

## **CASE STUDY** KIVETON PIT HEAD BATHS

**Project:** Demolition of Pithead Baths  
**Client:** Homes and Community Agencies  
**Date:** August 2013 - October 2013

Historic pithead baths at Kiveton Park Colliery have now been levelled by a specialist team from Rotherham-based Ron Hull Demolition.

After years of debate about the future of the derelict building and even delays caused by nesting swallows the structure was finally taken down in just a matter of days. The last part to go was the landmark water tower.

Built in 1938 and paid for by the miners themselves the baths have been standing empty and unused since the pit closed almost twenty years ago. The site was at one point given Grade II listed status but after break-ins, thefts and vandalism the building was declared unsafe and had to be fenced off.

The demolition attracted national interest. A BBC television crew has filmed progress on the project for a programme that is to be broadcast later in the year.

As part the preparation work on the site, Ron Hull Demolition's specialist team did everything they could to save everything of historic interest including the huge Royal Doulton troughs that were used when the miners filled their water bottles before going underground.

Brickwork, concrete and rubble is being crushed on the site, a process that took about a week. Meanwhile metal, timber and other materials were moved to the Ron Hull Group's recycling centre in Rotherham, which is one of the most advanced facilities of its type in the country. It is a zero-to-landfill operation, so absolutely nothing is wasted.

Ron Hull Demolition continue to set standards for others to follow.

