would be safer.

The other purpose was to expose the drainage pipe that went from in front of the engine house to the pit at the side.



The two photos furthest to the left were taken from the southern end of the multi section clay pipe.

The photo nearest this description was taken from the northern end.

The pipe diameter has yet to be measured.

**Pipes east of Boiler House**



For many months one team has been investigating the network of drainage pipes between the boiler house and the old shaft.

The pipework area around the sump was waterlogged. The team decided to drain this area by digging a channel towards a corner of the old shaft complex which they knew was dry.

There is a video clip on the Hough Mill Youtube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJ9T903SZsg>

Will Rod oil the barrow at the next dig?

### Miners' Cottages



The diggers concentrated on the inside of the cottage. One benefit is reduced pressure on the wall as the outside has already been uncovered. The other benefit being to reveal the layout.

The top left photo shows brickwork inside the east wall, possibly a fireplace.

The bottom right is the spike that was uncovered during the session.

The other two photos show the inside of the front wall and what appears to be the floor.



The floor seems to be quite fragile and required careful excavation by Keith's trowel.

The spoil was added to the mound to the east of the cottages.

Next dig - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 9.30am-1pm at the Califat Coal Mine, St George's Hill, Swannington, LE67 8QW.