



Annual General Meeting

Saturday July 17th 2010 at 11.00 – 12.00 at Brighouse Central Library, Halifax Road, Brighouse HD6 2AF

Followed by visit to Horton Bank Country Park, Bradford, Local Geological Site, from 1.30 – 3.30

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

2. Minutes of the 2009 AGM held on Thursday June 4th 2009 at West Yorkshire Geological Records Office, Thewlis Lane, Crosland Hill, Huddersfield HD4 7FL

Present :- Alison Tymon (Chair), Barry Tymon, Bill Paley, Sheila Dyson, Harold Dyson, John Knight, Alan Rayner and Andrew Krasinski.

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks.

AT thanked everyone for attending. She opened the meeting at 2.00pm.

2. Apologies Richard Bell, Bill Fraser, John Wheeler, Sam Noble and Michael Brook.

3. Minutes of the 2008 AGM 12/06/08.

The minutes were agreed and passed. BT (prop), AR (sec). There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report.

A copy of the Chairman's report had been sent to members and was taken as read.

In addition to these the Chairman, AT commented that the Trust was doing really well following the LGAP project of last year. She was really pleased to see that the Trust had more money to do work on the database which has now been updated. These are needed by the various local authorities. She was also pleased with the interpretation boards on various sites. She also commented on the good attendance at organised walks during the year. On the downside she was disappointed that money from Awards for All had not been given to the Penistone Hill project. Summing up she thought it had been a good 'settling down' year.

5. Financial Report.

BT and HD presented the accounts. BT explained the figures behind the accounts. He confirmed he was still investigating the costs of new display boards. AT has sold old display boards to Shepley Band for £50 and will obtain receipt.

AT recorded her thanks to those who have made donations, and thanked BT for assisting RB and further thanked BT and HD for their work together.

6. Adoption of the Accounts for 2008/2009.

AT and HD signed, RB to sign. Accounts adopted.

7. Election of Officers of the Executive Committee.

AT called for nominations for official positions.

Chairman : SD proposed AT, BT seconded . AT re-elected.

Secretary : AT informed the meeting that BP had indicated that he was to step down. BP confirmed his intentions. As there were no nominations AT agreed to do the secretarial job for the time being. BT to do the minutes at meetings

Treasurer : RB had indicated that he too was to step down from this position. JW had indicated that he would stand on the proviso that BT did the project management side as per usual. BT agreed. AT proposed JW, BT seconded. JW elected.

Project Finance : BT re-elected.

Webmaster : RB re-elected

3. Matters arising from the 2009 minutes

4. Chairman's Report – Alison Tymon

5. Financial Report – John Wheeler and Harold Dyson

6. Adoption of the Accounts for 2009/2010.

7. Project Finance Report – Barry Tymon

8. Website Report – Barry Tymon

9. Membership Secretary's Report – Alan Rayner

10. Events Organiser's Report – Sheila Dyson

11. LGS Database Report – Alison Tymon

12. Newsletter Report – Alison Tymon

13. Election of Officers of the Executive Committee.

Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

Project Finance Officer

Website Manager

Membership Secretary

Events organiser

LGS database

Newsletter and publicity

14. Any other business

15. Forthcoming projects and events

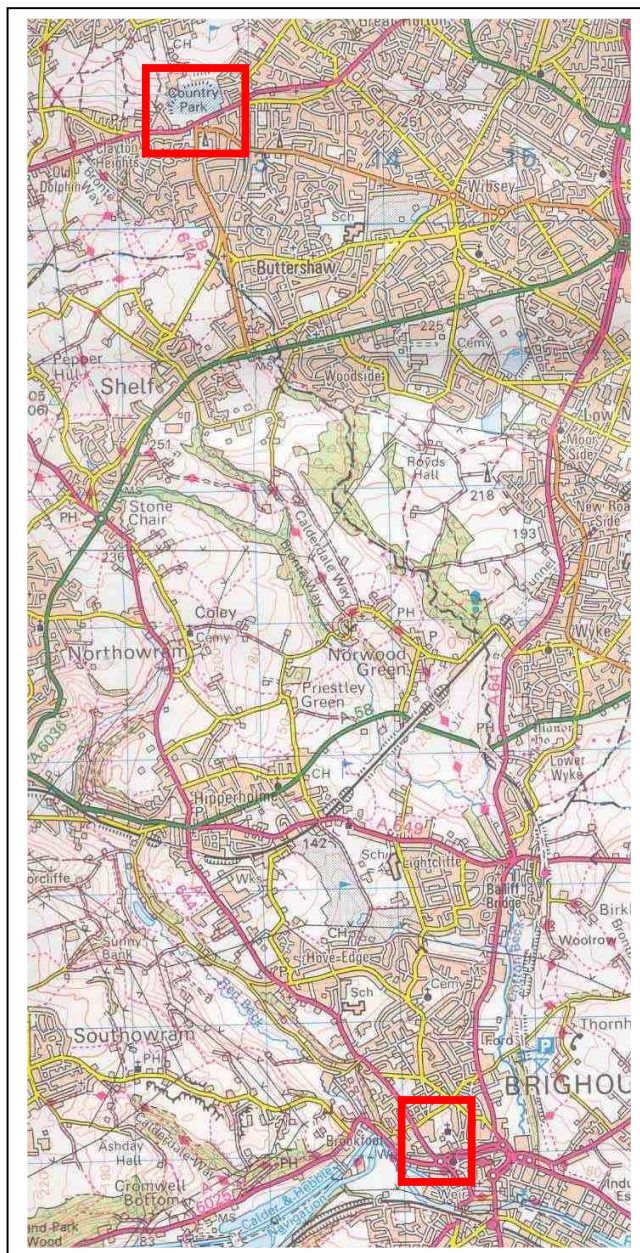
16. Date of next meeting

1.30 – 3.30 Visit to Horton Bank Country Park, Bradford. This is a Local Geological Site, which is a reservoir built within a stone quarry, remodelled as a country park. The rock exposures on the south side of the site give good views of two Upper Carboniferous sandstones (the Greenmoor Rock and the Grenoside Sandstone) and the silts and shale in between. The sandstones contain structures such as ripple marks and cross bedding, which are easily observed from the many footpaths which cross the site. The shale and silts contain iron nodules in places.

SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS OF HOW TO REACH HORTON BANK COUNTRY PARK

HOW TO GET TO HORTON BANK COUNTRY PARK, BRADFORD FROM BRIGHOUSE LIBRARY

- Turn right out of the library exit onto the A644
- Continue to Hipperholme traffic lights and go straight over
- At the next roundabout at Shelf/Stone Chair turn right onto the A6036
- After about a mile, turn left onto the B6147
- Continue straight on for 1 mile until you meet the A647.
- Opposite you is Horton Bank Country Park. Turn right for a few hundred yards to reach the entrance on the left
- Park in the car park
- Short walk around the reservoir on footpaths



Chairman's Report

The Trust is very grateful to Johnson Wellfield Quarries for the use of an office in the main building at Crosland Hill and we also use their main board office for our executive meetings. Members have taken part in various activities at the quarry this year; attending their promotion events and helping with their public activities.

At the last AGM I proposed that the business part of WYGT should continue to be organised at executive meetings, but that project and events activities should be moved to a general meeting, so that more members could find out about the geological activities that WYGT does. We have now held three general meetings, all at Brighouse Library, which have been attended by about

10/12 people each. They have all been short, informative meetings followed by a visit to a local LGS in the afternoon. It would be useful to discuss whether these meetings have increased the number of people who have been active in the Trust and whether we should continue with them.

I have been attending meetings of the Yorkshire and Humber Geodiversity Forum this year. The Forum brings together Natural England with the geodiversity organisations and the local authorities' representatives for geodiversity as well as other interested groups in Yorkshire and the Humber region. The part-time Development Officer has established a website and is now coordinating a database of LGS for the region. Funding for small projects has been obtained for WYGT over the last two years and it is also useful to talk to other groups doing similar work.

YHGF provided funding for surveying the Permian limestone sites in the River Wharfe gorge at Wetherby and Boston Spa, as well as a glacial moraine site at Walton, near Wetherby. The quality of the research and field work was excellent and there is no doubt that these are three important LGS for the county.

WYGT's membership of The Geology Trusts is valuable and we attend three meetings per year. It is very interesting to talk to ten similar trusts about how they promote geodiversity in their counties. The GT finds funding from Natural England and other organisations for database projects and other work.

WYGT has contributed data on LGS to the national database and has continued with condition monitoring on sites in West Yorkshire. This work is much appreciated by the five Local Authorities in West Yorkshire, who use the data to meet government National Indicator NI197. Kirklees Countryside Unit provided funding for us to monitor the condition of all the LGS in Kirklees during autumn 2009.

Designation of Local Geological Sites is now the responsibility of Local Sites Partnerships. In the past, WYGT has designated sites and informed planning authorities. However, the West Yorkshire LSP, chaired by Natural England and consisting of the local biodiversity and geodiversity record centre (West Yorkshire Ecology) and representatives of the five local authorities and other interested groups, meets regularly to consider Local Wildlife and Geological Sites. I attend the West Yorkshire LSP meetings, while Alan Rayner attends Leeds LSP meetings, which are held separately.

Richard Bell has continued to update the website and added events, details of the West Yorkshire LGS and news items. Harold Dyson continues to distribute the WYGT leaflet throughout West Yorkshire to libraries and information centres which is much appreciated. I have produced a new-style newsletter for the general membership for Winter 2009, and Spring and Summer 2010 and will continue to produce four newsletters per year. Alan Rayner is distributing these by email, as part of his responsibility for the membership database.

We have held many events in the last 12 months as shown below.

DATE	PLACE	EVENT	NUMBER ATTENDED
Saturday 18th July	Castle Hill, Huddersfield	Guided walk	9
Sunday 19th July	Beaumont Park, Huddersfield	Guided walk	7
Sunday 26th July	Beaumont Park, Huddersfield	Gala day	40
Fri July 31st - Sun 2nd Aug	Trinity and All Saints College	WYGT display	25

Saturday 8th August	Angler's Countryside Centre	Geoday	52
Monday 10th August	Brockholes	Guided walk	20
	Bracken Hall Countryside		
Wednesday 12th August	Centre	Geoday	73
Thursday 13th August	Old School Room, Haworth	Geoday	86
Thursday 13th August	Old School Room, Haworth	Talk	9
Saturday 15th August	Ilkley Moor	Guided walk	8
Sunday 16th August	Folly Dolly Falls, Meltham	Guided walk	26
		General	
Saturday 5th September	Brighouse Library	meeting	6
Sunday 13th September	Beaumont Park, Huddersfield	Heritage Day	60
Saturday 26th September	NCM	Geoday	55
Saturday 17th October	Beacon Hill, Shibden	Guided walk	6
Sunday 8th November	Crosland Moor, Huddersfield	Guided walk	6
	Caulms Wood Quarry,		
Sunday 29 th November	Dewsbury	Guided walk	2
Sunday 17 th January	Beaumont Park, Huddersfield	Guided walk	12
Sunday 28th February	Folly Dolly Falls, Meltham	Guided walk	18
		General	
Saturday 6th March	Brighouse Library	meeting	8
Saturday 13th March	Frickley Country Park	Guided walk	24
	Bracken Hall Countryside		
Wednesday 14th April	Centre	Geoday	40
	Baildon Quarry and Shipley		
Friday 16 th April	Glen	Guided walk	16
Saturday 1 st May	Crosland Moor, Huddersfield	Guided walk	45
Saturday 8th May	Eaves Top Quarries, Stainland	Guided walk	13
Saturday 29th May	Castle Hill, Huddersfield	Guided walk	0
Saturday 19 th June	Cow and Calf Rocks, Ilkley	Guided walk	8
Sunday 20 th June	Pule Hill, Marsden	Guided walk	11
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- We are still continuing our public activities, in particular running geological walks as part of local authority guided walks programmes and other events.
- Other events, such as Geodays, are ably organised by Sheila and Harold Dyson and have taken place in several new locations this year.
- The project at Otley Chevin received funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund and started in August 2009. The leaflet has been written, with assistance from several members and from the Mid-week Geology Group, and is about to go to print, after design work by Richard Bell. Several of us have edited the audio trail which will be produced by the Project Manager at Otley. The last section of the project is an update of the geological interpretation board at Surprise View and that is in hand to be completed by September 2010.
- The Friends of Meltham Greenway, Huddersfield, provided funding for a geological interpretation board at Folly Dolly Falls which has been completed by a small group this spring but has not yet been installed.
- The first Beaumont Park, Huddersfield, interpretation board was written last year but its installation has been delayed because work is continuing on the pond and fencing at the site. The Friends of Beaumont Park have erected another interpretation board, designed by Sheila Dyson, showing the landscape of the Holme Valley, including geological features.

- The Boston Spa Parish Council has included geological information on its website, following the surveying of the Riverside Woods LGS last year. An interpretation board with geological information is also being planned.
- We are involved in the South Pennines Watersheds Project which received funding in April totalling £1.8m over three years. Our part is to produce site management plans for six LGS in the Pennines and run five seminars to promote geology in the area. The first of these was held at Marsden in May. It attracted about 30 people and successfully combined talks on LGS with local field work.
- One new departure is that WYGT has carried out some work with schools this year. We helped with a school group from Leeds at Otley Chevin in March. John Wheeler has planned a teaching session for primary school classes on Soils and Weathering and has recently tried this out in a school in Leeds. It would be very good if we could continue to reach schools in this way.

I wish to record my thanks to all members of the executive committee. The group has achieved great success in contacting many people in West Yorkshire and this will enable us to work well with many groups to promote geology in the future.

Alison Tymon
Chairman
West Yorkshire Geology Trust