



## Geoconservation at Gilbert's Pit, Sunday 4 July 2021

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Following the successful conservation days in 2015 and 2018, London Branch of the OUGS and London Geodiversity Partnership went to Gilbert's Pit in Charlton to clear the steps on the east slope that were erected in 2016. This will allow continued access to observe the Woolwich Formation, enabling engineers to see what to expect when tunnelling under London. It is also very useful for research, local schools and geology groups as well as the public. Inevitably the saplings keep growing back and the resurgent brambles presented a big obstacle this year. We are very grateful to members who came along this year to help keep the site conserved. We managed to cut some of the saplings and cut back the brambles on both the east and south faces. There was not quite such a big crowd as on previous occasions but we are very happy with what we achieved. Very many thanks to all who participated. Since we have not been there for three years, it will be good to revisit next spring.

Photographs by Ruth Siddall and Laurie Baker



Brambles overgrowing the steps



Working towards the top



Top platform after stones and clay cleared



Shelly Woolwich beds



Working on the south face



Layers of the Woolwich beds



Telling passing Ramblers about the geology



South face after clearing brambles but some left to keep face stable