



## Califat Coal Mine, St George's Hill, Swannington

### Photographic Report Of LIHS Excavation - September 2019

Swannington Heritage Trust own the Califat Spinney, which is the site of the Califat Coal Mine (1855-1873). Leicestershire Industrial History Society have led the monthly excavation of the coal mine buildings near the Califat winding shaft since June 2006.

Swannington Heritage Trust produce this monthly photographic report for the benefit of SHT and LIHS, so that they can share it with their members, volunteers and supporters. LIHS make the technical recordings of the dig and will produce a report at the end of the excavation.

#### Coal Storage Pavement



All the youthful training on see-saws is very useful for holding sleepers in place when someone is sawing.



The retaining walls around the section of coal storage pavement that will be displayed are five sleepers high. It is now much easier to envisage the final result.



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#### **Winding Drum Void**



Diggers cleaned out the winding drum void.

#### **Social**



As usual the mid morning break is an important part of the dig. The regular supply of refreshments is greatly appreciated. The post dig lunch at the Bull's Head is a chance to find out what everyone gets up to between digs.





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#### Miners Cottages



Work continued on the second room, which contains the boundary fence with the neighbour's land. Soil and weeds were cleared.



It is believed that on entering the cottage via the porch the main room is on the right and the stairs are in front. There is a small raised floor at the back of the stairs. It is suggested that this could be a pantry or other storage area.