

COUNTY: Devon SITE NAME: BICKLEIGH WOOD QUARRY

DISTRICT: Mid Devon

Status: Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) notified under Section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

Local Planning Authority: Devon County Council, Mid Devon District Council

National Grid Reference: SS 943179 Area: 0.6 (ha) 1.4 (ac)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 181 1:10,000: SS 91 NW

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1974 Date of Last Revision: 1976

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1984 Date of Last Revision: –

Other Information:
Extended at 1984 revision.

Description:

An old quarry providing sedimentologically interesting exposures in late Namurian sandstones. The section contains some problematical trace fossils which are currently under investigation, but is mainly of importance for its excellent display of soft-sediment deformation features and turbidite induced scours. Some fine examples of squamiform loading are present and a field of flute marks which ranks as one of the best in the country. A key site for sedimentological studies in the Carboniferous.