

# Mining Legacy and Our Railway







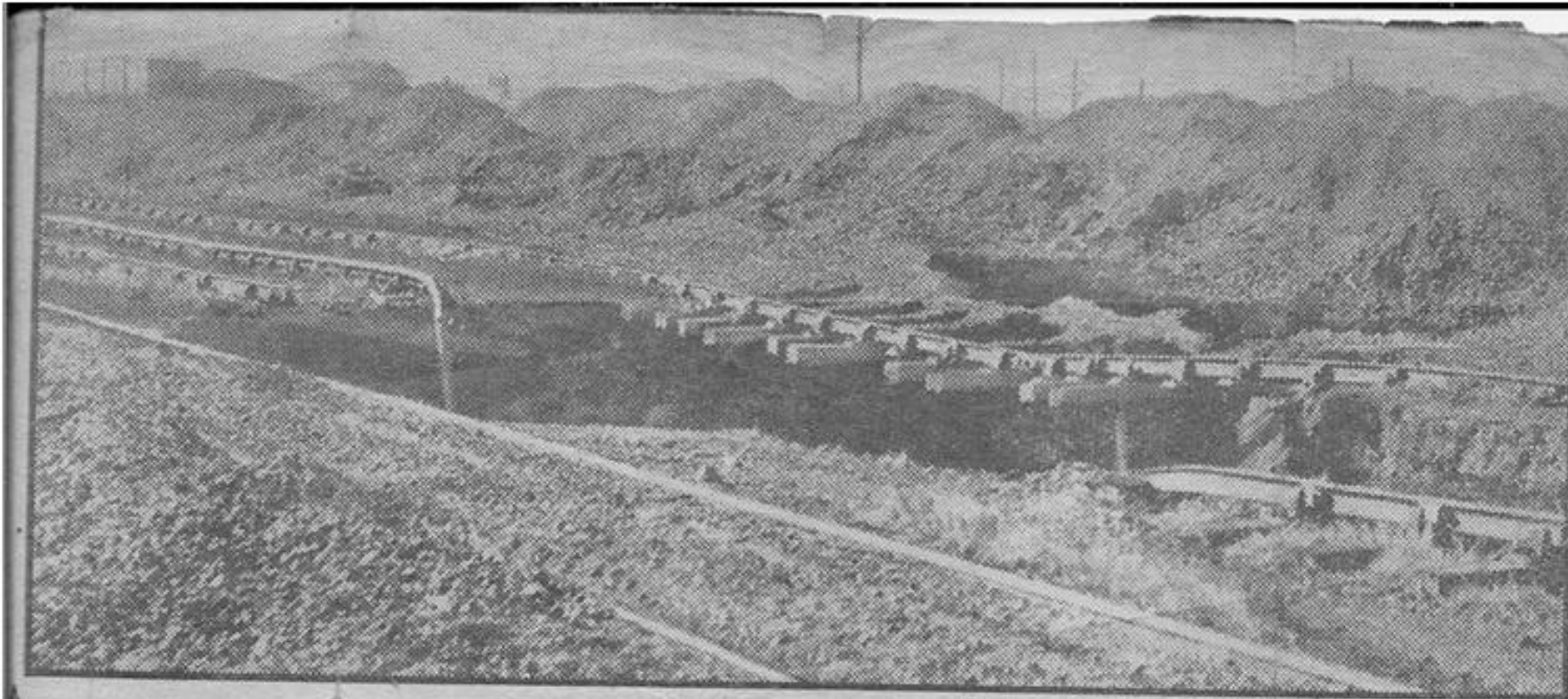












While being shunted near Wigan Junction a complete train, with the driver, Mr. L. Berry, and a load of coal, disappeared into this cavity on the site of an old mine-shaft, 1,200ft. deep. Colliery officials say there is little hope of recovering the driver's body or any of the rolling-stock.

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## Rail line collapse fears



East Coast line services may be disrupted

Rail services south of Edinburgh are being held up amid fears of subsidence beneath the tracks caused by disused mine workings.

Railtrack is carrying out drilling operations on a stretch of line between Prestonpans and Wallyford, in East Lothian to determine the extent of the problem.

A 20mph speed limit has been imposed.

Similar problems on a nearby section of track cost more than £6m to correct and involved a temporary re-routing of the line.

Last year, the UK Government announced it would not be awarding a 20-year franchise to either of the two train companies bidding to run the East Coast line.

## Winter storms trigger mineshaft collapses



A hole appeared just off the second fairway at Perranporth Golf Club following recent storms

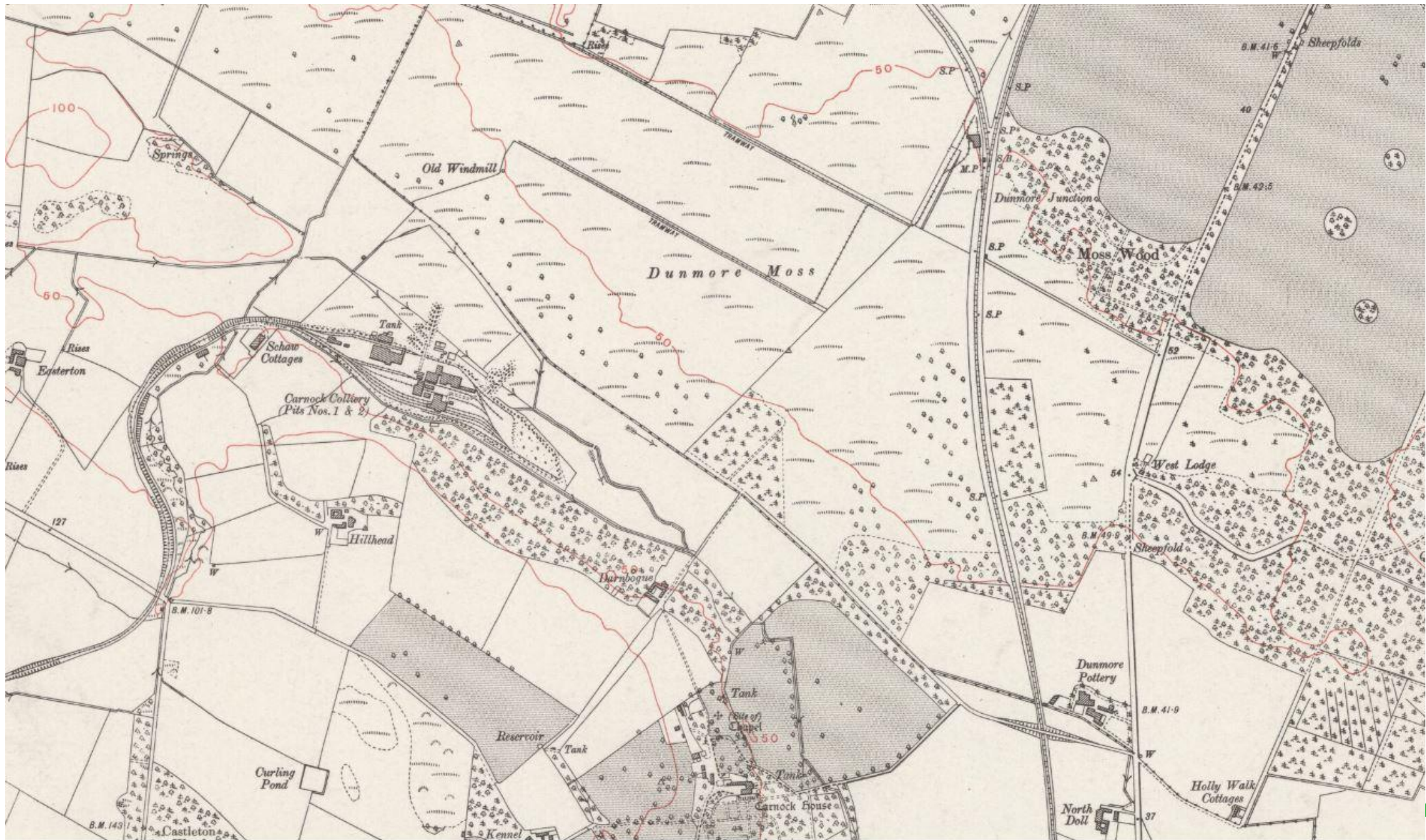
**Johnny O'Shea**

BBC South West Investigations , Cornwall

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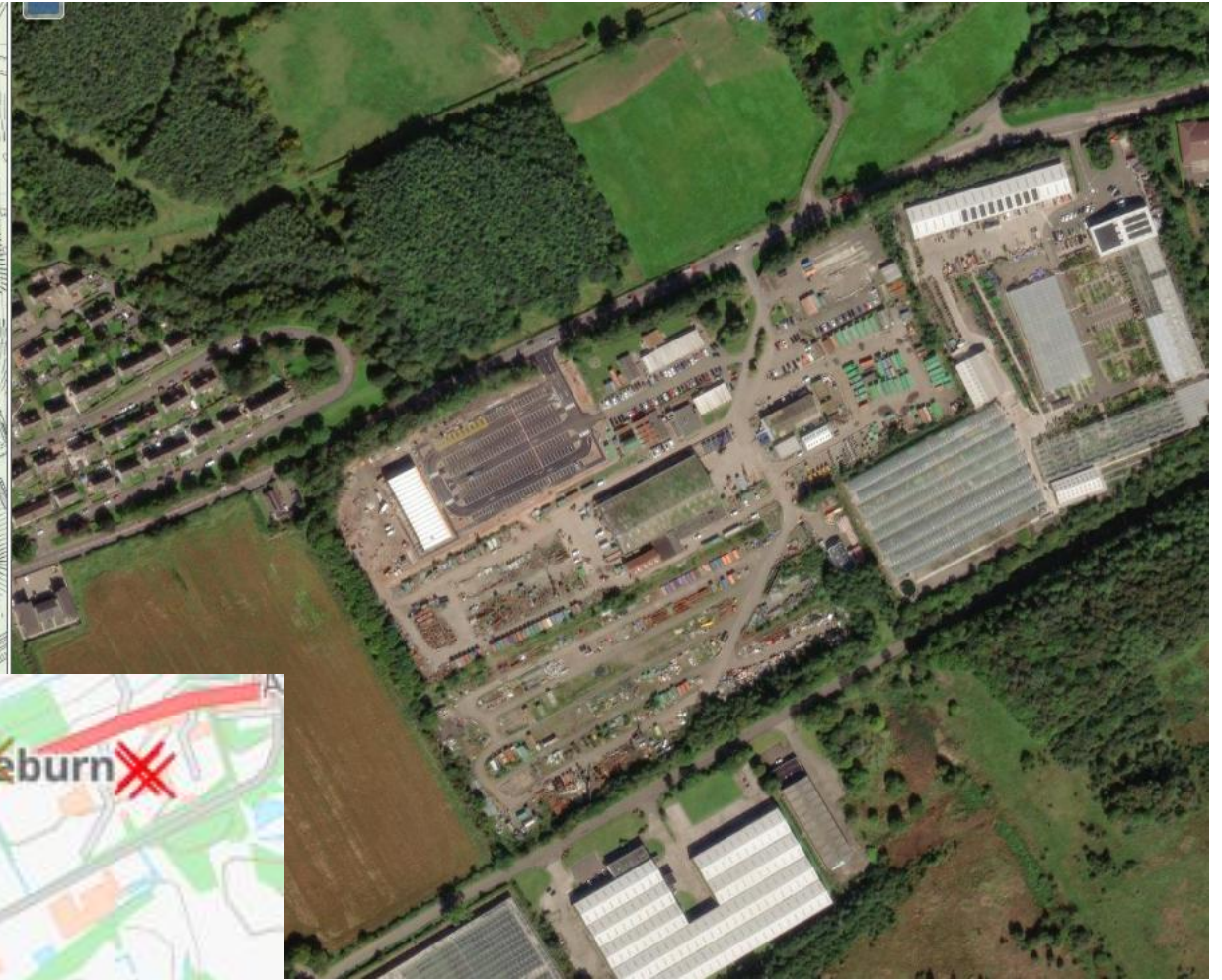
**Beneath Cornwall's towns and countryside lies a vast network of historic mine shafts, many of which are unrecorded and unmapped. This winter after weeks of heavy rain, some have started to reopen.**

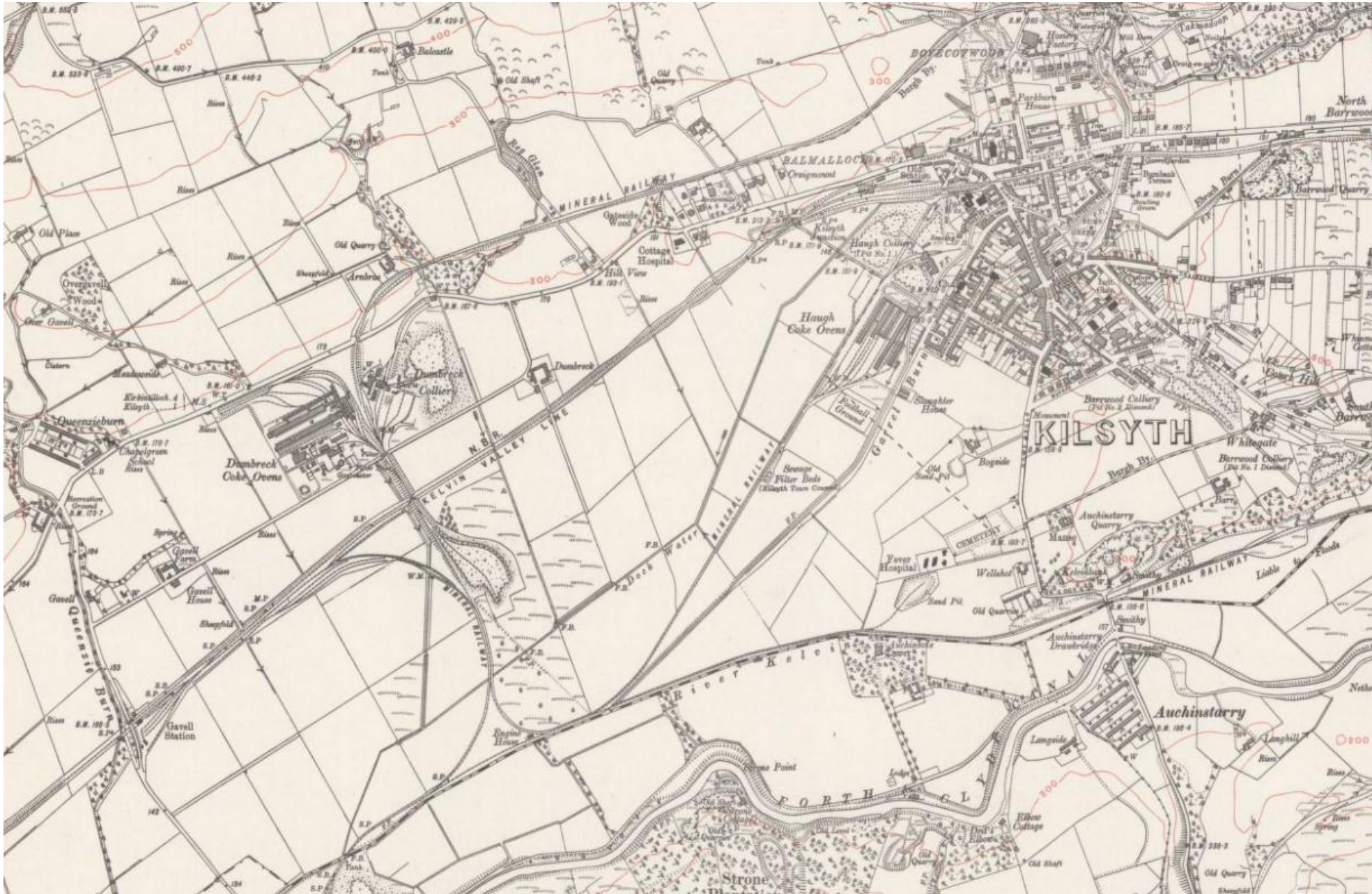
A section of a golf course collapsed while holes have appeared in roads and on open land. The weather is exposing workings first dug centuries ago with some extending hundreds of feet



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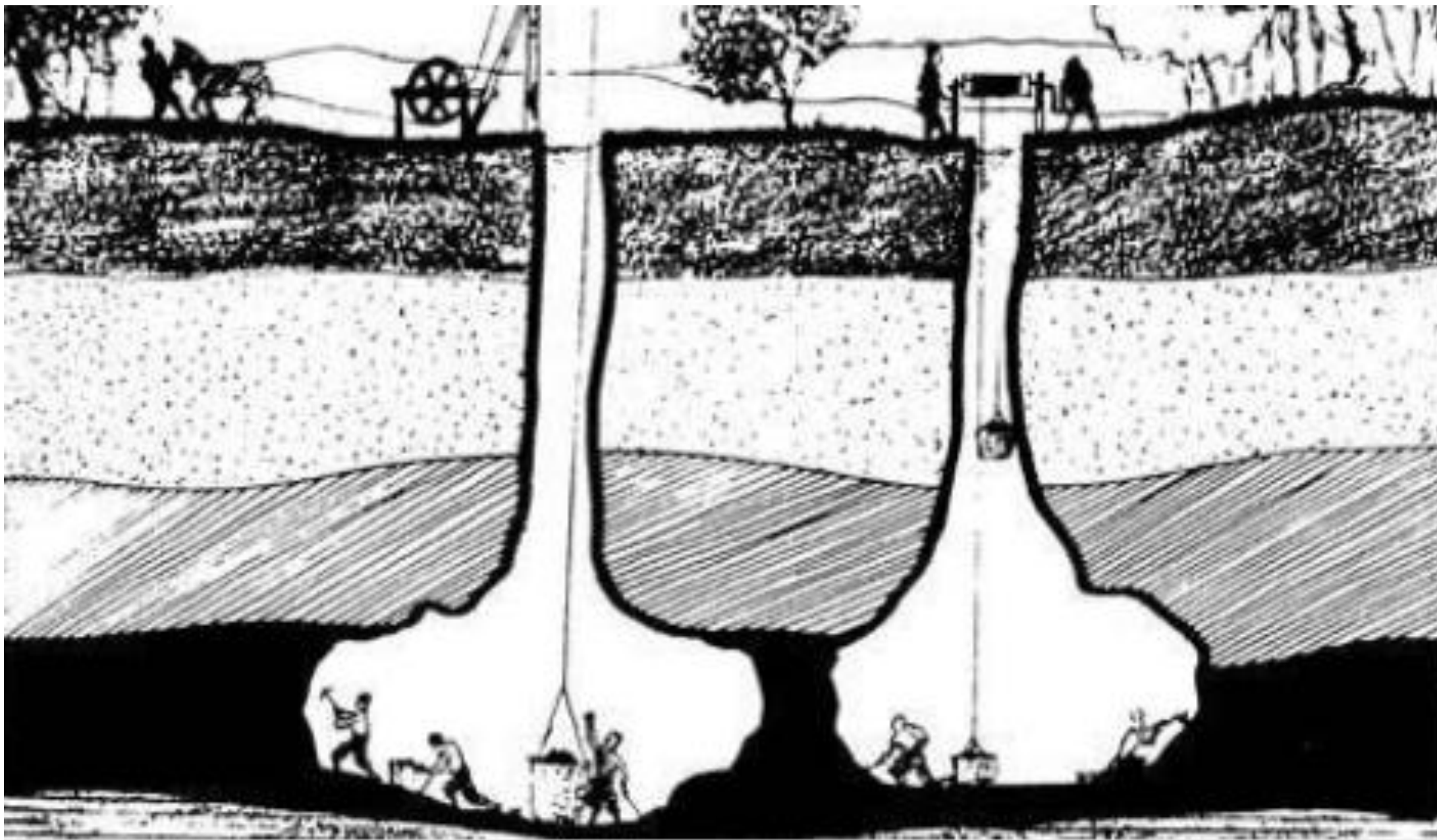


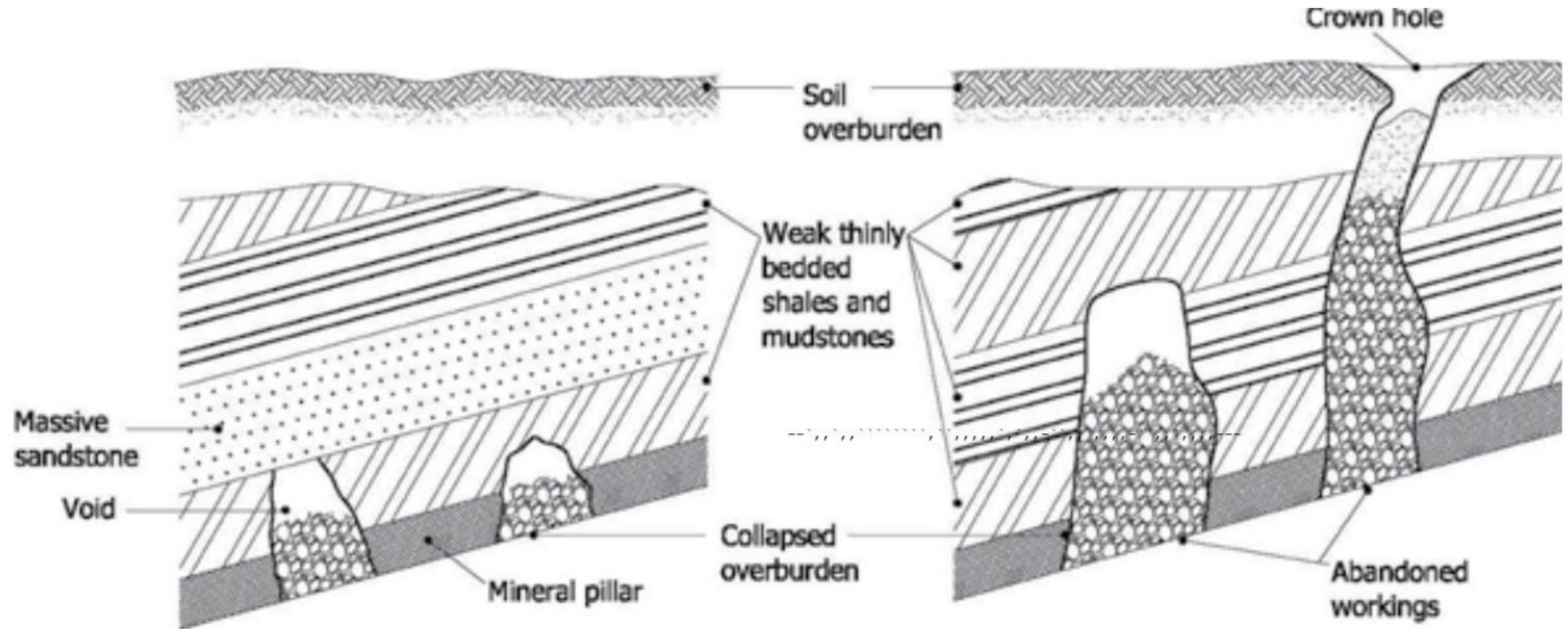
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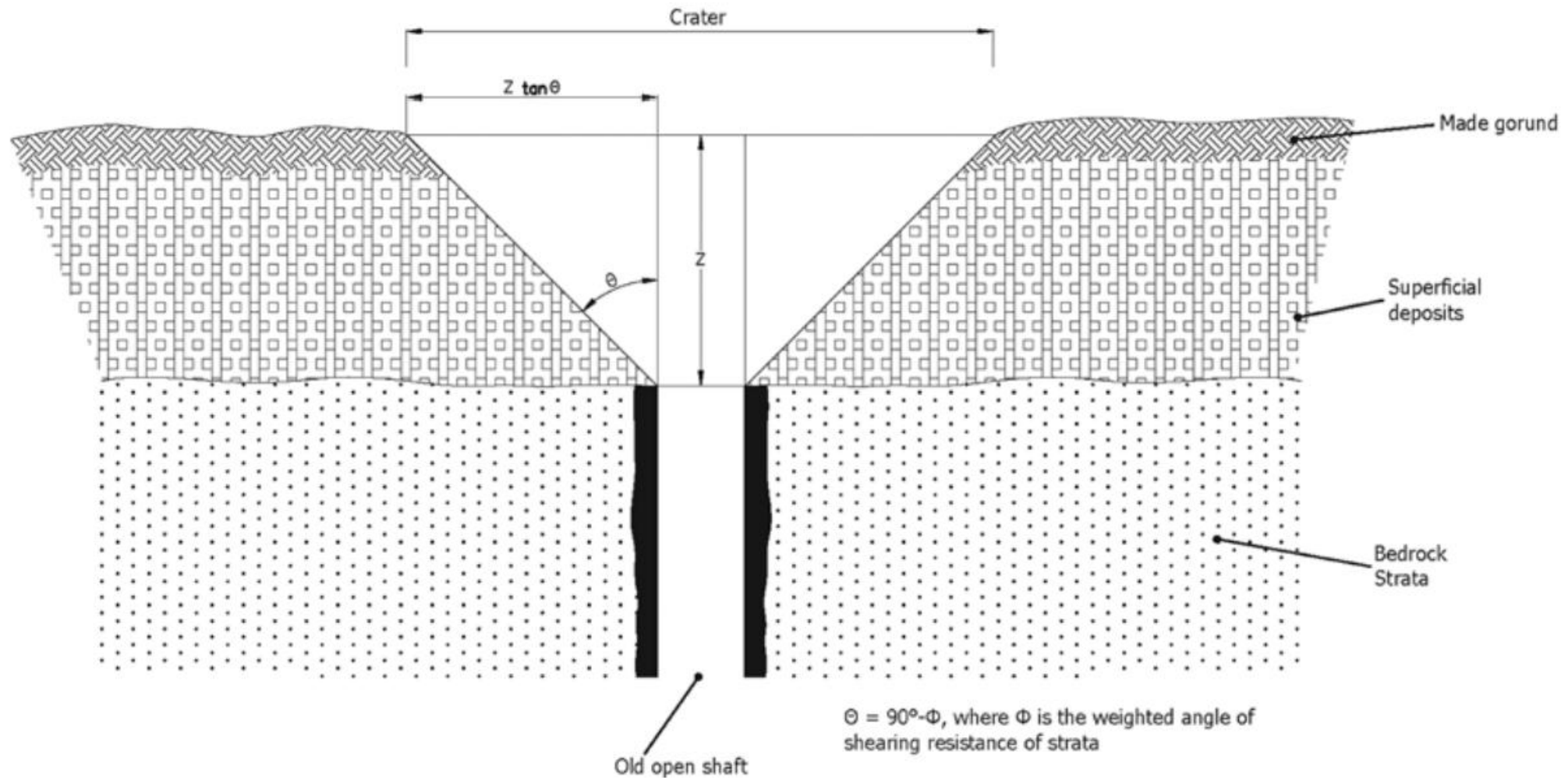
# Egremont homes evacuated after mine shaft collapses

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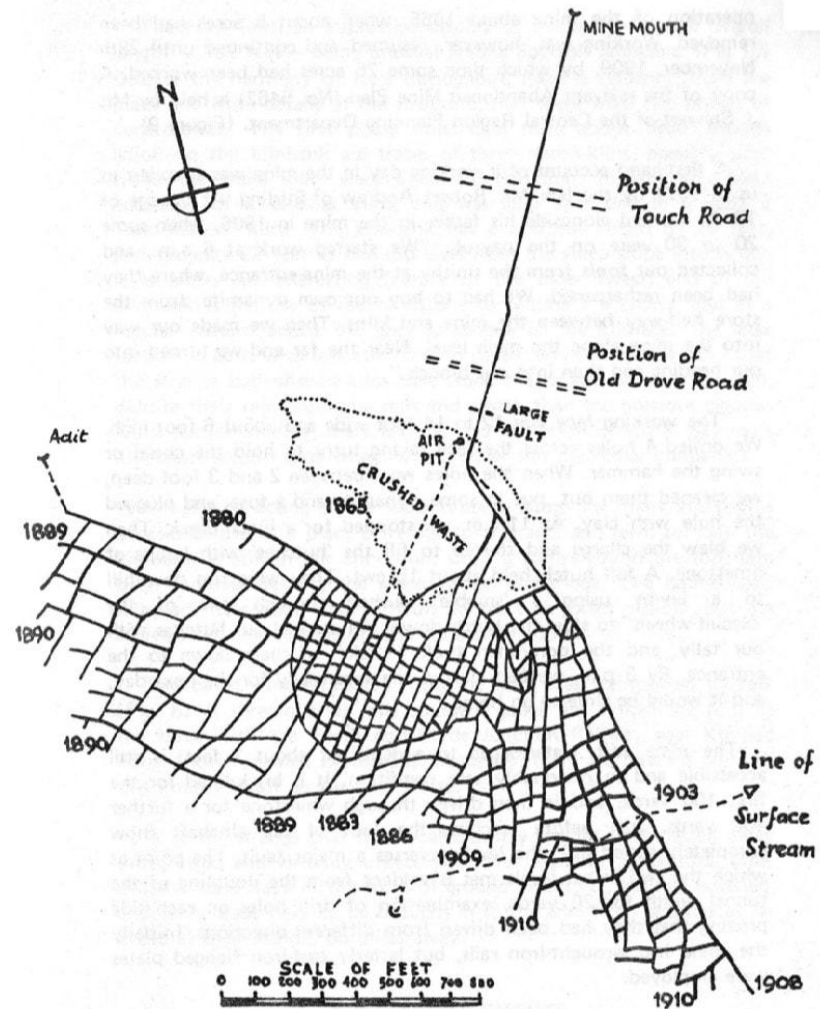


Fig. 9 Sketch-map of Cambusbarron Lime-workings in 1910 as shown in Abandoned Mine Plan No. 5462. Dates indicate survey year in which extent of working shown was first recorded.









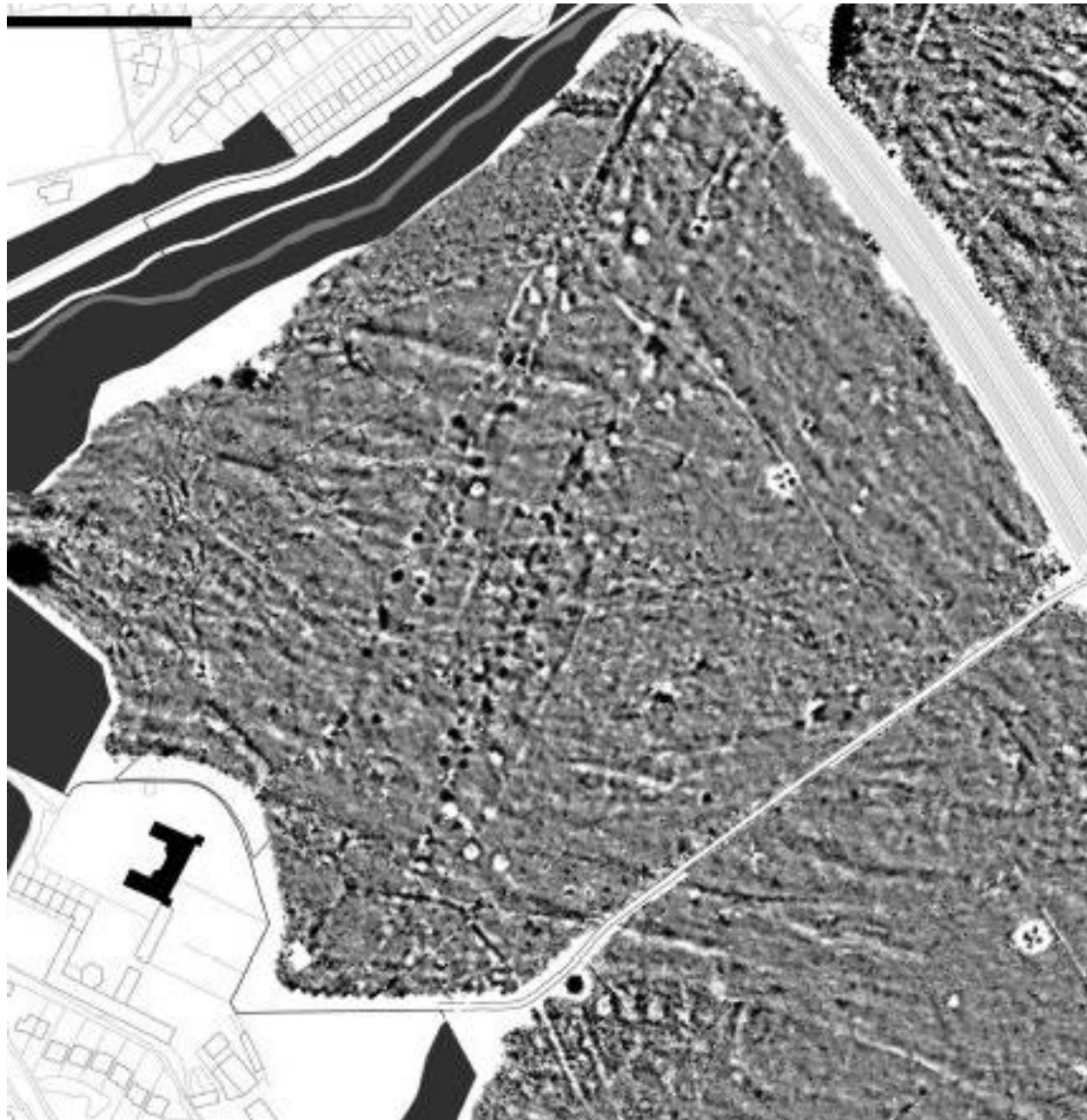


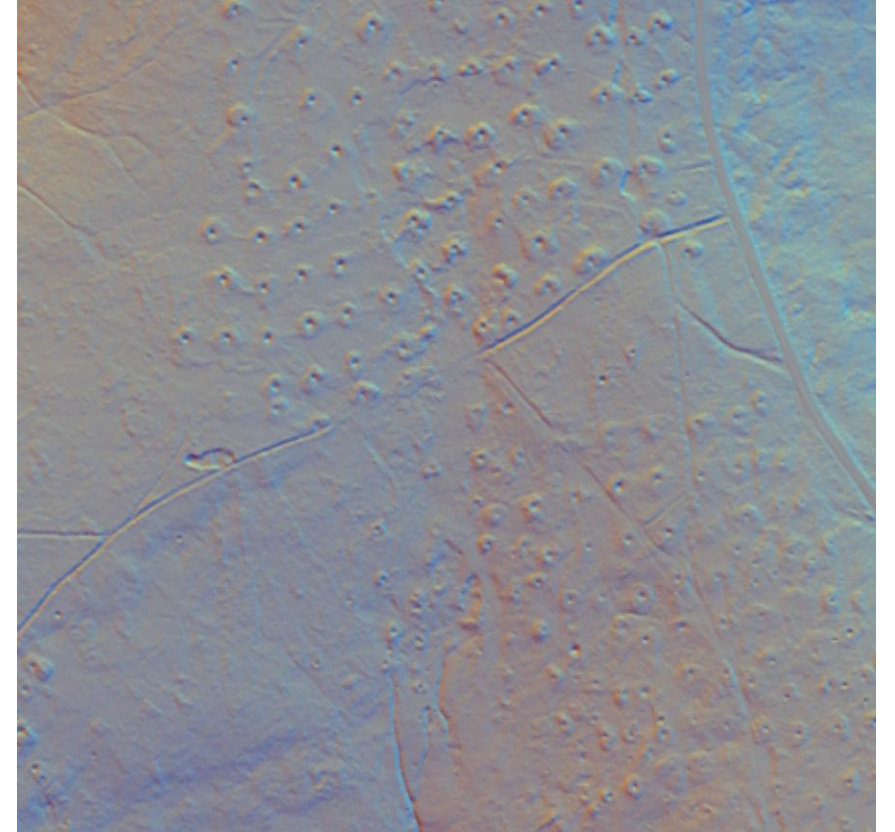


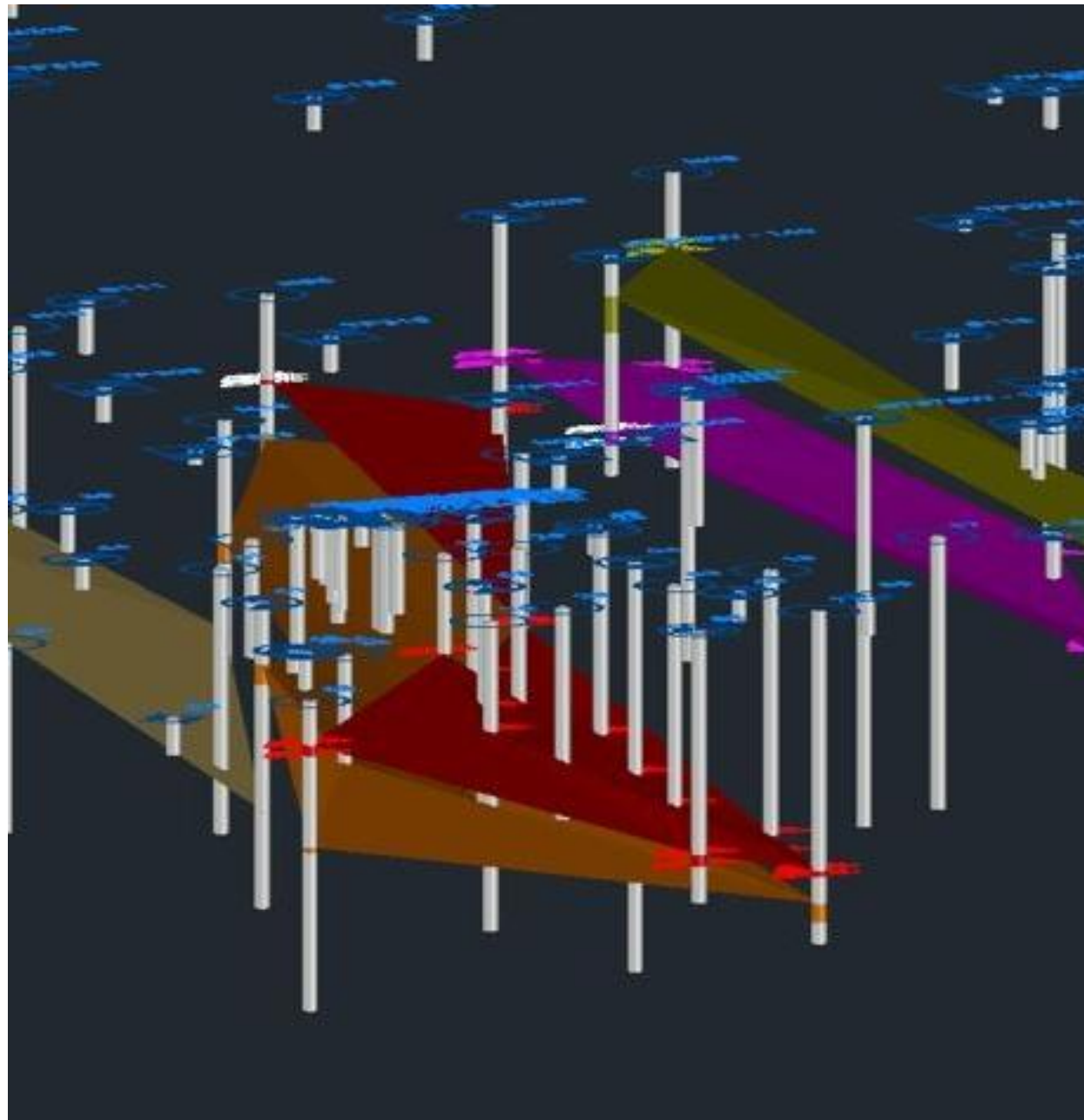


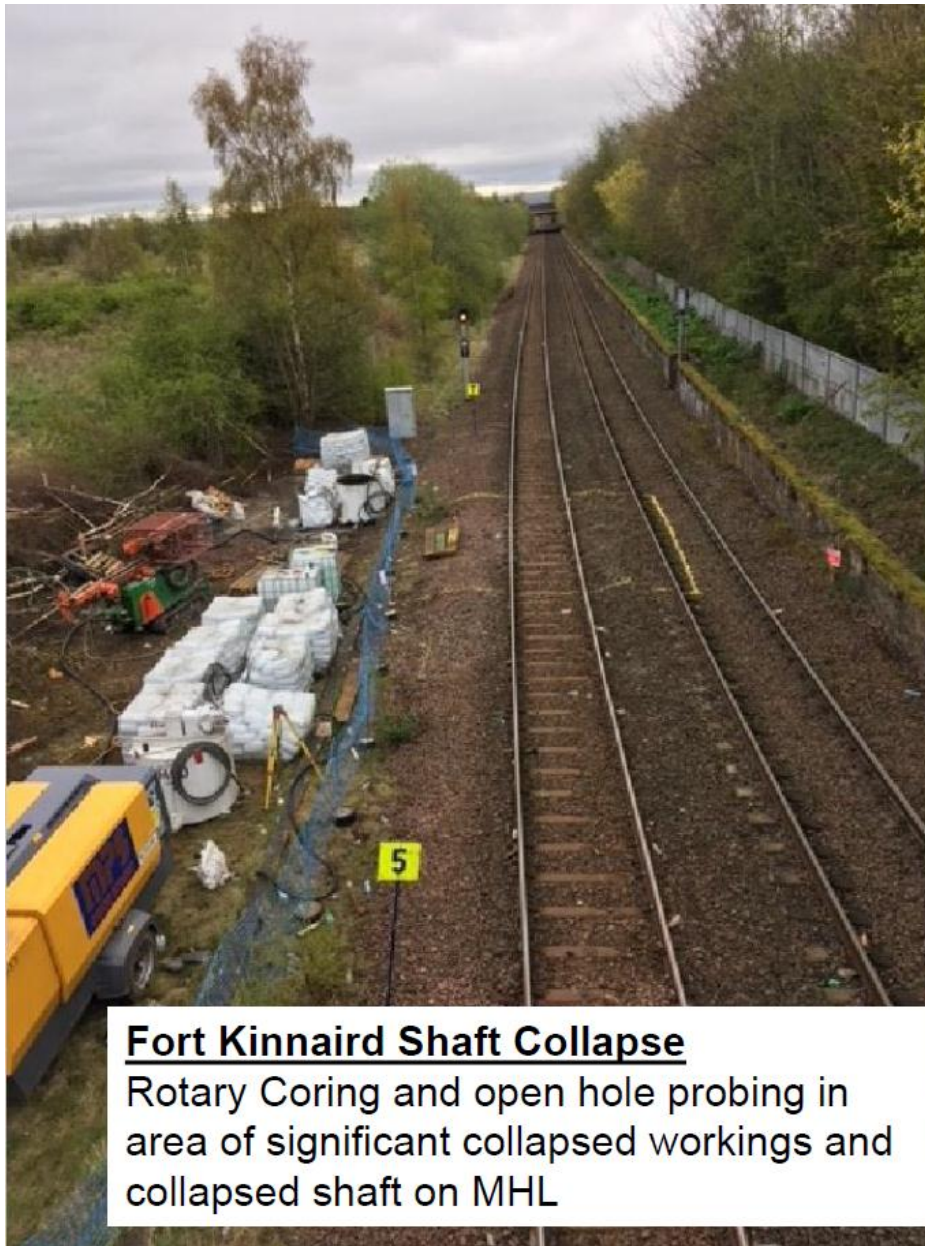






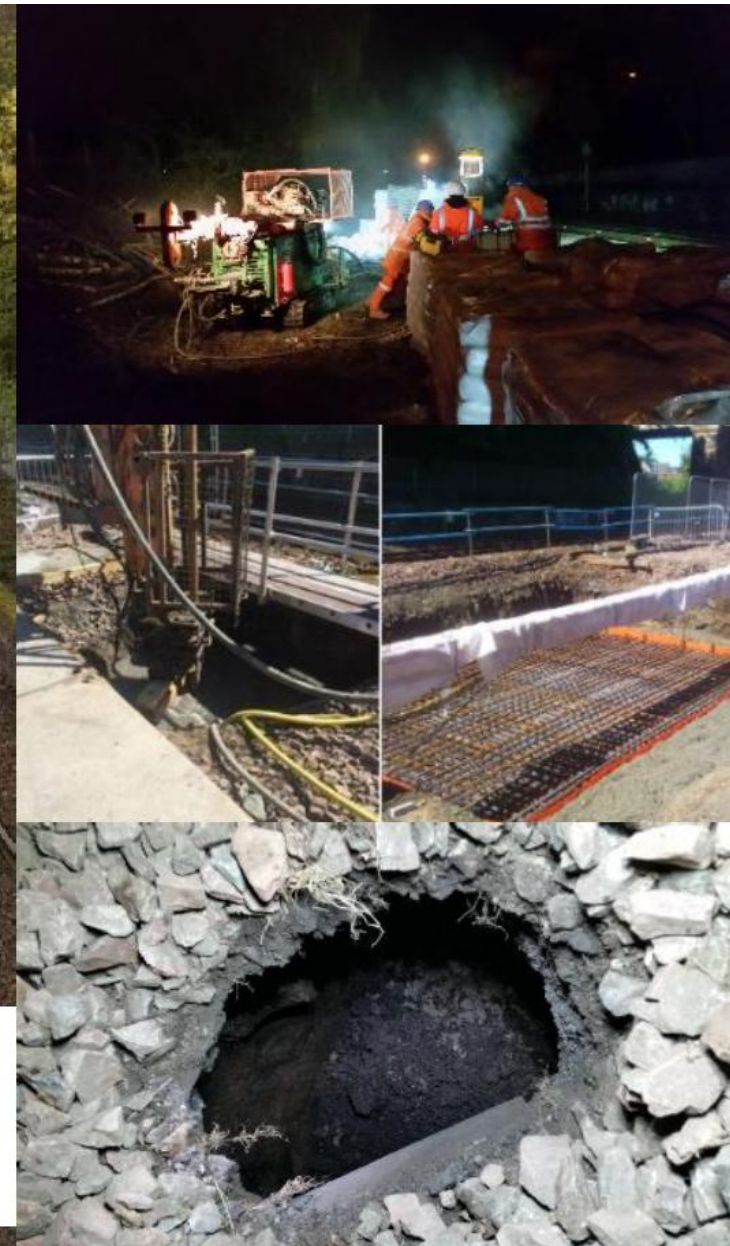






### **Fort Kinnaird Shaft Collapse**

Rotary Coring and open hole probing in area of significant collapsed workings and collapsed shaft on MHL



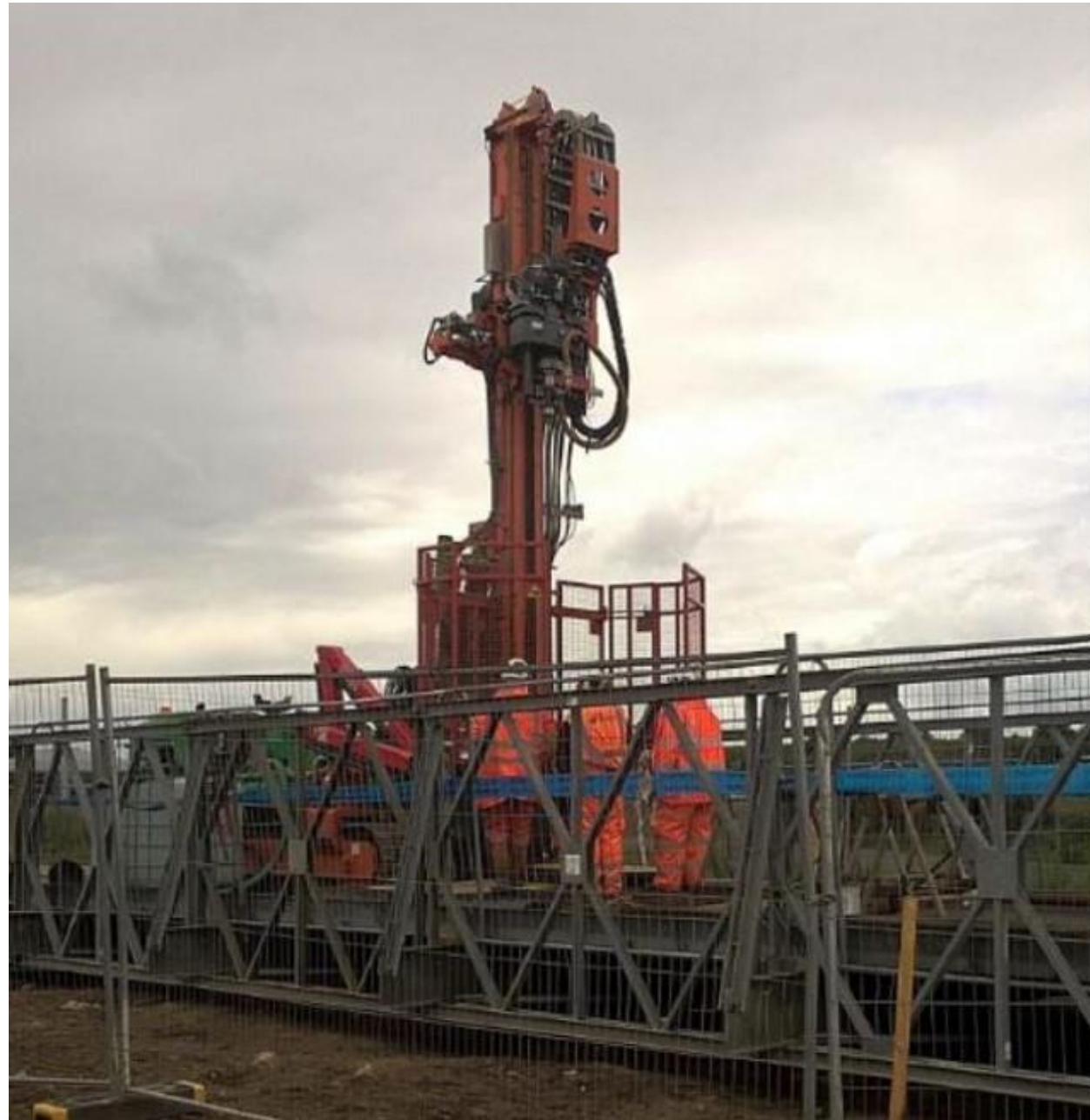


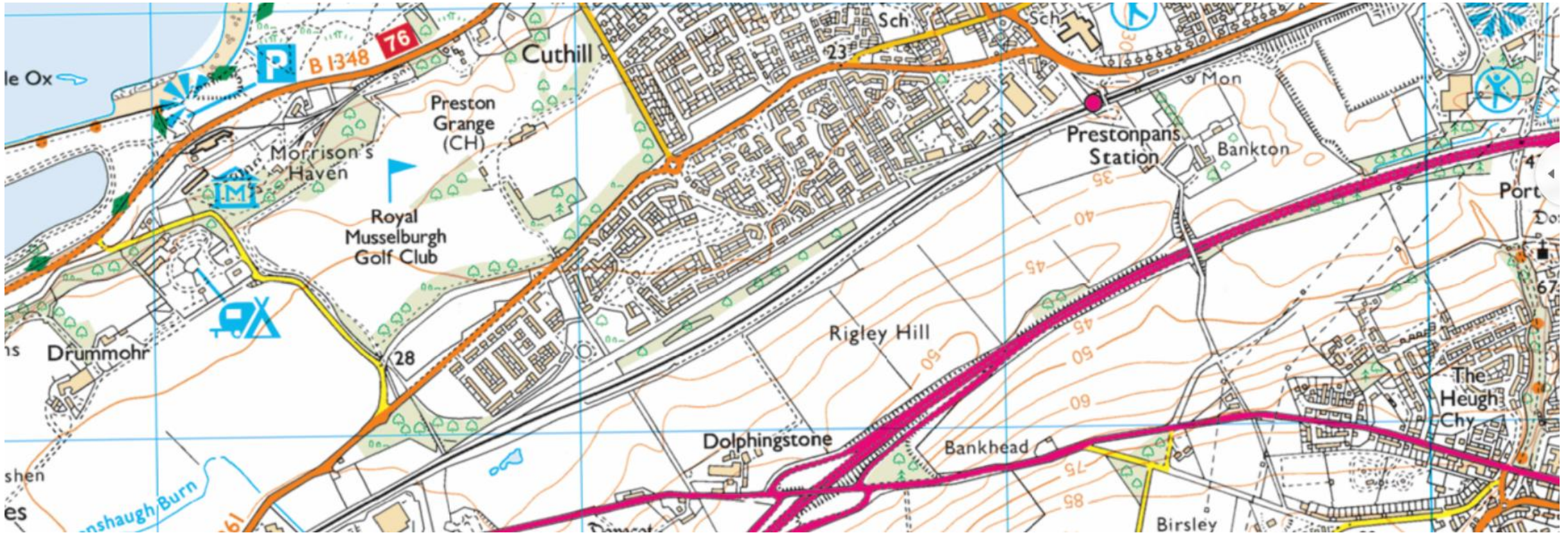










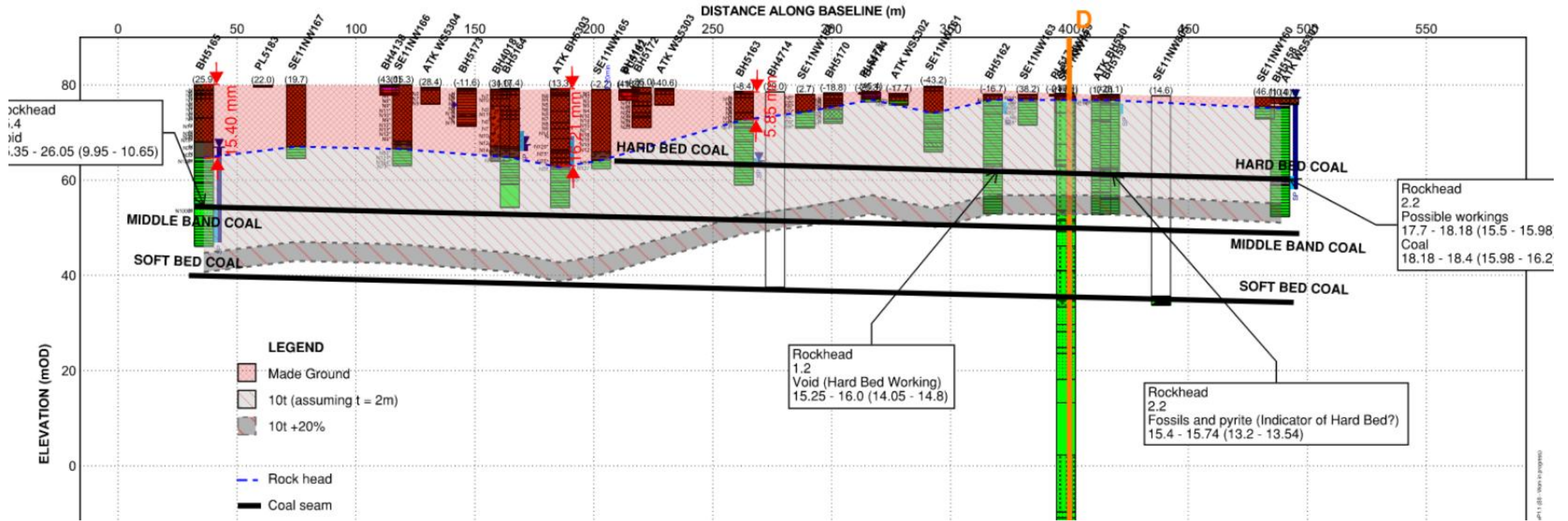










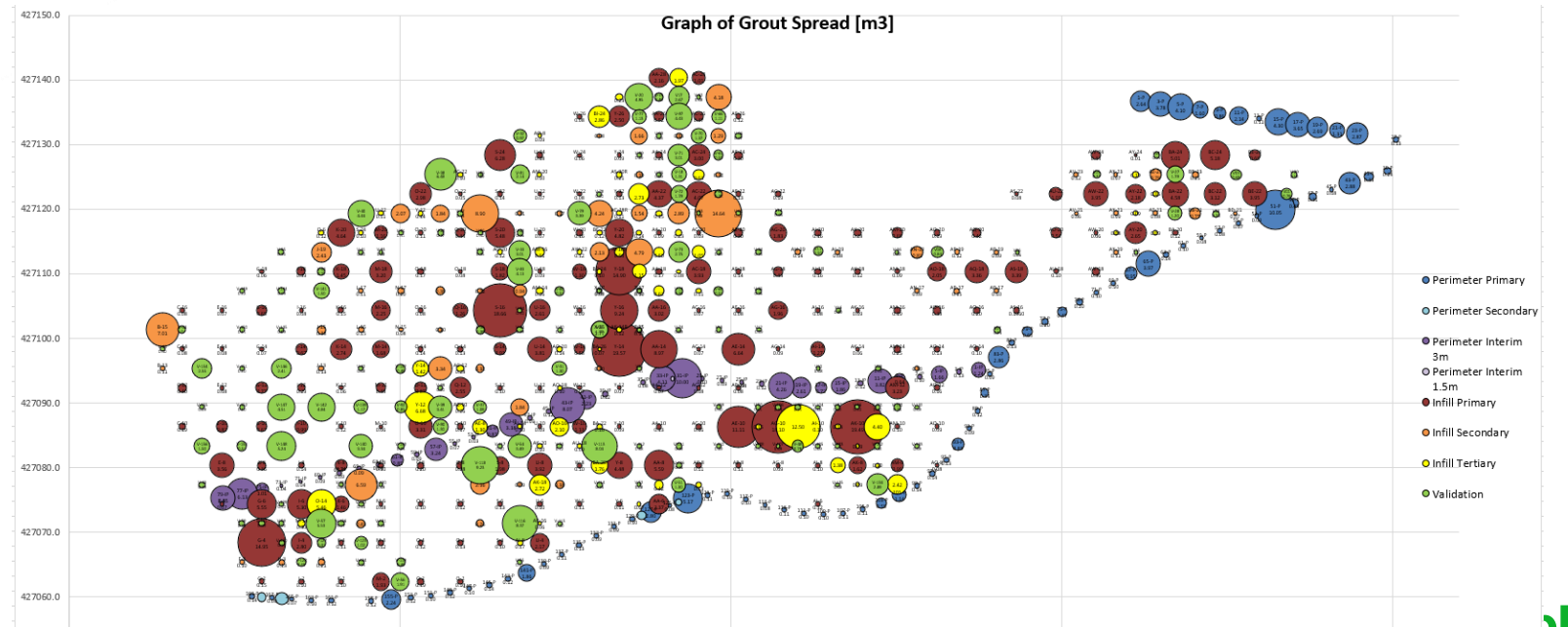
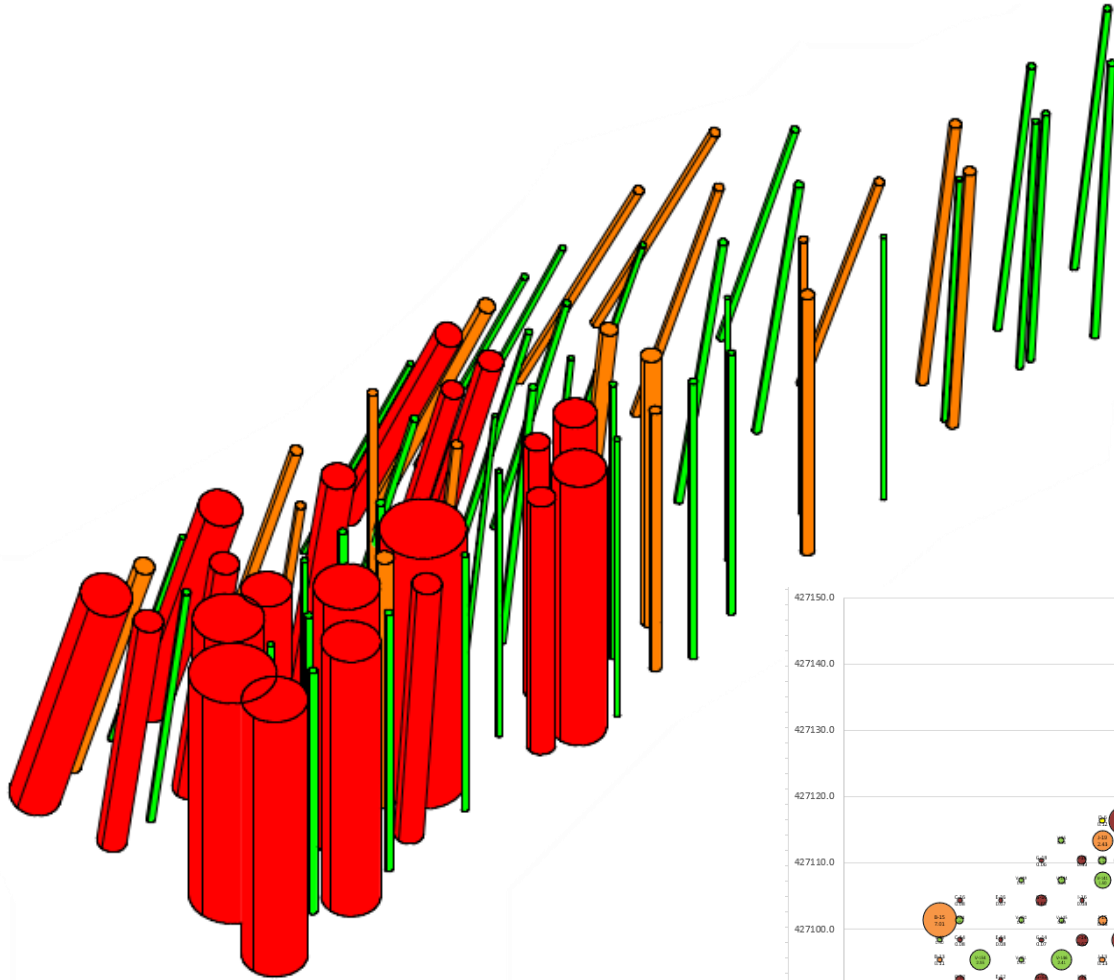


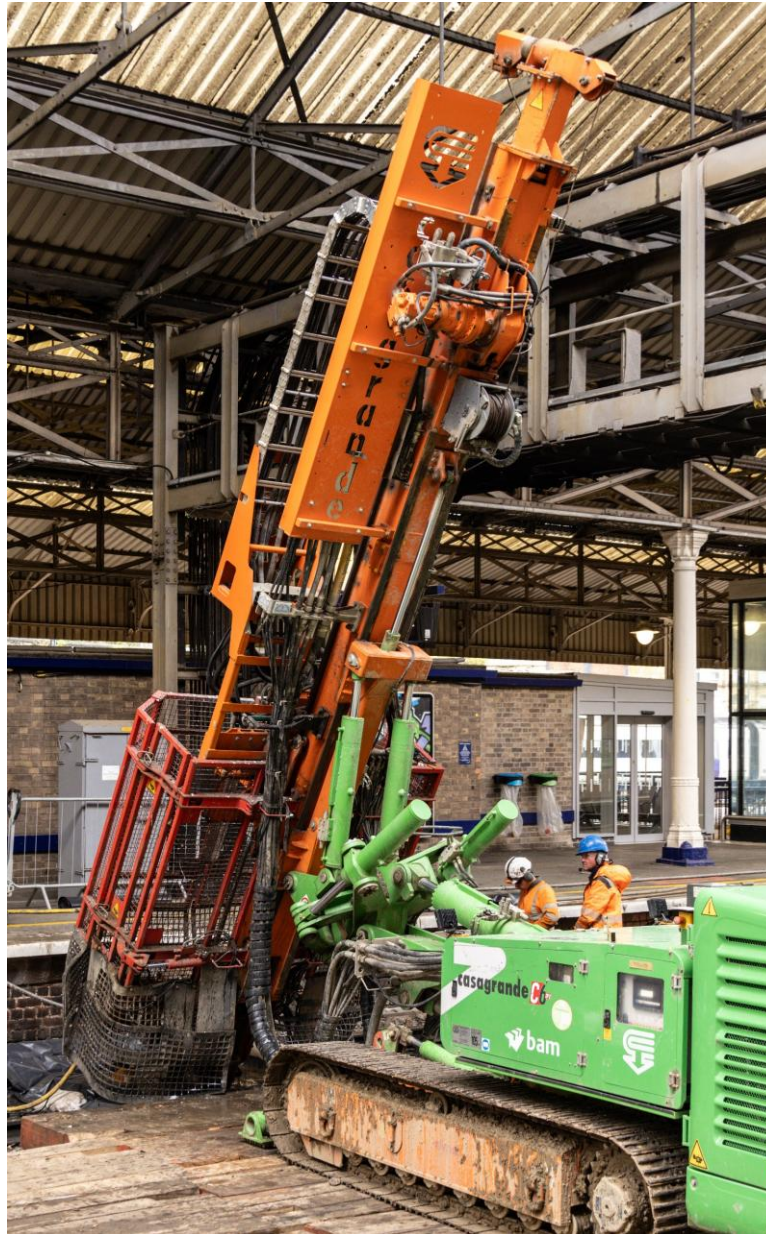


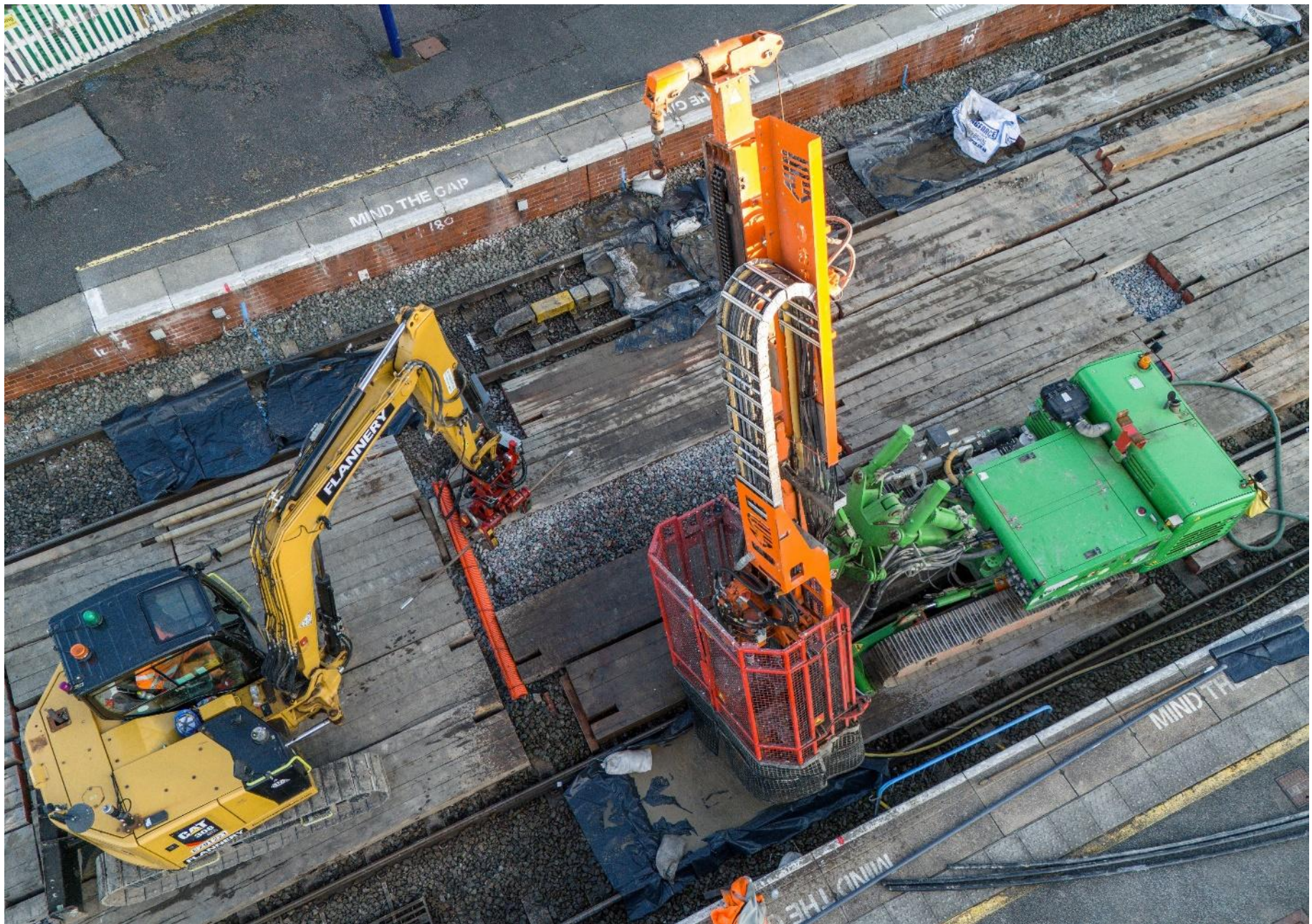














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