

July 2024: Closed church of South Hylton St Mary – Sink hole formation on north wall of church.



Hole measured approx. 600mm diameter at mouth opening, 2m deep diagonal direction below church north wall foundations, located on north side of church, 7m from the west gable end corner/buttress. Evidence of brick and ash fill.



Area cordoned off. Insurers and Coal Authority notified. See structural engineer's report.



Sink hole filled in, 23rd January 2025, on structural engineer's advice.
Weak mix concrete batched and poured by hand, poker vibrated.

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