

COOK'S WOOD QUARRY CAVE

Sunday 31 March 1996 - Rob Taviner, Richard Witcombe

Tight 20' drop into an east/west trending rift. It is choked with rubble in the direction of the quarry face but extends westwards (towards Stoke 4 ?) for approximately 30' to a mud and stone choke. The rift is up to 20' high and the width varies from 2' at the east end to 1' at the mud choke.

Up to a dozen hibernating bats (? Lesser Horseshoes) were present, hanging singly from the walls and roof, together with several large cave spiders.

Dug for an hour at the awkwardly narrow terminal choke, removing glutinous clay and rocks and dumping the spoil further back in the passage. A faint draught was detected, probably coming from looser choke material at the top of the rift.