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Califat Engine House



At LIHS' request the Trust arranged for the delivery of topsoil. After a morning's hard work diggers had made quite a dent in the pile.



The winding drum void was landscaped.



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Landscaping the track end of the engine house was started.



The pieces for the third step were slightly too big, chipping the surplus away was a delicate operation. By the end of the morning the third step up from the stoke pit was in place.



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Miners Cottages



Weeding around the cottage building continued.

Alabama Engine House



The access path inside the dead hedge was mown and the moss and other material was removed from the stones.

The northern end from the boiler site to the step like brick structure was cleared to a sufficient extent that visitors can at least see the brickwork.

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.