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Creation of the Meldon limestone.

Tell me about the lime we find here and the quarry here.

Well it's a little patch of limestone and this quarry here, this quarry which now has turned into a sort of beautiful deep pool set amongst dark rocks and overhanging trees, you have to imagine as being a very busy industrial site, not that long ago in archaeological terms. And it was a deposit of limestone, a small patch of limestone, different from the other limestones that we get around Dartmoor; this is thought to be a bit of limestone that slumped down from the great limestone, Carboniferous limestones that were being deposited in what is now South Wales and the South Welsh mountains.