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Managing the archaeology.

And although the central area of the woodland, the area we call Lakehead Hill was left unplanted in the original scheme other archaeological sites elsewhere were planted upon and obviously trees growing on archaeological sites is not a particularly good thing. And then in the 1970s an agreement was reached with the Dartmoor Preservation Association, the Forestry Commission and the Dartmoor National Park Authority, to remove trees from identified archaeological sites, and not only from the sites themselves but also for an area 15 feet away from the site so that if any tree fell over it wouldn't fall onto the archaeology. So you would find yourself walking through the forest and suddenly coming along a little clearing and inside that clearing you would find, maybe a prehistoric cist or a medieval feature of some sort and so you had these small little bubbles, almost, containing archaeology, but it did create a management problem, because there was a need to stop regeneration happening within these clearings.