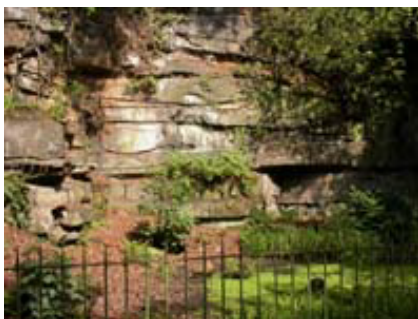


FOCUS ON THE LOCAL GEOLOGICAL SITE AT BEAUMONT PARK, HUDDERSFIELD

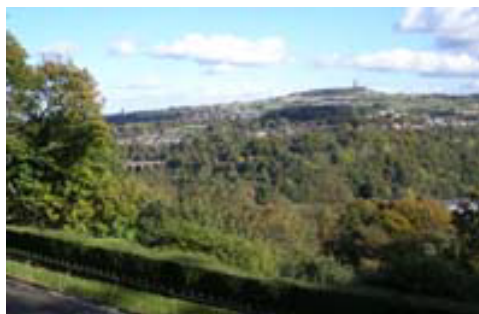
Beaumont Park was laid out as public gardens which were opened in 1883. In July 1999 the park was listed by English Heritage on the Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest.

However, the top of the steep slope overlooking the Holme Valley was originally quarried so there are some excellent exposures of Rough Rock and Rough Rock Flags revealed amongst the trees at the east end of the park. The rocks are Upper Carboniferous (Yeadonian) in age and are part of the Millstone Grit series. Slopes below the disused railway cutting, right down to river level, are a good example of landslip topography, as the more resistant Rough Rock slides over the less resistant mudstones at the base of the slope.

West Yorkshire Geology Trust has worked with the Friends of Beaumont Park to produce two geological interpretation panels. One panel overlooks the superb view across the Holme Valley and points out the geological features which can be seen on the slopes of Castle Hill. The other describes a large cliff face with many interesting sedimentary features and this board will be put in place in the next few months.



Sedimentary features seen on one of the rock faces next to the restored Victorian pond.



The view from Beaumont Park across the Holme Valley to Castle Hill, showing how the geology is reflected in the landscapes.

When you next want a pleasant walk through woods and formal gardens, with some interesting geology to see, visit Beaumont Park. There is parking on Beaumont Park Road or take a bus from Huddersfield Bus station. The railway station at the bottom of the park, which gave access for visitors through a magnificent stone gateway, was closed some years ago, though the gateway has been recently restored. So no chance of a direct train service, unfortunately!

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

We are well into the summer guided walks programme now and hope for excellent weather every weekend for the next three months. Rocks and landscapes do look nicer in the sun! Our walks are included in the countryside walks programmes of several of the West Yorkshire local authorities so we get some excellent advertising. 45 people and 5 dogs arrived at Johnson Wellfield Quarries, on Crosland Hill, Huddersfield, for a walk around the footpaths nearby and views into the working quarries.

Our activities aimed at children and young people are great fun and we have arranged two Geodays for the summer holidays, one at Oakwell Hall, Kirkstall and one at Anglers Countryside Centre, near Wakefield.

The next general meeting takes place on Saturday 17th July at Brighouse Library, which has a pleasant room and is very central in West Yorkshire, so people can reach it by public transport. The meeting will be very short and business will be kept to a minimum. As those of you who join us at these meetings know, the main business of the trust takes place at executive meetings, while at general meetings we have an opportunity to talk to members about projects and how they might like to get involved in the exciting activities carried out by the trust. In the afternoon we take a short field trip to an Local Geological Site to explore some special rocks and landscapes, so you are very welcome to join us. Details will be found on the website in June.

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