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A long history of visitors to the area.

People have been coming up to Haytor since the late 19th century; in those days they would have probably caught the train to Bovey Tracey and then got on one of the old charabancs and come up, just to go for a short walk normally or even have a picnic. Many of those would have actually been tourists staying in Torquay and coming out for the day, but these days we get lots more local people coming out who just come out to escape, get some fresh air, predominantly to go for a short walk, perhaps walk the dog; and many of them will bring games out, have a picnic and just have a family half day out in the summer.

And why is it that Haytor is such a popular spot for visitors?

I think, well the rock is the main attraction, you can see it from all around, you can certainly see it from Newton Abbot, you can see it from the outskirts of Torquay and its just such a pull for people, I've known children to get up to the top of the tor and say, 'Wow it's the whole wide world ahead of me', you know, it's just that kind of feeling isn't it?