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**The dam in the landscape.**

*So this dam is a pretty impressive structure across the valley?*

Yes indeed, its reminiscent of some of the continental dams I suppose, with the high sided valley and that curvature on the dam itself; of course it looks particularly dramatic when the water's cascading over the overflow chutes and that's obviously just water that has to be returned to the river anyway to keep the river flowing.

*And the reservoir here at Meldon is quite unusual compared with other reservoirs on Dartmoor.*

Yes it is, I mean most of them are either in forestry plantations, or surrounded by forestry plantations or in rather less dramatic scenery perhaps than Meldon. I mean there was a lot of controversy at the time it was built because of the scenic beauty of the valley.