

**David Payne**

**Development of Meldon Quarry in the 1870s.**

The railway was pushed through the section where we're standing at Meldon Quarry, I think in 1874, and at that time they had to cut through some of the rock that was here, and the then London and Southwest Railway engineers realised the good physical qualities of the stone here for engineering works on the railways, and I think it was soon after that that they started to work the quarry to supply their network which ran from here right the way through southern England to Waterloo, to use the stone for ballast and other engineering works.