

UNUSUAL CONSTRUCTION TERMS

■ HUNKY PUNK ■



Or sometimes hunkypunk is a colloquial variation of a grotesque carving, specific to the West Country of England, particularly Somerset. A hunky punk is often a short squatting figure, usually an animal, carved in stone. The name apparently derives from a combination of the old English terms ‘hunkers’ meaning haunches, and ‘punchy’ meaning short-legged. They are typically found on late-Gothic churches, although they can be found from middle-to-late medieval architecture onwards. They are typically positioned at the corner of a church tower, along the coping ridge below any crenellations.



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