

Local History - Coal mining

Timeline

1575	1815	1842	1861	1866	1930	1943	1960	1986	1989
First coal mine built in Britain	Davy lamp invented	The Mines and Collieries act passed.	Hucknall no 1. "Top Pit" opened.	Hucknall no 2. "Bottom Pit" opened	Electric cap lamp designed	Coal mining ends in the Hucknall no 1. Pit	Hucknall no 1. Pit closes	Hucknall no 2. Pit closed	Hucknall no 2. Pit demolished

Key Vocabulary

Coal	Black rock that can be burned to create heat.
Coal face	The part of the seam being worked.
Colliery	A coal mine and the buildings and equipment associated with it.
Community	A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.
Davy lamp	Portable safety lamp (the flame was enclosed to prevent explosions).
Industry	Economic activity which creates jobs and generates income.
Mining	Extracting materials from the earth.
Pit	Another name for a coal mine.
Primary source	Firsthand account of an event or artifact from the time period.
Seam	Underground layer of coal between other layers of rock.
Trapper	Child who opened and closed underground ventilation doors.

Key Questions

- What is living memory?
- What is beyond living memory and how many years is it?
- Where does coal come from and what is it used for?
- Can you name 3 items used in coal mining and why they were important to mining?
- What is a primary source? Can you name any of the primary source we have looked at?
- How was modern coal mining different to coal mining in Victorian times?
- How has coal mining shaped Hucknall into the town that it is today?



Davy lamp

Hucknall no 2. pit



Snap tin