



Califat Coal Mine, St George's Hill, Swannington Photographic Report Of LIHS Excavation - April 2021

Califat Engine House Consolidation



A bricklayer had done some of the consolidation work in the winding drum void in January.



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Old Shaft Consolidation



A bricklayer had completed the consolidation of the old shaft and surrounding walls at the turn of the year. This highlighted that the shaft walls had been built as a spiral.



The dig team laid a weed control membrane around the brickwork and decanted the stone from the builders' bags onto the membrane.



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After the dig, the Trust fencing team that fenced the Alabama shaft returned to fence the old shaft to the Coal Authority standard. One section has been left so that the area around the shaft can be landscaped.



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Miners Cottages



Weeding and clearance took place along the front and rear of the cottages.

Alabama Engine House



The area around the steps like structure was partially cleared, along with the moss around some of the large stones. The intention is to clear parts of the site (such as the boiler location) to make it clearer for visitors during the festival of archaeology.



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An eagle eyed digger noticed two shaped bricks amongst the brick pile.

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.