

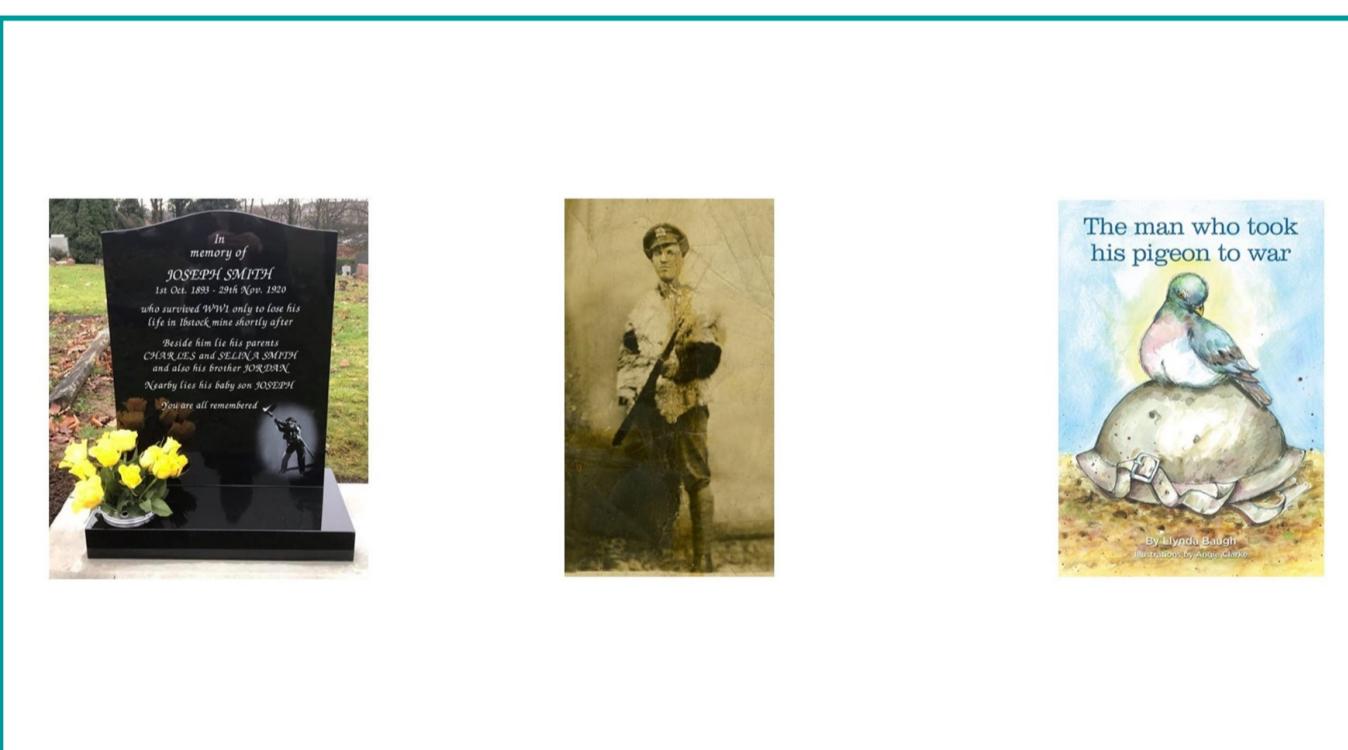
Hello Heritage...

Ibstock Colliery and Brickworks

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The first shafts at Ibstock Colliery were sunk in 1825 by William Thirlby. There were 28 pit ponies providing underground haulage in 1864. Only 12 residents were employed as labourers in Coal Mines in 1831, in 1911, Ibstock had 1,093 residents employed in the mines. Others worked in the brick and pipe yards attached to the collieries. Ibstock Colliery closed in 1929. Ibstock Brick was the major employer based within the parish in the early years of the 21st century. The brickyard was loss-making in 1914 due to a shortage of labour due to the war. After WW1 it returned profits and continued after the colliery had closed. The company changed its name in 1935 to Ibstock Brick and Tile Company Ltd. They opened new kilns in the 1950's. The pipework's closed in 1965, with all attention then focused on bricks. Ibstock PLC was the leading clay-brick manufacturer in the UK in 2018, and a major manufacturer of concrete products for the building, roofing, fencing and rail markets. Bricks and concrete products are both made at the Ibstock site. A new factory named Eclipse opened at Ibstock in 2018.



Accidents happened in the Pits. Joseph Smith was buried aged just 27 years old, to die so cruelly, just a year after surviving WW1, including a year in a prison camp. He left a wife and two children. A piece of coal had fallen on his head, it caused two fractures of the skull and laceration of the brain.



Some of the 28 Ponies that worked at the colliery.
Ibstock Colliery Pit Ponies, with the colliery headstock
and other buildings in the background.



Two of the Ibstock Brick and Tile lorries. They were Grey and Red when new but later painted two tone green.

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