

## DORSET LOCAL GEOLOGICAL SITES SURVEY

Site number                    G ST50/12

Site name                     Holt Farm quarry, Melbury Osmond

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### Summary description

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Most of the units are massively bedded with bivalves picked out by the weathered surface. Other horizons are thinly bedded and less well cemented.