

## **Christopher Gardner-Thorpe**

### **The King's Tor loop.**

Round King's Tor you see a great loop of railway line, it's a wonderful sight really from the roads round here and a favourite site for people to walk on Sundays and so on, and it's a cycle track too. The train, when it was horse-drawn could probably take steeper inclines and when the steam came of course the rails slipped and therefore the route needed to be altered, so to reduce the incline you increase the length and so there are two loops round King's Tor and I think the trains were slow and there are stories of people who used to get off the train at one station and run either up or down hill to another station and sometimes miss the train of course, this was a sport for boys to indulge in.