

Geoconservation Day at Riddlesdown Chalk Quarry

Saturday 13 October 2018

Organised by the London Geodiversity Partnership in conjunction with the London Branch of the Open University Geological Society and City of London Corporation.

Liam Gallagher will guide on the geology.



The large Riddlesdown Chalk Quarry south of Croydon in the North Downs is the best location to examine chalk in the London area. Rory Mortimore drew up conservation plans some years ago and the City of London Corporation, who own the site, have implemented them very constructively including building steps up the spoil heap to examine one of the faces in detail.

Inevitably vegetation tends to take over, despite employing sheep, and rock falls from the cliff face have made the steps unusable. In 2016 and 2017 The London Geodiversity Partnership made the quarry the focus of its geoconservation efforts and will do so again this year. We will be advised and assisted by the City of London rangers. As before there will be an explanation of the geology of the site before we get down to work. We are very happy that Liam Gallagher, an expert on the chalk who knows the quarry well, has agreed to come along to talk to us again. Those who took part last year and/or the year before found it very rewarding to see what we could achieve.

The day will start promptly at 10 am and finish about 4 pm. We ask you to bring hard hats, packed lunch, stout gloves and boots. City of London Corporation will supply tools and tea/coffee. If any of you are interested, do get in touch with Alan Wilson (LOUGS) to register. He will send full details nearer the time: alan@lougs.org.uk.

