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The aplite quarry workings.

Well this is really the last area of industrial activity at Meldon, these two, the north and the south aplite quarries probably came into being in the 1920s and then were worked until the 1960s. The buildings that we're looking at, which actually lie between the two quarries, they're all associated with the aplite quarry; again, looking at earlier maps, there were more buildings here which we've actually lost, what we've got, we've actually still got the weigh house, and you can still see the weighing scales, and possibly a power house next to it, and the building up towards the car park was also part of this quarry; just a little bit further down, if you're walking back down towards the West Okement you'll see two more little buildings, one of which was probably the magazine where they actually kept the detonators and the dynamite for working these quarries.