

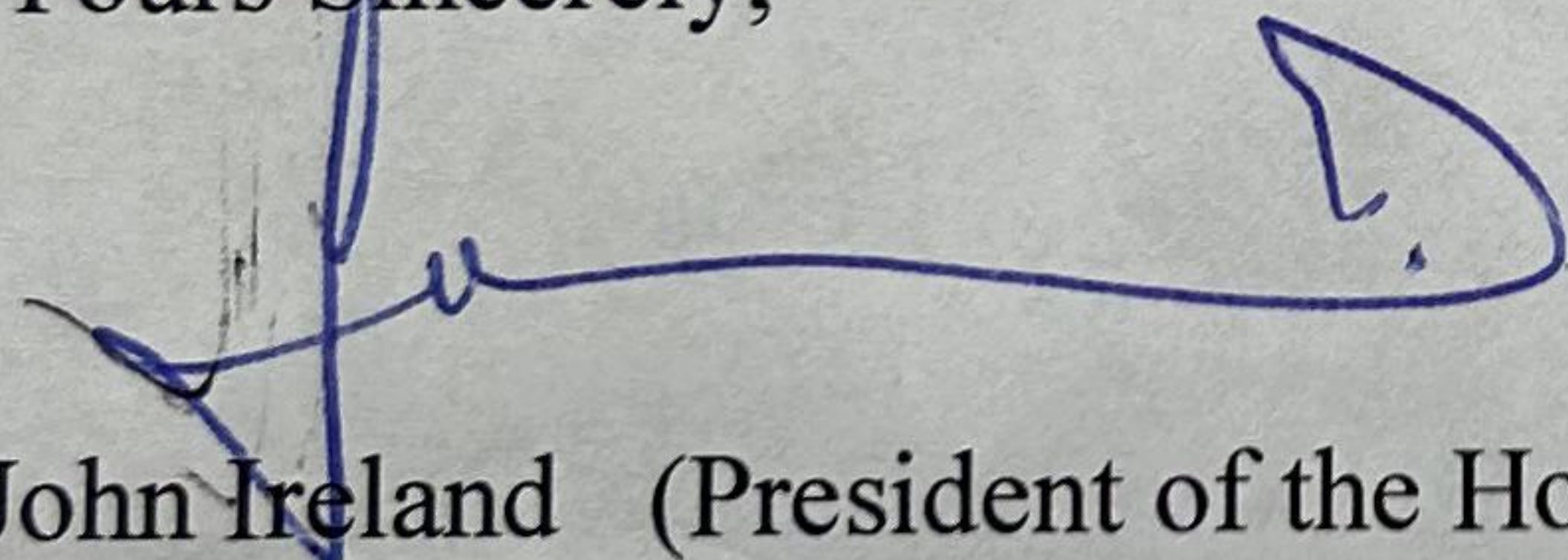
keeping with the appearance of the other stable buildings on site. The proposed location is a fairly hidden part of the land owned by the Riding Centre and screened by trees managed by the Centre. The stable block will be barely visible from neighbouring listed buildings, if at all. In fact the stable block may only be seen from a very limited number of places on the slopes of Holcombe Hill. The views of the Riding Centre from the slopes of Holcombe Hill as a developed site are long established and, therefore, no new impact as such. Furthermore, the relocation of the stables is required to enable the centre to remain viable and operate with the optimum number of horses.

The installing of a memorial clock tower on the ridge roof of the existing far stable block in memory of the founder Margaret Haes is the perfect tribute to an extraordinary resident of Holcombe who amongst other achievements was instrumental in setting what today has become the Riding For Disabled Association; a matter of local pride. Today the Centre flourishes and is an Approved Centre for the British Horse Society, the largest equestrian charity in the UK.

Visually the clock tower is in keeping with the appearance of a traditional riding establishment and made from dark stained wood and dark felt on the roof in keeping with the stable block. The character and appearance of the Conservation Area is preserved.

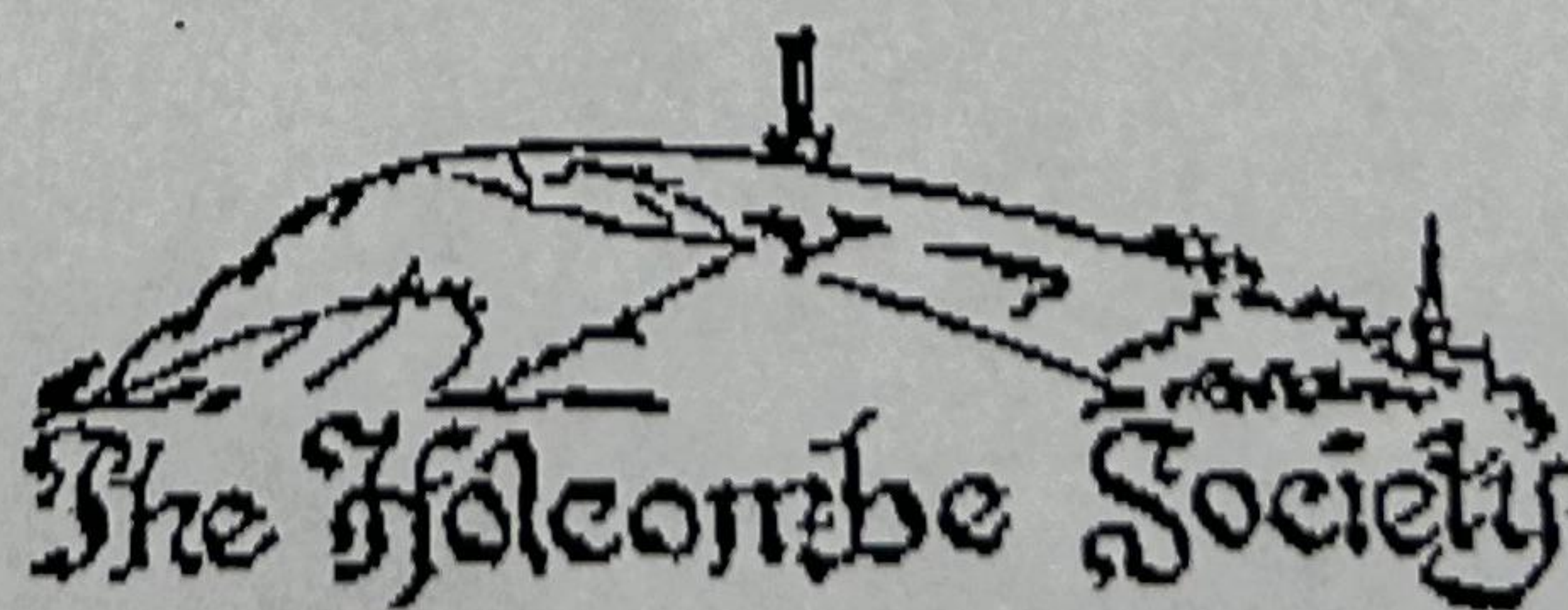
Overall the proposals by the Riding Centre are beneficial for the future of this much loved community asset and in my experience do not harm the Holcombe Conservation Area.

Yours Sincerely,



John Ireland (President of the Holcombe Society)

cc. Debra Batchelor, Margaret Haes Riding Centre



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