Haw Park was originally a distinct colliery on its own and was adjacent to the Barnsley Canal but, in the years surrounding the First World War, it was absorbed into the complex which was Sharlston West Colliery (later, post Nationalisation, known as Walton Colliery).

In the early 1920s this group enjoyed significant investment and the Haw Park shaft became merely a ventilation shaft and an escape route in case of emergency. The configuration at this time was to use a Waddle fan at the Haw Park end. Subsequently, a Scirocco fan at the main power plant end took over the main ventilation, the Waddle fan being only a standby. Eventually the Waddle fan was removed and a spiral structure was installed in the Haw Park shaft to better balance the ventilation. The whole complex closed circa 1978-9 but some structures remained in place into the 1990s with a ‘chimney’ installed to vent gas. Now (2012) almost nothing remains, the concrete capping is now overgrown and the Barnsley Canal which once served the pit is now derelict and just barely in water.