

## South Derbyshire Coalfield Timeline

1988	Closure of Cadley Hill Colliery, the last deep mine in South Derbyshire. In this year the District had 230 Hectares of derelict land.
1990	Closure of colliery at Donnisthorpe/Rawdon in neighbouring Leicestershire, followed by the Mining Research Centre within the District at Bretby.
1990	Designation of The National Forest announced, following a competitive bidding process – roughly a quarter of the 200 square mile Forest lies in the district of South Derbyshire.
1993	Creation of the 'Made in Swadlincote Partnership' to address persistently high levels of unemployment in the area – activities included creating a one-stop-shop for business, securing provision of locally based training facilities and staging an annual 'South Derbyshire Means Business' exhibition.
1994-6	The RECHAR II South Derbyshire-North West Leicestershire Coalfield Programme saw an investment of around £5 million across the area. Projects in South Derbyshire included the development of the George Holmes Business Centre with 27 small industrial units and an outlet for Derbyshire Chamber/Business Link.
1995	Establishment of Rosliston Forestry Centre - the first visitor centre in The National Forest - through a partnership between the Forestry Commission, the National Forest Company and South Derbyshire District Council.
1995	Formation of the National Forest Company, a Company Limited by Guarantee charged with the creation of The National Forest. In the first ten years of operation some six million trees have been planted, often on degraded land, raising the wooded cover from 6% to 16%. This has been accompanied by a growth of visitor and forest-related businesses.
1995	Construction of the William Nadin Way by-pass and development of Tetron Point business park in Swadlincote following the completion of opencast coal extraction.
1995-9	Closure of coal-fired power stations at Willington A and B.
1996-01	Successful SRB2 programme known as the 'Swadlincote Woodlands' urban regeneration project, undertaken by the Made in Swadlincote Partnership. A grant of £3.34 million was invested over five years, realising a total investment of some £26 million. This supported a range of activities including: creation of Swadlincote Woodlands urban country park; a business support programme; a youth information shop; a family literacy programme; and managed workspace units.
1997	Cessation of opencast mining in South Derbyshire.
1997	Opening of the A50 east-west link road between the M6 and M1.
1999	Award of £0.6 million of SRB5 funds for local community capacity building through the One Stop Shop Network to address rural exclusion and provide youth activities.
1999-04	The Leicestershire and South Derbyshire Coalfields Partnership distributed £800,000 of SRB and £2.48 million of Rural Development Area funds. Projects in the District included support for environmental education and rural transport, together with the development of community centres at Coton-in-the-Elms and the Old Post Centre in Newhall.
2001	Award of £0.8 million of SRB6 funds to the most deprived wards of the former coalfield market towns of Swadlincote, Ashby and Coalville to: develop a learning partnership; address social exclusion, crime and drugs misuse; and support post-16 education and training.
2003	Final closure of Drakelow coal-fired power station.

### Socio-economic profile of South Derbyshire 1981-2001 (Census)

South Derbyshire	1981	1991	2001	England 2001
Population	67,329	71,772	81,562	-
Change in population	+11.7%	+6.6%	+12.2%	+2.6%
Unemployment	-	6.7%	2.3%	3.3%
<b>Economically active residents by industry</b>				
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	4.5	2.5	2.0	1.5
Energy, coal and water	14.0	10.6	1.4	1.0
Manufacturing	35.0	25.3	24.7	14.8
Construction	5.0	6.8	6.7	6.8
Services	41.6	54.4	65.2	76.0
Not stated	-	0.5	-	-