

PROJECTS

WYGT is continuing to update the database of Local Geological Sites in West Yorkshire. This winter five surveyors are monitoring 32 LGS in order to assess whether the site needs management to improve its condition and to maintain its geological or geomorphological interest.

Sites in the Wetherby area are being investigated with a view to designating three sites as Local Geological Sites. Two are in the Permian dolostones and one site shows a glacial moraine. WYGT has received a grant from Natural England, through the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Geodiversity Forum, to finish the designation process. We are continuing to work with Leeds City Council's warden at Otley Chevin to promote the geology and heritage of the Chevin, working with the Friends of Otley Chevin. We have written a geological guide which is linked to a short walk which will be marked by carved stones. An audio trail will be produced this summer and renewal of the interpretation board at Surprise View is still to come.

We hope to be part of a large project, covering the Southern Pennines, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. If the project gets the go-ahead in March we will be able to interpret six geological sites on the high Pennines during the next three years.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Folly Dolly Falls, Meltham, near Huddersfield

The rocks of Huddersfield's famous waterfall

Sunday February 28th 2.00 – 4.00

Organised by Kirklees Council

A short walk along the Meltham Greenway to see a waterfall formed by sandstones and mudstones. Meet Alison Tymon at Morrison's car park, Meltham HD9 4NL (SE 101 108) at 2.00 below the steep rock exposure.

Buses from Huddersfield to Meltham reach the bus station behind the Library, which is a short walk from Morrison's supermarket. There is a steep, muddy path and a stone stile to negotiate so there is no wheelchair access. It is **advisable** to wear wellington boots, as it is necessary to wade in the stream in order to see the waterfall. Families are welcome, but children should be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Roundhay Park, Leeds

Saturday 13th March 1.30 – 4.00

Organised by the Friends of Roundhay Park

Meet Bill Fraser outside the Mansion House Visitors Centre LS8 2JL at 1.30 pm (SE 330 383) in Roundhay Park. A guided walk of approximately 1.5 miles around a marked Geological Trail taking about 2.5 hours, with stops for discussion. Features seen are shales and several different types of sandstone (some of which contain fossils), as well as sedimentary and tectonic structures. Footpaths are graded for easy walking but can be muddy in wet weather.

Frickley Country Park, South Elmsall, Wakefield

Rock around Frickley Colliery – a walk around the landscaped colliery site

Saturday 13th March 2.00 – 4.00

Organised by Wakefield Council

A short walk of less than a mile to see the recently landscaped Frickley Colliery site, now turned into a large country park. The restored site has many geological features of interest, including large boulders of local rocks, which can be easily examined with a hand-lens, and a footpath indicating the depth of Coal Shaft No 1, showing which coal seams were encountered.

Meet Alison Tymon and Rick Ramsdale at the car park (Grid Reference SE 477 100) on the B6422 about half a mile south of South Elmsall railway station. Footpaths are graded for easy walking.

Bracken Hall Countryside Centre, Baildon, Shipley

Wild Wednesday – Geoday – geological activities for children

Wednesday 14th April 2.00 – 4.00

Organised by Bradford Council

Dinosaur, rock, mineral and fossil activities for children of all ages

Bracken Hall Centre is on Glen Road, Baildon, Shipley BD17 5EA (SE 131 390)

Baildon Quarries and Shipley Glen, Baildon, Shipley

Shipley's building stones and Baildon's landscapes

Friday 16th April at 10.30 – 1.00

Organised by Bradford Council

Meet Alison Tymon at Bracken Hall Countryside Centre, Baildon, Shipley BD17 5EA (SE 131 390) for a walk of about 2 miles to look at the rocks and formations in Shipley Glen and the quarries at Baildon Green which contain some large plant fossils. Wear strong shoes or walking boots as some of the footpaths are rocky. Bring a snack and drink to keep you going.

Crosland Moor, Huddersfield

The rocks and landscapes of the Huddersfield area

Saturday 1st May 2.00 – 4.00

Organised by Kirklees Council

Walking on public footpaths around Crosland Moor to see how the geology has formed the landscapes around Huddersfield. There are several vantage points where it is possible to see into the Crosland Hill quarries to see how the excellent local sandstone is quarried.

Wear sensible shoes or boots and waterproofs, if necessary.

Meet Alison Tymon at 2.00 at the Reception area for Johnson Wellfield Quarries, Thewlis Lane, Crosland Moor HD4 7AB (SE 118 146). Buses from Huddersfield along Blackmoorfoot Road terminate close to Thewlis Lane. Parking is available in the Johnson Wellfield car park, opposite the main entrance (courtesy of Johnson Wellfield Quarries Ltd).

Eaves Top Quarries, Stainland

Rocks and landscapes south of Halifax

Saturday 8th May 2.00 – 4.00

Organised by Calderdale Council

Meet Alison Tymon at the car park near the playing fields and post office in Stainland (SE 079 195) for a short walk of about 1 mile.

We will look at the disused sandstone quarry at Eaves Top Woods and enjoy the wonderful views over Norland Moor and Halifax. Easy footpaths.