

1. Shincliffe Local History Society – Whitwell Colliery

 <https://www.slhs.uk/whitwell-colliery>

Why this is good for pupils:

- Written by a **local history society** (very reliable)
- Clear sections about **when it opened, closed, and how it worked**
- Includes **maps, pictures, and facts** about miners' lives
- Appropriate reading level for **upper KS2 with teacher guidance**

Best for:

- Dates and timeline
- Importance to the local area
- What work and life were like

[\[slhs.uk\]](https://www.slhs.uk)

2. Old Miner – Whitwell Colliery

 <https://www.oldminer.co.uk/whitwell.html>

Why this is good for pupils:

- Historical mining website used by researchers
- Contains **photographs**, short explanations, and key facts
- Good for children who learn visually

Best for:

- What the colliery looked like
- Understanding coal mining equipment
- Comparing past and present

[\[oldminer.co.uk\]](https://www.oldminer.co.uk)

3. North East Heritage Library – Whitwell Colliery

 <https://www.northeastheritagelibrary.co.uk/coalsarchive/d47019a/whitwell-colliery>

Why this is good for pupils:

- Uses **real historical sources and maps**
- Information is accurate and well-organised
- Excellent for learning how historians use evidence

✓ Best for:

- Historical maps
- Transport and railways
- Evidence from the past

[\[northeasth...rary.co.uk\]](#)

4. Durham Mining Museum (via SLHS references)

<https://www.dmm.org.uk>

Why this is good for pupils:

- Trusted museum-based source
- Provides information about **working conditions, accidents, and safety**
- Frequently referenced by schools and historians

✓ Best for:

- Safety and dangers
- Understanding miners' lives
- Historical accuracy