

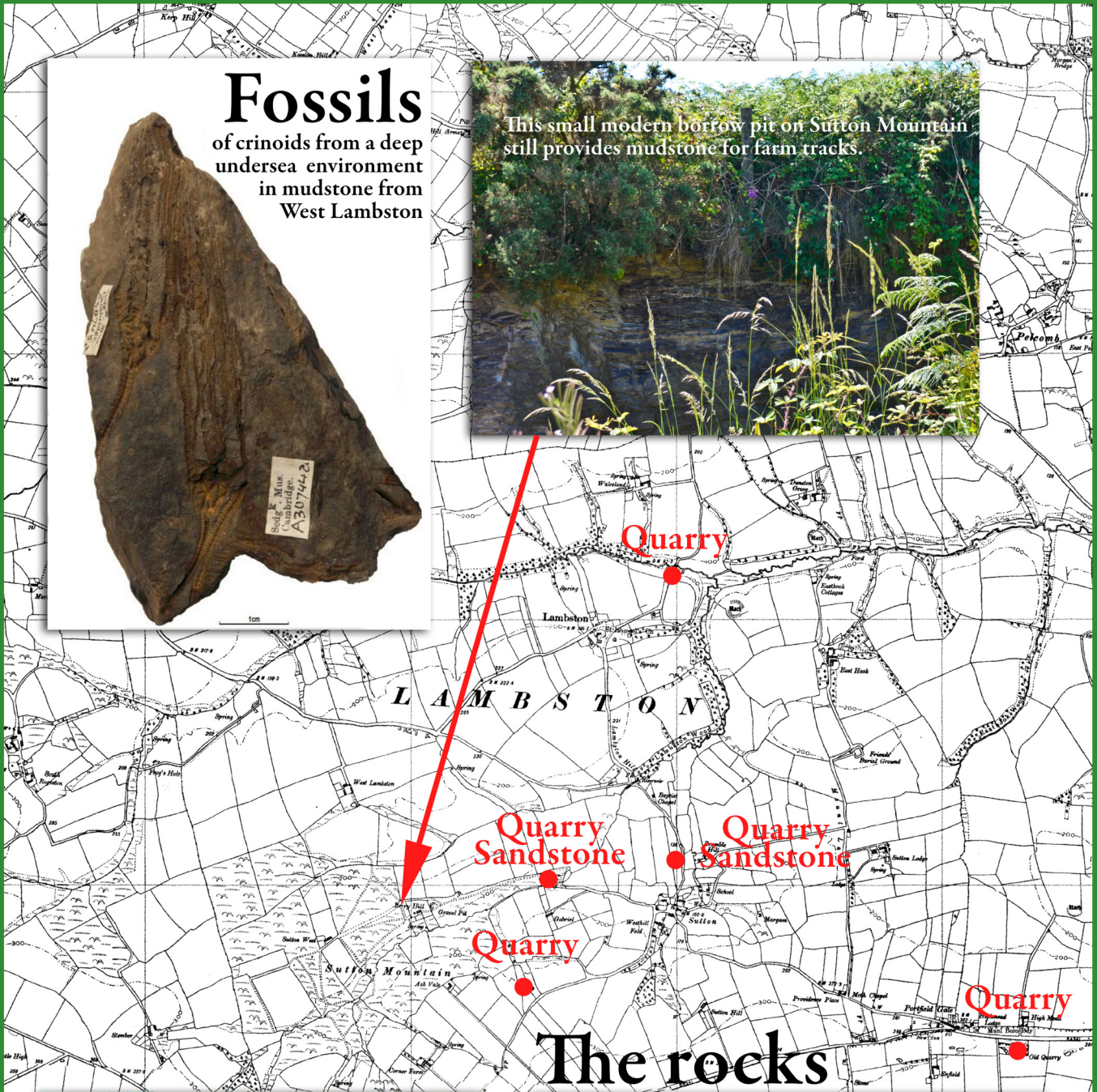
Lambston Geology



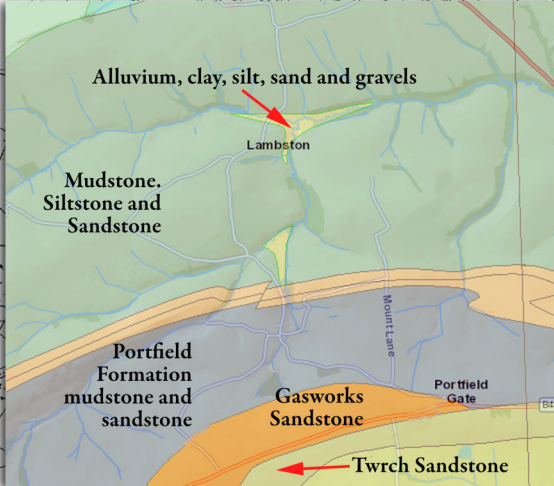
Fossils
of crinoids from a deep
undersea environment
in mudstone from
West Lambston



This small modern borrow pit on Sutton Mountain still provides mudstone for farm tracks.



The rocks



The rocks under Lambston are made from sediments laid down in the ocean 430-450 million years ago and then compressed and folded. What would have been flat layers, now stand almost on edge and the rock layers form belts curving around from west-south-west to east.

Most of the parish is on shales and mudstones but at Portfield Gate and in a narrow band across Sutton Mountain are harder sandstones.

If you live in an old stone house and find it hard to get a drill bit into the wall, it may be that the house is built of Cethings Sandstone which is very hard and has a high silica content.