

Key dates for the Collieries of Hetton-le-Hole

1. Hetton Colliery (Lyons).

- 1813 Sinking of Hetton Colliery envisaged.
- 1819 Hetton Coal Company Owners make a decision to sink a shaft.
- 1821 December; Shaft sinking commenced.
- 1822 Main coal seam reached
First coals reach the staithes at Sunderland.
- 1860 22 lives lost due to explosion of fire damp.
- 1911 Transfer of ownership to Lambton and Hetton Collieries.
- 1923 Ownership transferred to Lambton, Hetton and Joicey Collieries.
- 1947 Vesting date. Transfer of ownership to the National Coal Board.
- 1951 Colliery closed.

2. Eppleton Colliery

- 1824 Agreement to sink a colliery on land belonging to Francis Mascall.
- 1825 Sinking of Caroline shaft started.
- 1827 First coal seams reached and coal drawn to the surface.
- 1833 Problems with excessive water and sand overcome.
- 1835 Jane shaft sunk
- 1836 20 men and boys killed by explosion.
- 1837 Jane shaft operational.
- 1870 Lindsay shaft started.
- 1873 Lindsay shaft operational.
- 1951 Nine men killed in underground explosion.
- 1986 Colliery closed. Men transferred to other collieries including the Hawthorn Complex.

3. Elemore Colliery

- 1825 George and Isabella Shafts sunk 41m apart with Baker family as partners.
- 1827 February; Hutton seam reached in Isabella shaft.
- 1827 July; Main coal seam reach in George shaft.
- 1830 Hetton Coal Company take over the full running and ownership of the colliery.
- 1886 December; 28 men killed by explosion underground, cause unknown.
- 1893 Colliery closed for the first time due to unprofitability.
- 1898 Five men working to make the colliery operational again.
- 1900 February; mining operations re-commenced.
- 1947 National Coal Board takes ownership.
- 1974 February; Colliery closes for second time finally ceasing production of coal.

4. Hazard Colliery

- 1815 or 1818 The date of opening for this colliery is not exactly known. Opened by a partnership known as the North Hetton Company and which later included the Lord Londonderry it may initially have comprised a number of Collieries

including the nearby Dunwell Colliery and possibly North Colliery some distance away.

- 1840s Purchased by the Hetton Coal Company
- 1915 Merged with Moorsley Colliery to become North Hetton Colliery.
- 1919 Ownership passed to the Lambton and Hetton collieries.
- 1928 Lambton, Hetton and Joicey Collieries took ownership.
- 1933/4 Colliery finally closed.

5. Moorsley Colliery.

- 1838 Shaft sunk by North Hetton Coal Company.
- 1915 Merged with Hazard Pit to become North Hetton Colliery.
- 1919 Owned by Lambton and Hetton Collieries.
- 1933 Colliery closed.