

# THE HUSKAR WINDOW

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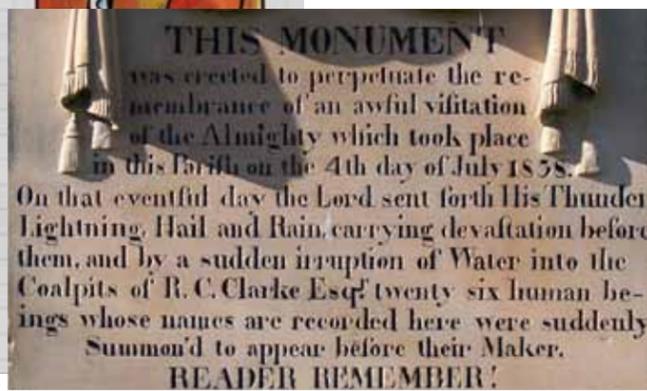
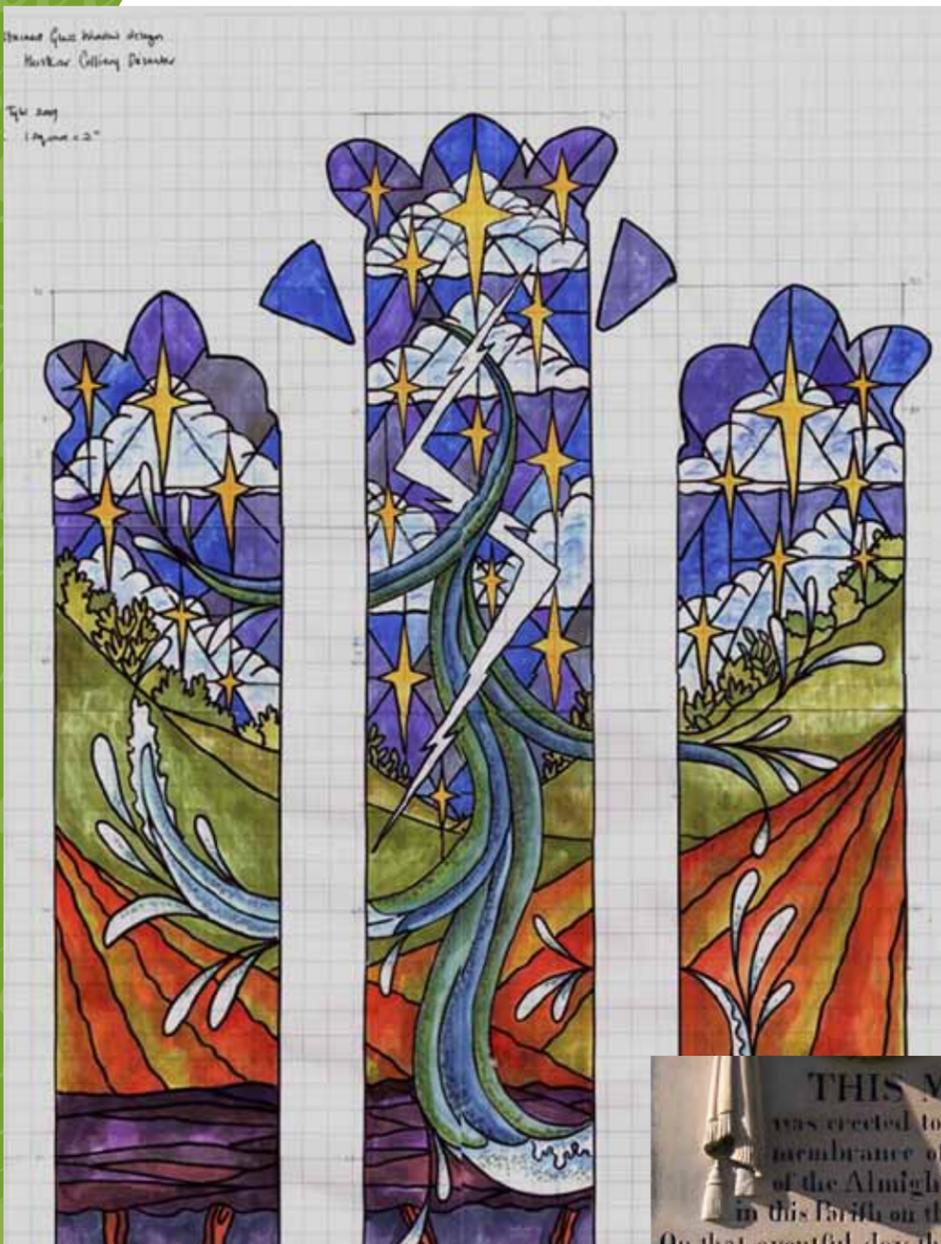
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The window commemorates the loss of 26 young lives, drowned underground on 4<sup>th</sup> July 1838, when a sudden rainstorm caused a stream to overflow its banks and flood into the workings of the nearby coal-mine. The tragedy caused horror across the nation and prompted a change in the law to protect working children.

The Huskar Window sits alongside the other windows and plaques commemorating family members and servants of the coal-master, R C Clarke (owner of Silkstone Colliery). There are pews which still bear his name.

There are two other memorials to the disaster. One from 1841 is in the churchyard, and the other (erected in 1988) is in Silkstone Common, close to the roadside entrance of Nabs Wood, near the site of the Huskar drift.

*Julie Tyler's fine original design was interpreted by Rachel Poole, who guided local volunteers in the creation of the window.*



*Look closely at the window and find the names and ages of the children who died in the disaster...*

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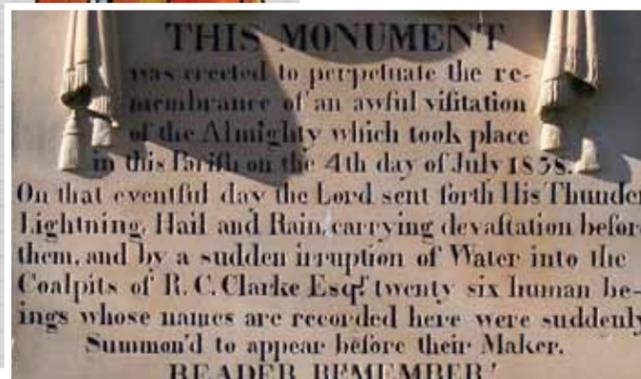
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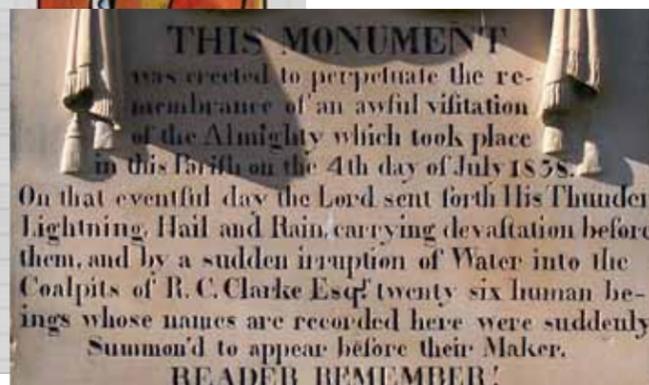
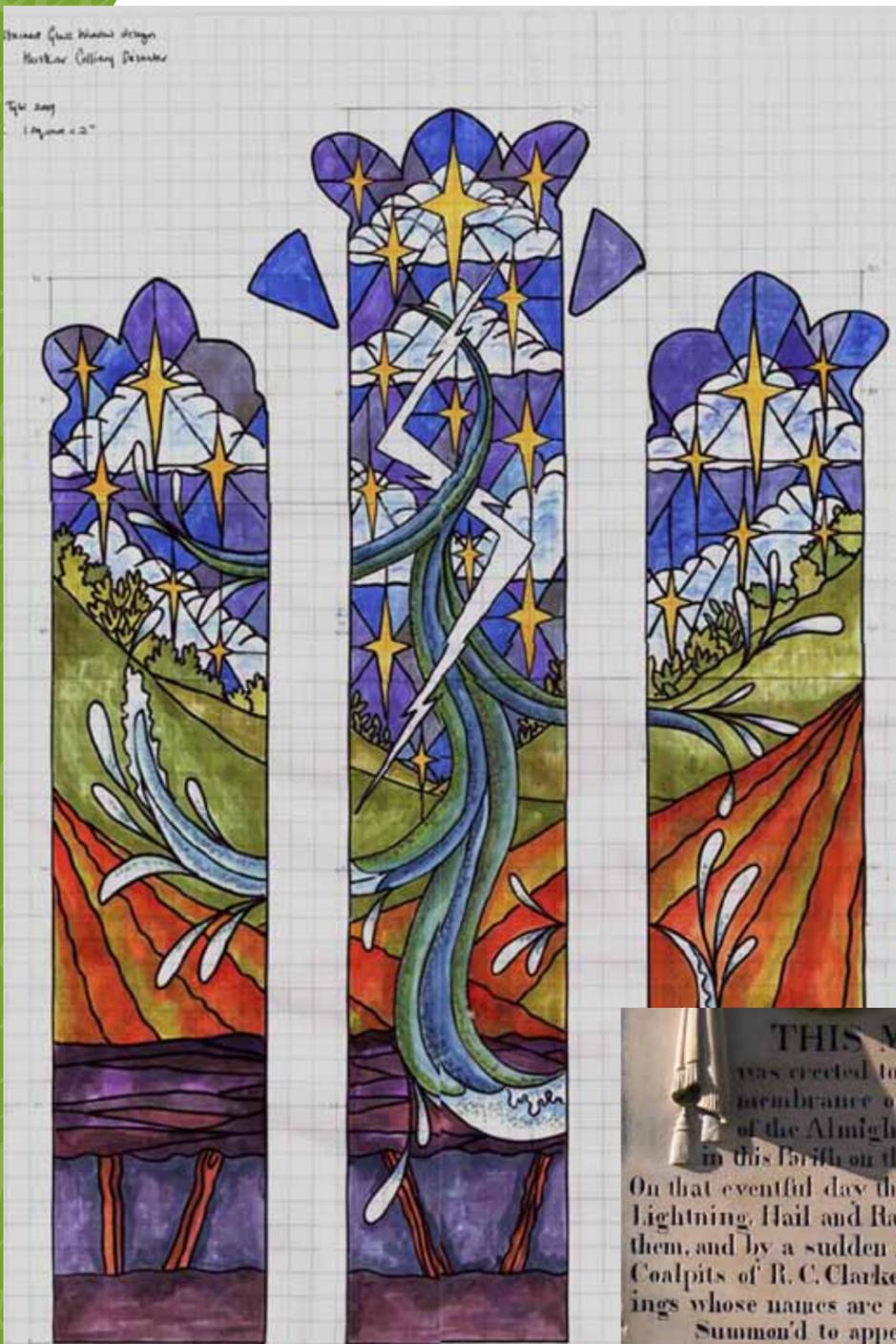
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