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SURFACE REMAINS AT EAST END SHAFT

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East End shaft is situated east of the village of Allenheads in Northumberland and forms part of the extensive Allenheads mine formerly worked during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries by the Beaumont Co. and now owned by the British Steel Corporation.

This shaft is presumably one of the older workings on the Old Vein, which was one of the more important veins at Allenheads. At the time of the surface survey accompanying this article, the dumps were well grassed and a mature plantation covers some of the mine area. The shaft itself is covered by a concrete cap and was at one time surrounded by a dry stone wall, but this has now been demolished (1974).

Adjacent to the shaft were the remains of the dressing floors which consisted of a large paved area surrounded by a wall which was about 10 feet in height, the dump coming up to the top of the wall. At the west end of the paved area was a waterwheel pit somewhat choked with loose stonework, and beyond this a dump of fines. An access cartroad led westwards to the Allenheads - Rookhope road.

Sometime during 1973, the site was obliterated when it was covered by a large amount of debris, completely burying the dressing floor area. A fine example of an early shaft mine site has therefore been lost, and underlines the need for recording of these sites in the Northern Pennines before a similar fate befalls the remainder.

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EAST END SHAFT

Surface Remains

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