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A Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Haytor Rock and Quarry are registered as an SSSI?

Yes, a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Can you tell me a little bit about that?

Well this is a national designation under conservation law, the Wildlife and Countryside Act and the Countryside and Rights of Way Act; it basically says that this site is nationally important for the geology it shows, and this was selected through part of a national system called the Geological Conservation Review and its supposed to be one of the best examples of granite exposure in the country, and it was selected as representative of Dartmoor granite because it's so well exposed here. There is the quarry with finer grained granite and there's the tor itself with a huge exposure of the coarse grained granite, so its nationally important in that respect.