

**County:** Devon      **Site Name:** Mount Wise

**District:** Plymouth

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

**Local Planning Authority:** Devon County Council, Plymouth City Council

**National Grid Reference:** SX 456541      **Area:** 0.5 (ha) 1.2 (ac)

**Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000:** 201      **1:10,000:** SX 45 SE

**Date Notified (Under 1949 Act):** –      **Date of Last Revision:** –

**Date Notified (Under 1981 Act):** 1985      **Date of Last Revision:** –

**Other Information:**

New site.

**Description:**

A site within the Plymouth Limestone Group, of Givetian (Middle Devonian) age, which has long been known as a good fossiliferous locality. Of particular interest here, however, is the Mount Wise Shell Bed – a discontinuous horizon very rich in shelly remains of importance not only as a fossil locality, but also useful for correlation purposes as it appears to be equivalent to the Lummaton Shell Beds Member in the Torquay area.