



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

### **Photographic Report Of LIHS Excavation - February 2020**

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.

### **Ventilation Tunnel Next To Winding Drum Void**



Despite a light covering of snow the diggers turned out to de-weed the slope between the ventilation tunnel and the winding drum void.





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This area is now clear for proposed consolidation work.





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### Well-Like Structure



The brickwork on the inside of the single brick wide well-like structure is much better than its outward appearance. There is a drain at the bottom.





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### *Well-Like Structure - January 2014*



Diggers who have joined the excavation in recent years might find these January 2014 photographs from David Lyne help their understanding of the structure.





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#### Find Near Ventilation Tunnel



A piece of thick glass from a bottle or container. The letters “allo” are probably part of the word “gallon”.

#### Miners Cottages



Work focused on clearing the area at the back of the cottages, thereby exposing the rear pavement.

#### Early Days

David Lyne has given the Trust a digital copy of his photographs. They provide a fascinating view of the early days of the dig. It would help the development of the excavation interpretation currently taking place if anyone else with a photo collection would share them with the Trust.





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Engine House 2008 - the engine plinth that has two visible sections. The 2 metre void between the plinth and the outer wall. A damaged engine holding down bolt hole.



View from a cherry picker in November 2009.





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Engine House November 2011





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Engine House July 2012 - walls higher than the plinth.



Boiler House June 2011





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Boiler cradle October 2012