

TOOLS OF THE TRADE LABELS

TULL

A hard-hat, traditionally made of leather or pressed felt.

GOOK

A bonnet which extended forwards to protect the face and eyes.

CANVAS JACKET

A jacket made of stiff, water-proof canvas.

TOWSER

A tough apron, often made from old sack cloth.

BOOTS

A good set of boots to protect your feet.

SCOOTS

Work shoes with wooden soles to protect your toes.

BORING HAMMER

A type of hammer used for drilling out holes in rock.

SPALLING HAMMER

A large hammer for breaking up rock.

GUN POWDER AND FUSE

Used for blasting ore.

CORNISH SHOVEL

A long handled shovel with a triangular blade.

TALLOW CANDLES

Candles made from animal fat were the only light.

BUCKING IRON

A flat headed hammer used for breaking rock down into powder.

✗ SOCKS

It was so wet underground, miners normally didn't wear socks.

✗ DAVY LAMP

Humphry Davy's Miner's Safety Lamp kept coal miners safe by guarding the flame against gas explosions but they were never used in Cornish mines.

✗ CANARY

Canaries were used to detect gas leaks in coal mines. They were never used in Cornwall.