

Kevin Page

Creation of the Meldon limestone.

So we have a deposit here laid down in a deep sea some 350 million years ago and the lime didn't actually form here, you don't normally find it in deep seas, because the sorts of animals which produce it don't live there; this lime has actually probably come down, washed down from some shallow water shelf somewhere, maybe in the Mendips or South Wales where there were lots of live coral reefs and things, and maybe by a storm or a tsunami washed this lime into the deep sea and it forms this deposit here; and because its such an unusual deposit in the area it was economically very, very important.