

Bowburn Durham miners' Edith Cavell banner - discovered 2024

In 1920 near Durham a new banner was created for the Bowburn miners to use in the annual gala with an image of Edith Cavell. It is the only known such banner to portray an identifiable woman.

"After the war (1919) Bowburn had no banner, and a few men got together and decided to get a one painted locally. The artist was the Colliery painter, a man called Marrington [sic] and for their product he chose Edith Cavell as his subject... The reverse side bore a portrait of John Wilson, a more conventional choice in view of his long service to the Durham Miners Association and his death before the end of the first World War. For his efforts the artist was victimised by the Colliery under-manager, being taken off his painting trade and put to water leading, a much inferior job."

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