West Cumbria Mining completed investigations of the upper section of the former Sandwith Anhydrite Mine drifts, located on the former Marchon site. This work was undertaken to assess the conditions of the drifts and gain important information on any necessary remediation needed to bring them into use once mine construction begins.

Before works started, a survey was undertaken and prior to assessing the condition of the drifts the existing brickwork, which was deemed to be unsafe, was cleared and the site was prepared ready for works to begin.
Drift Opening and Underground Inspection
WCM’s contractor Hargreaves breached the inner stoppings of both drifts.
Initial safety inspections were undertaken of the drifts by Mines Rescue prior to geotechnical inspections by WCM to assess for the condition of the drifts.
Following the completion of works the drifts were resealed, and the site cleared.

- Clearing the Stoppings
- Underground Conditions
- Drift re-entry site sealed ready for reseeding