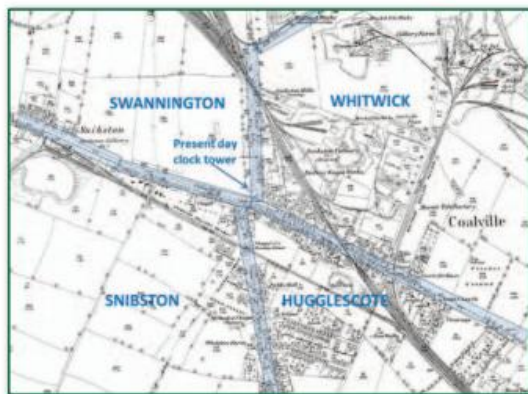


Boundary Changes



Four Parishes Cross Roads - Before Coalville UDC 1894

The site of the present day clock tower in Coalville was the junction of the four parishes: Swannington, Whitwick, Hugglescote and Snibston. The highlighted roads on this 1883 map shows the parish boundaries (dotted lines).

The map shows William Stenson's 1825 Long Lane pit had expanded to become Whitwick pit (now the Morrisons retail park). The Snibston No 1 and No 2 collieries (which included George Stephenson as a shareholder) are also shown. The developing township of Coalville spread across the corners of the four parishes can be clearly seen. Coalville Urban District Council began in 1894 when tracts from each of the four parishes were transferred to it. All of the properties on the north side of Ashby Road were part of Swannington until 1894.

Swannington ceded other chunks of land to Coalville until its present borders were established in 1936.



Sinope and Coleorton 1936

The properties on the eastern side of The Moorlands were part of Swannington until the 1936 boundary changes. The boundary was



redrawn (yellow shading) so that properties on both sides of The Moorlands were in the same village and parish. As a result Botany Bay and the Kings Arms then transferred to Coleorton.

The Thringstone Finger 1936

Thringstone used to be huge until the 1936 boundary changes when:

The current village of Thringstone, 142 acres, transferred to Coalville UDC.

The land to the east of the road running north through Peggs Green and Griffydham, 482 acres, transferred to Osgathorpe.

The finger of land that included Thringstone Smock Mill, 70 acres transferred to Swannington.

Peggs Green, 98 acres, transferred to Coleorton

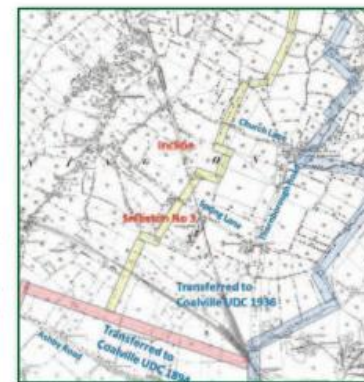
When Peggs Green transferred to Coleorton there were also some minor adjustments in the boundary between Swannington and Coleorton.

New Swannington 1936

In 1911 Swannington's eastern boundary included: The Thornborough area that currently includes KFC, Stephensons College, the Jolly Colliers and Motor Technics.

New Swannington including the Wesley Reform Union chapel and both sides of the southern part of Brooks Lane.

In 1936 these areas transferred to Coalville UDC. The current border (yellow shading) is just to the south of the winding engine house site on the Incline, so that the railway track to Spring Lane and the former Snibston No 3 mine are no longer within Swannington.



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