

LONDON
GEODIVERSITY
PARTNERSHIP

Sunday 20 February 2022 11-4.00
**GEOCONSERVATION DAY
AT GILBERT'S PIT,
CHARLTON, SSSI**

In 2013, 2015, 2018 and 2021 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. We cleared this area well in July 2021 but there is still work to be done to maintain both the east face with the steps. We also need to improve access along the top ridge by clipping back the vegetation and clearing broom from the Blackheath pebble exposure.

The timing of this trip is to make the site fully accessible for engineering students from London South Bank University who will visit Gilbert's Pit at the end of February/beginning of March for the geology content of their course. On this occasion we will not be offering a geological tour as in previous years but we may test out some of the teaching aids for working with the students to those interested. Some tools will be provided but please bring loppers and secateurs if you own them. LOUGS is the contact for Registration.

If you have friends or relatives who may be interested, do bring them along too. Each individual will need to register separately to comply with the Covid regulations: www.ougs.org/london/events.

Full details and a risk assessment will be sent on receipt of your registration. As before Alan Wilson is the LOUGS Contact. We will ensure that the event is Covid-compliant.



Steps erected on the east face