

Pit closures add to unemployment gloom

British Coal has announced that 27 pits will close and production will cease at a further four, with the loss of 30,000 jobs. Only 19 working pits will remain.

At the time of the 1984/85 miners' strike 170,000 worked in 170 pits, while 718,000 miners were employed when the industry was nationalised in 1947

BRITISH COAL

Nottinghamshire

Bevercotes	800
Bilsthorpe	934
Calverton	750
Clipstone	970
Cotgrave	620
Rufford	800
Silverhill	820
Total	5,694

Midlands / Wales

Bolsover	496
Markham	1,300
Parkside	780
Shirebrook	1,000
Silverdale	700
Trentham	1,540
Betws Drift	110
Point of Ayr	480
Taff Merthyr	400
Total	6,806

North East

Easington	1,400
Vane Tempest/ Seaham	940
Westoe	1,200
Total	3,540

South Yorkshire

Bentley	650
Frickley	1,000
Grimethorpe	959
Houghton Main	440
Kiveton	775
Markham Main	734
Rossington	880
Total	5,438

Selby

Sharlston	750
Total	750

'Mothballed'

Wearmouth	990
Prince of Wales	700
Hatfield/Thorne	460
Maltby	1,300
Total	3,450

