

Sunday 16th October 1988

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A visit to Brownly Hill mine, initially with thoughts of a through trip exiting via Hags level. Brownley Hill though is such a 3 dimensional warren, that, by opting to take a 'little' look at a side passage we left ourselves insufficient time to do this. The day was spent exploring on three horizons above the entrance level, the first was gained from a cross vein into a series of small workings.

The second involved climbing across the side of a shaft (which we were to later prove connected to the main haulage level). Exploration on this level was to reveal among other things a sump leading via a short passage back to the shaft for our return. More interestingly though a rope was found dangling down a rise, a 10m prussick giving access to the chamber above. This third horizon had a rather wet, ochreous level driven through shale going in one direction and a crawl through broken ground in the other. Angela & Dave followed the shale level for quite some way it eventually terminating at the bottom of a shaft leading up to day. Peter worked his way under a 'tender' roof to a level, this was followed for a distance to a junction.

The afternoon rapidly slipping away it was decided to call a close to the day's activities and retrace or steps. Day was regained as dusk approached & another little piece was put into the Brownley Hill puzzle.