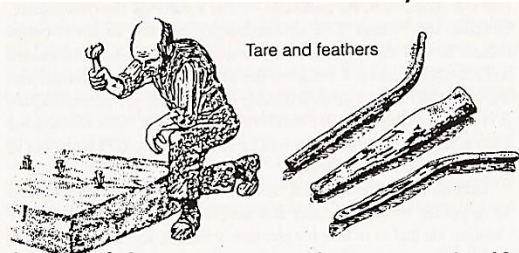


The Haytor granite tramway was constructed in 1820 to carry granite from the quarries near Haytor to the basin of Stover Canal at Ventiford, Teigngrace. Dartmoor granite has been used on and around Dartmoor for building houses, doorways, churches, tombstones, walls, gateposts and paving. You can find examples of all these on a short walk around Bovey Tracey. Once you start noticing our granite heritage you will see it everywhere! There are 12 granite features to find in this trail – tick the box when you find it.



Source: The Haytor Tramway and Stover Canal by Helen Harris 1994

The splitting of the granite was done using the 'feather and tare' method. A series of holes was made using a tool called a 'jumper'. Feathers were metal prongs with curved upper ends which were inserted into the drilled hole. The tare was then hammered in until the granite fractured. Evidence of this method can still be seen in pavements, buildings and posts around the town.



Pavement edge in Fore Street showing the drill holes where the granite was split – can you find it?

Following this trail of granite will take you from East Street to the milestone at the corner of Ashburton Road. Town maps are available from the Tourist Information Centre in Station Road.

The story of Dartmoor granite began about 300 million years ago, but what does it mean to us today? How has granite shaped the lives of the people in our parish?

Granite Elements is the name of Bovey Tracey's innovative two-year project, led by local resident and artist Bridget Arnold. The project shines a light on how the history of granite quarrying has shaped the heritage of the parish of Bovey Tracey and how this connects local people to their surrounding landscape.

Moor than meets the eye

Landscape Partnership



This *Parishscapes* project has been funded by **Moor Than Meets the Eye**, a landscape partnership scheme which is bringing communities and organisations together to explore Dartmoor's past, conserve its wildlife, improve understanding of this rich landscape and develop and share the skills to look after it for generations to come.

Website for details:

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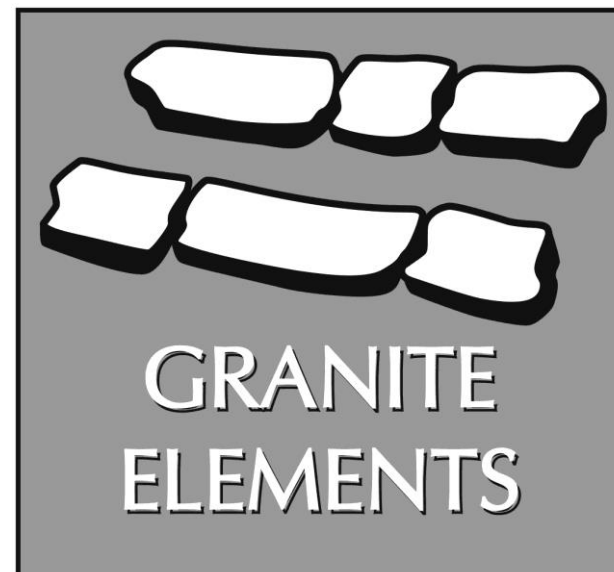
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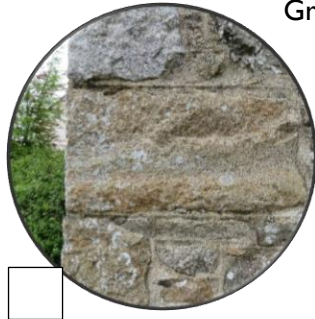


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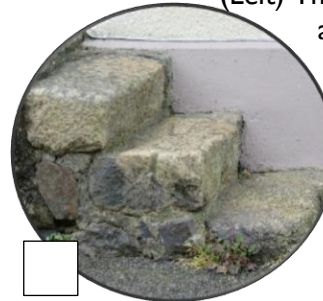
Spotting granite around town. See if you can find these granite highlights around the town. The trail will take you from St Mary's Well in East Street (by 39 bus stop) to the signpost at the corner of Ashburton Road. Town maps are available from the Tourist Information Centre in Station Road.



There's a lot of granite to see in this area. Look for gateposts and monuments as well as this trough where the Ashwell spring emerged.



Granite shaped for other uses was often recycled building material. Can you see where part of it has been smoothed?



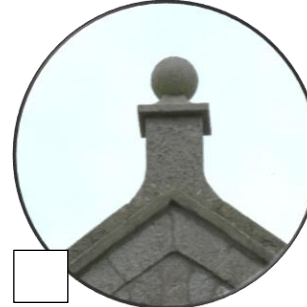
(Left) These steps were built as a mounting block (to help people up onto a horse). (Right) Notice how the granite has been shaped in these blocks.



Probably built in 1897 to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, the trough provided water for visiting animals.



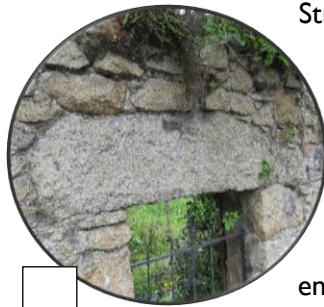
These two examples show the skills of the granite cutters who shaped and carved the granite to the desired shape.



Here is another reshaped block of granite, which may have originally formed part of the granite tramway.



The bridge was built in 1642, but was widened in 1852 because of extra traffic in the town.



Stray Park was once a field where stray animals were impounded and only released on payment of a fine. This granite lintel marks the entrance.



This granite signpost shows the direction to Newton Abbot and Ashburton. You will find many more examples of granite in this area. If you carry on along the Ashburton Road until you get to Shaptor View on the right, you will reach the route of the Granite Tramway. The track is easy to follow and you will soon reach Chapple Road. You can follow the tramway from here, through woodland until you reach the Haytor Road and the Edgemoor Hotel.

THE GRANITE TRAMWAY FORMS PART OF THE ROUTE KNOWN AS THE TEMPLER WAY. <http://www.devon.gov.uk/templerwayleaflet.pdf>

Do you or any members of your family have any connections to our granite heritage? We would love to hear from anyone with information about granite quarrying, building or examples of granite used for other uses such as gateposts or fencing. Please contact Bovey Tracey Heritage Centre (contact details overleaf) to add to our granite story.