



Exmoor's Coastal Landscapes

12th Exmoor Archaeology Forum

Porlock Village Hall
Saturday 21st April 2012



(Photograph courtesy of Kester Webb)

This year the Archaeology Forum will focus on several aspects of Exmoor's coastal landscape, looking at how it has evolved over the last 10,000 years and how its evolution and development has influenced, and been influenced by, people.

The flooding of the Severn Plain and the formation of the Severn Estuary since the Ice Age is explored by Dr Simon Fitch through the West Coast Palaeolandscapes Survey, whilst Richard McDonnell assesses how ongoing coastal changes have led to a range of archaeological discoveries around Porlock Marsh. The way hunter gatherer communities responded to this changing environment and landscape is investigated by Dr Paula Gardiner through excavations on the Mesolithic site at Hawkcombe Head. Exmoor's valley mires can shed considerable light on how early environments evolved, and this evidence is discussed by Dr Heather Davies who has recently completed a detailed study on the subject. Kester Webb, whose intimate knowledge of Exmoor's coastline is unrivalled, sheds light on the 'Hidden Edge of Exmoor' from a viewpoint that few have ever been privileged enough to see.

In more recent centuries, Exmoor's dramatic coastal landform has become the backdrop for a number of estates with spectacular gardens and designed landscapes from Lynmouth to Dunster. Rob Wilson-North, Christian Sweet, Dr Katie Campbell and Rob Turner will guide us through some of these remarkable places.



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