Scarborough

19-Oct-94

HAGGLAND POT.

Silpho, Scarborough, North Yorkshire. Grid ref. SE961 923

Haggland Pot is a small Slip Rift cave formed on the edge of a field boundary next to Haggland Wood, overlooking the Lowdales valley.

It was discovered when agricultural vehicle wheels broke through the thin surface above the rift, to create a body sized hole, dopping into a small chamber, with a passage leading off in a SE direction.

The cave is formed in Corrallian Limestone, as are all the known Windypit type fissures on the North York Moors, and there was evidence of flowstone deposits on the walls. The entrance chamber is 4ft wide and 9ft long, dropping down to a steeply sloping floor 8ft below the entrance, which descends to the deepest part in the south east passage. The cave narrows considerably to a thin rift about 8" wide, and turns towards the steep bank at the edge of the field, stopping at a blank wall in an imposibly tight crack after only 20ft.

The cave, when explored, was dry, with no evidence of water flow, and can be assumed that it does not form part of the areas drainage, which issues from several springs in the valley below.

There was no evidence of recent movement, and although the compacted mud was friable, the rock walls and roof were very solid.

Scarborough Caving Club wishes to acknowledge the help of Mr Foxton and the Duchy of Lancaster, for allowing the Club access to the site.

Richard Ward

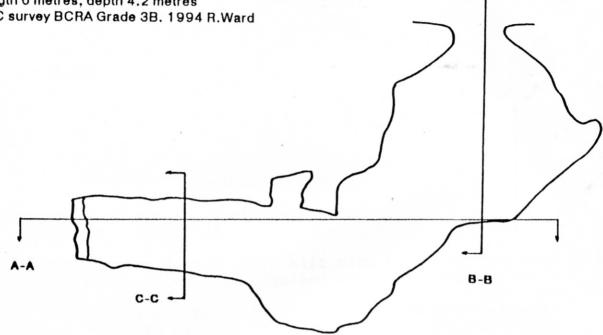
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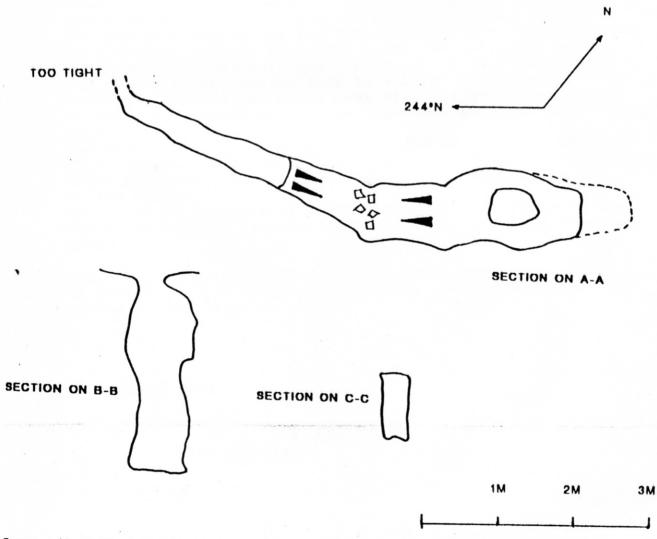
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SILPHO. SCARBOROUGH. NORTH YORKSHIRE NGR SE 961 923 Length 6 metres, depth 4.2 metres SCC survey BCRA Grade 3B. 1994 R.Ward





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