

Dartmoor Farming in the Recent Past



Dartmoor Poster



Windstrew or winnowing platform

These rare features consist of a raised platform designed so that the chaff would be blown clear, leaving the grain to be shovelled into sacks.



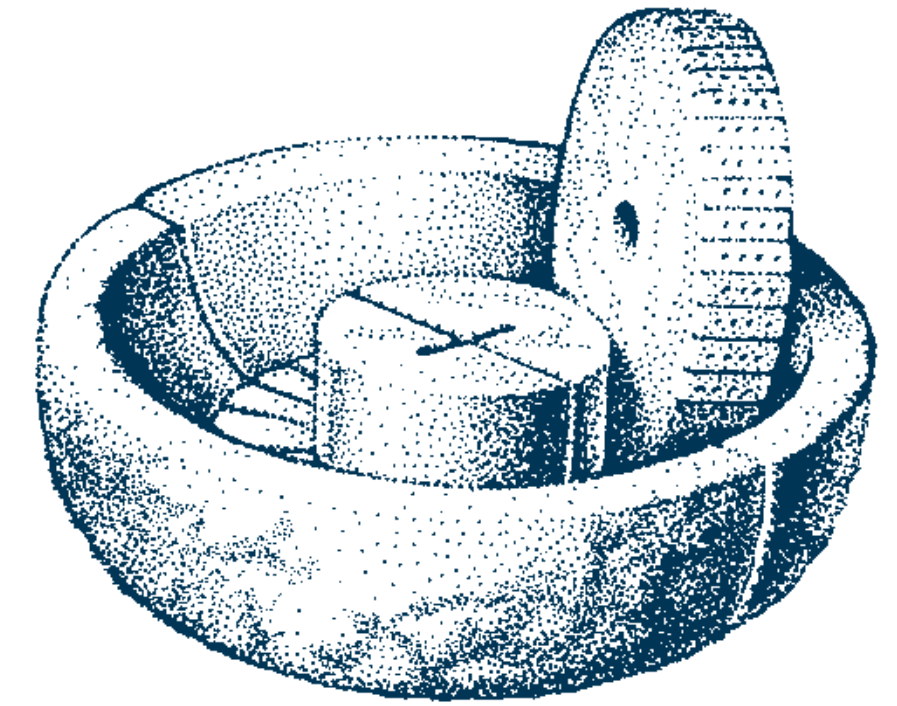
Ash house

These little buildings were usually some distance from the main farmhouse and were used to store ashes from the domestic wood or peat fire. The ashes were later used as a fertiliser.



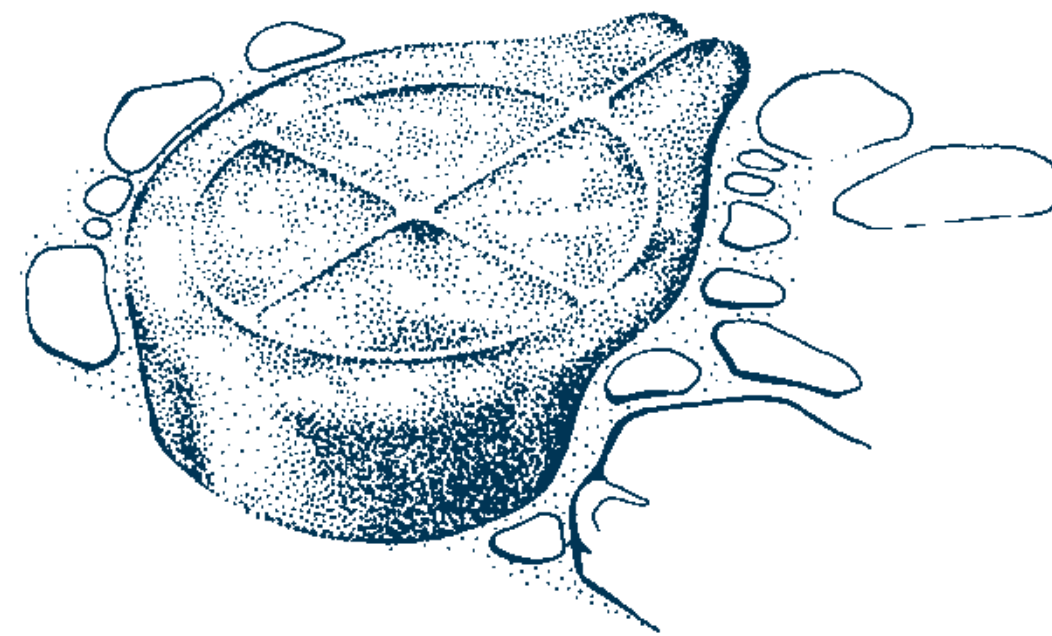
Quern

Small quantities of corn could be ground in these hand-operated mills. An upper stone was rotated in the hollow of the quern grinding the corn into flour.



Apple crusher

These were used to pound the apples into a pulp which was then transferred into an apple press. A horse was harnessed to the end of an axle fitted to the millstone.



Cheese press base

The curd was placed on the base with a layer of straw and cheese cloth, then pressed in a hollow cylinder of wood using a weighted circular board.



Dartmoor farmhouse

Showing combined house and shippen. The shippen was at the lower end; it was here that the cattle were housed.

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