

Health and Safety issues, Regarding the 200ft sinkhole found just behind Birley Moor Garden Centre. We have asked and received answers from the Coal Authority; https://www.ecological-owlthorpe.org/letters.htm.. Water had to be pumped out of Dent Main Colliery, into the Ochre Dyke when the collieries were open. The photo shows that coal in east Sheffield is very near the surface. Miners say that when a drift mine starts to collapse it can run for miles underground. So how safe are the old mines that run under our houses? By law all mining companies had to supply copies of the underground workings. The Coal Authority has copies of all underground mine workings, but under the freedom of information Act they still require a payment for copies. We are asking Sheffield City Council if they can provide on-line copies so for peace of mind we can just look on -line. I for one do not want to step out of my front door and fall down a 200ft sinkhole.