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Increased numbers of visitors.

As a youngster we'd go up, especially at the weekends, because obviously with school we weren't able to go up during the week, but you could go up all the way around Haytor and if you saw one person you were unlucky. Now you go up there and every two hundred yards, even in the winter, you'll come across someone, so the amount of use by people has increased, so the isolation has gone from the moor, and I miss that, I really used to love going up there and just having the moor to ourselves, now you can't. That was when we were growing up as teenagers, taking our ponies out to check the ponies and you just didn't see anyone, there was a couple of riding stables in the area and you'd sometimes see their ponies out, they used it quite a lot, but as far as walking was concerned you saw very few people. And also the cars, the car parks even on a really wet windy day are now full of cars, where as if it was wet and windy [in the past] there was no one there. So yes, there have been a lot of changes over the years.