



Califat Coal Mine, St George's Hill, Swannington

Photographic Report Of LIHS Excavation - September 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.

Califat Engine House



After a hard working morning strimming, weeding and landscaping the grounds around the engine house were looking good.



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The surveyor's tape was in use all morning as the building measurements were checked.

Miners Cottages



Weeding and clearance took place along the side and rear of the cottages. The grass within the fenced area was cut.



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Alabama Engine House



After the grass had been cut the first few broken bricks were removed from the engine house site. The pile will get bigger! The plan is to create a way into the engine house site so that when work on the Califat engine house has been completed there will be room for diggers to work on the Alabama engine house. An initial partial clearance of the site will enable LIHS to develop a plan for discussion with the Trust.



The Trust Management Committee supported their Technical Team in clearing the remains of the Newcomen boiler's former shelter, plus fencing the shaft to the same standard as the Coal Authority fence to the north.



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Break



Spaced out diggers enjoying the sun at break time.