

LONDON
GEODIVERSITY
PARTNERSHIP

Sunday 29 April 2018
**GEOCONSERVATION DAY
AT GILBERT'S PIT,
CHARLTON, SSSI**

In 2013 and 2015 the London Geodiversity Partnership joined with members of the London Branch of the Open University Geological Society to clear the slopes of scrub vegetation enabling the geological interest at Gilbert's Pit to be conserved and more easily viewed. The clearance enabled steps to be constructed up the face to make it more accessible to visiting groups and researchers. The clearing we did on the south face was expanded by the Royal Borough of Greenwich so that there is now an excellent view of the vertical cliff on that side of the pit. We have since erected an interpretation board detailing what strata can be seen there. Inevitably saplings and brambles are beginning to take hold again and we now need to go back to maintain both the east face with the steps and clear some of the south face. We also want to improve access along the top ridge by clipping back the vegetation.

As in previous years a geological tour will be offered and details about the geology of the site will be distributed to those who sign up. Some people will work on the slopes but there is also a need to clear brambles etc. at the base of both faces and along the top ridge. Some tools will be provided but please bring loppers and secateurs if you own them. LOUGS will again help to facilitate the geoconservation.

To register an interest, please contact Alan Wilson at alan@loughs.org.uk.

Full details and a risk assessment will be sent nearer the time.



Steps erected on the east face