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Flint tools found in the area.

The interesting thing is that as well as all this upstanding evidence, archaeological evidence, such as the stone rows, the cists, the hut circles, the other very tangible evidence of the presence of these people who were living up here and being buried up here, is the finding of flint tools and I myself have found a large number, when you walk around, and if you look in scuffed areas. And I know when they were actually planting the trees here they were ploughing up and picking up arrowheads and things like that. And they are very much our immediate contact with those people, when you actually find a piece of flint and you pick it up and you think of the last person who actually held that, which was probably 4000 years ago, it puts you in immediate contact with them.

And what sort of flints have been found?

Well a variety of flint tools, we have everything from arrowheads, which were obviously used for hunting, we have scrapers which probably were used in a domestic situation, which suggests they are associated with people who were living in the hut circles and they would have been used for cleaning and scraping skins and hides, we have knives where one side of the flint tool has been deliberately blunted so that they can actually hold it and the other side has been sharpened, so it works just like a knife, then we have lots more rather more complicated bits of flint, things like burins and awls, which were used as little piercing tools, so there's actually, there's really quite an impressive range of tools that they were able to create out of flint. And the thing about flint on Dartmoor is that you don't find it – it doesn't occur here naturally so any flint that you do find you know has been brought here by humans a few thousand years ago.