

**The Ram Hill Colliery dates from the nineteenth century and was successfully producing good quality coal between the early 1830's and the late 1860's.**

**Most of the coal from this mine was sent to and used in Bristol, for domestic heating and fuelling the increasing number of steam engines during the industrial revolution.**

**Three factors make this Ram Hill Colliery site particularly special:**

### **1 STANDING ARCHAEOLOGY**

While there are no complete buildings on this site, there are the remains of the engine house, the complete footprint of the horse gin, the loading bays of the Dramway and possibly, but yet undiscovered, the boiler house and the water reservoir.

### **2 THE DRAMWAY**

The old horse drawn railway, that transported the coal from the Coalpit Heath mines to boats waiting at the quay on the River Avon, has its northern terminus at the Ram Hill Colliery.

### **3 PUBLIC OWNERSHIP**

The site is owned by South Gloucestershire Council, affording archaeology and country side management expertise and assured public access.



*The ENGINE HOUSE*

Because the Ram Hill site is of such importance, English Heritage have Scheduled it, making it subject to special protection.

The Friends of Ram Hill Colliery have formed to restore the site. Their aim is raise funding to protect the standing archaeology, to improve access and interpretation and generally open up and maintain the site as an area of interest and local heritage for everyone in the community. A lottery bid for the site has been applied for.

**If you would like to join The Friends contact**

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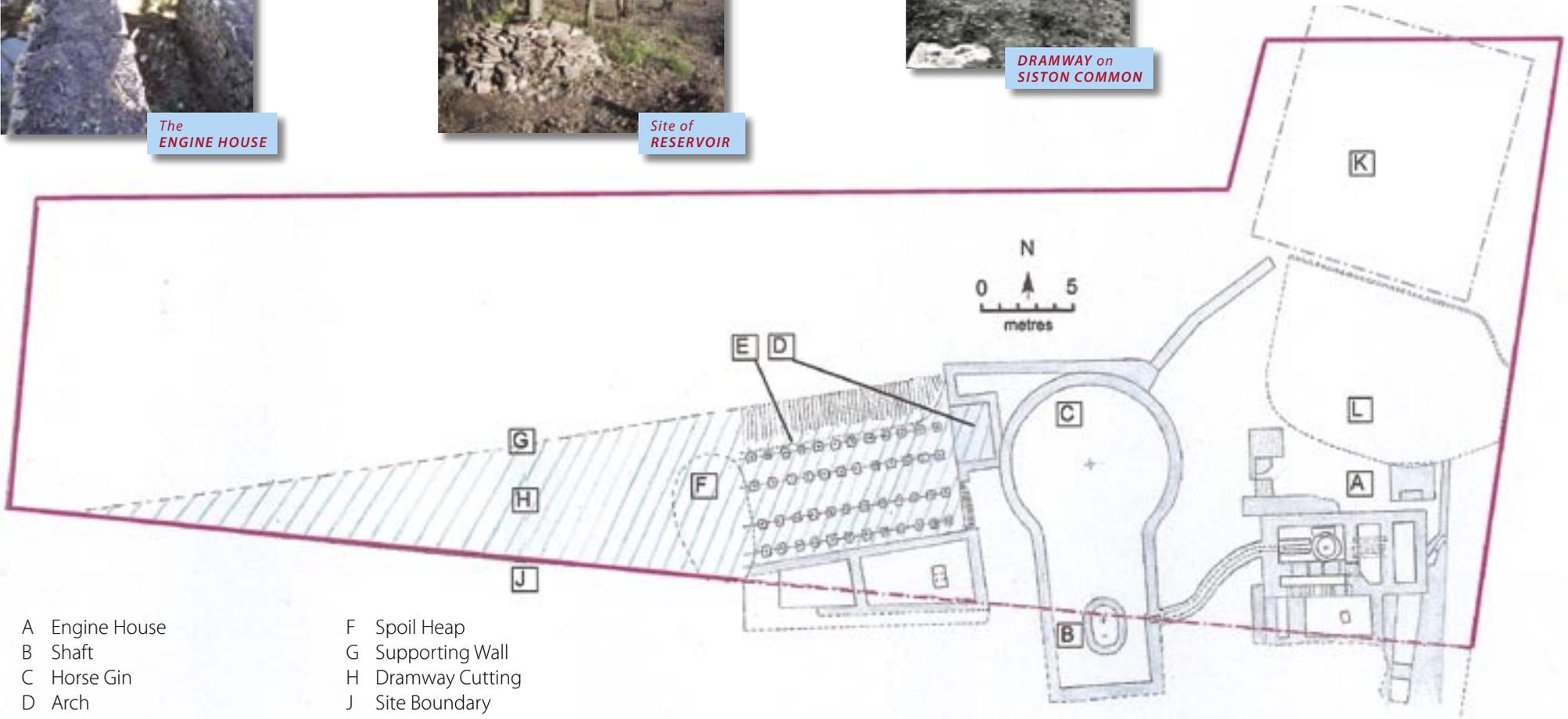
DRAMWAY on  
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The  
ENGINE HOUSE



Site of  
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|---|----------------------|
| A Engine House                                | F Spoil Heap         |
| B Shaft                                       | G Supporting Wall    |
| C Horse Gin                                   | H Dramway Cutting    |
| D Arch  | J Site Boundary      |
| E Dramway Rail Shoes and Stone sleeper blocks | K Possible Reservoir |
|   | L Spoil Heap         |

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