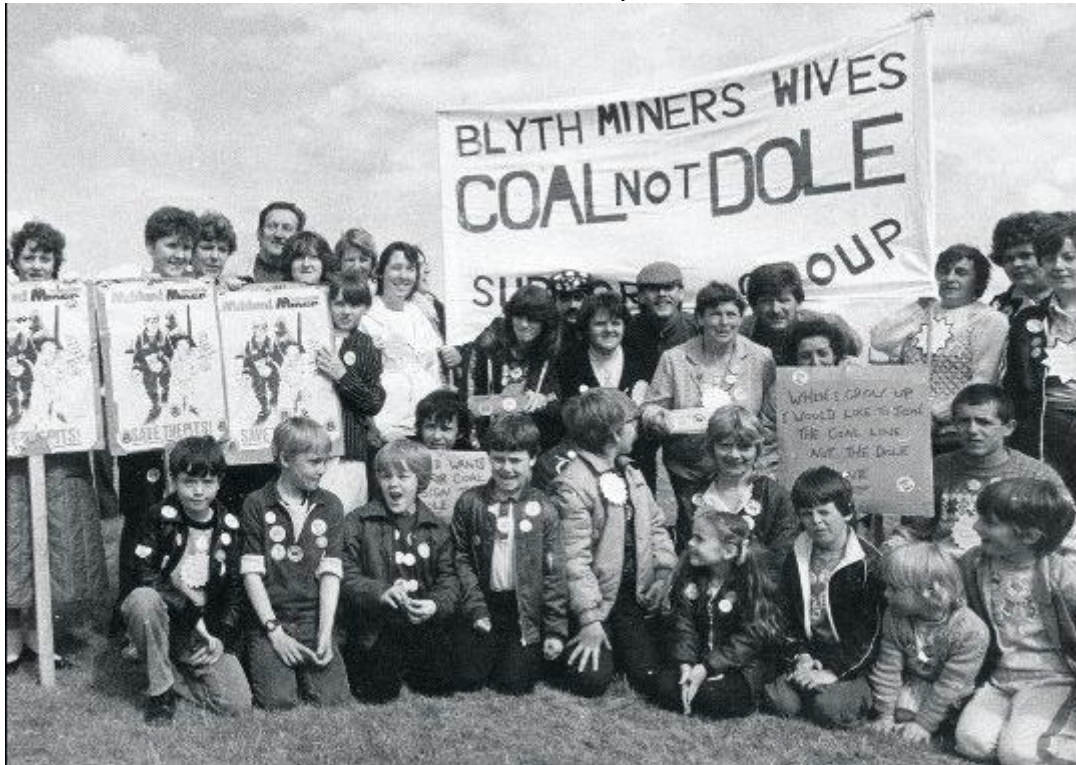


Miners Strike

The miners' strike of 1984-85 was a major industrial action to shut down the British coal industry in an attempt to prevent colliery closures. It was led by Arthur Scargill of the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM). Opposition to the strike was led by the Conservative government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who wanted to reduce the power of the trade unions.





<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/guardianwitness-blog/2015/mar/05/miners-strike-30-years-on-i-fought-not-just-for-my-pit-but-for-the-community>

The 2014 film **Pride** is based on a true story of a group of LGBT activists who raised funds to assist and support families in a Welsh mining village.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OA-76QeiuSQ>

Beamish Museum- Photos, memories and collections associated with the year long miners' strike of

1984. <http://collections.beamish.org.uk/pages/1984minersstrike>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/insideout/eastmidlands/series5/miners_strike_coal.shtml

The 2000 film **Billy Elliot**, set in 1984, was based around mining communities in Easington Colliery and Seaham. The father and brother of the title character are striking miners. Several scenes depict the chaos at picket lines, clashes between armies of police and striking miners, and the shame associated with crossing the picket line. It showed the abject poverty associated with the strike and the harshness and desperation of not having coal for heat in winter.

<https://archiveshub.jisc.ac.uk/features/mar04.shtml>

Whilst exploring the UK Miners' Strike 1984-85, we would like you to research;

- What is the cause of the strike?
- Where and when did it take place?
- How were the protests covered in the media? How did they portray the miners? Why do you think that was?
- What role did the Women Against Pit Closures play?

- How was MI5 involved?
- What was to governments strategy?
- How did the strike end?
- What are the short and long term impacts of this?