

**Bill Allen**

**Enjoying the snow on Haytor.**

Ironically its when there's snow on the ground, that's actually when we get more people on Haytor than any other time of year, they will come up in their thousands, and it's great to see people enjoying themselves, it's everything from sledging, skiing, building snowmen, snowballs, all the rest of it, but sadly the down side of it there are things like the traffic congestion, the damage to the ground when it's either frozen or semi frozen and thousands of people walking or doing their thing on the ground and the worst of it is always the litter left behind, sadly; after snow it really is a big issue and I could probably re-build a car with all the bits of car bonnet and things I've picked up over the years, yes, sometimes after one snowy weekend the place is looking a bit sorry for itself. But one thing that springs to mind, a few years ago we actually picked up two house baths, that's proper full sized house baths, with their taps, and someone had tied ropes onto the taps and had tobogganed down off Haytor, which is very innovative and great fun, but they'd left them behind at the end of the day, and I think that's the saddest part of that, it's great to see people enjoying themselves, but when they just leave whatever they've sledged on, or all their rubbish behind that does sadden me.