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remember all the men and boys who died in this mine.

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Work is now concentrating on the cap at the mine shaft where children's designs from a competition held in the Parish's schools and St. Luke's School in Silverdale before Covid -19, will be transferred from an A4 sheet of paper to a segment of the 30 foot (9.14 m) diameter cap.



So, now you know a bit more about the work at the Heritage Site would you like to join the **sponsored walk on Saturday the 4th October** to raise funds to help this work continue?

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