



the scale of the cliffs. The overturned, northern limbs of the folds are often cut out by reverse faults, and wrench faults are also common.

Hele, Samson's and Combe Martin Bays are of considerable national importance for Devonian stratigraphy, palaeontology and palaeogeography in addition to providing key exposures of fold structures situated on the northern edge of the Variscan foldbelt.