

WOMEN AGAINST PIT CLOSURES (WAPC) PIT CAMPS

Seven pit camps were set up in January 1993 in response to the announcement by the Government in October 1992, to close 31 deep mines. This followed the closure of 125 mines since the end of the Miner's Strike in 1985.



The history of the 1984/85 miner's strike is well recorded. However, the story of the Women against Pit Closures (WAPC) Pit Camps set up in January 1993 is not. The University of Sheffield are working on a Sheffield 'Stories of Activism' project (<http://storiesofactivism.group.shef.ac.uk>), and are supporting members of Sheffield Women against Pit Closures, to include the story of the pit camp they were involved in at Houghton Main Pit, South Yorkshire, with local WAPC women.

We hope to publish our book '**You can't kill the spirit**' in the summer 2018, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the pit camps, and the struggle and campaigning of women a hundred years ago, leading to the partial vote for women in 1918

If you would like to help us by making a donation to help with the cost of producing the book, and/or by pre-ordering a copy, please let us know.

We intend to include information on each of the other six pit camps. If we have not already been in touch with you, please contact us via one of the emails below. We would love to hear from you.

We have also produced WAPC 'You can't kill the spirit' T-shirts to raise funds for the book:



The t shirts come in a variety of sizes and colours, and cost £12 with package & postage. **£10 at events**
Email Caroline: poland.cf@gmail.com / head the email WAPC T shirt. Thank you.

***We hope to hear from you. To contact us, please email:
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