



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

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#### Califat Engine House



The area between the brickwork and the pond had been full of weeds. At the beginning of October Trust volunteers spent a couple of sessions clearing the weeds, thus giving LIHS a clear start.

Trust volunteers had also covered over the tunnels with heavy clay soil from the water pipe laying along the track.



LIHS spread more topsoil to provide a steady gradient that will be maintainable. Grass seed was then sown.





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By the end of October some of the grass seed had germinated and more is likely to do so if there are mild spells in November.

#### Old Shaft



The old shaft area was full of weeds. Diggers went inside the fence and followed safety rules by keeping out of the brick rectangle. After many wheelbarrows of weeds had been taken to the far corner of the spinney, the area was weed free. It was then raked and sewn with grass seed.





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By the end of October some of the grass seed had germinated. The new grass will have time to establish during the winter months before the mowing season commences around Easter.

#### Miners Cottages



Weeding around the cottages continued.

At the end of the session the protective membrane was replaced to protect the brickwork from frost.

