



Geoconservation at Riddlesdown Chalk Quarry

Sunday 26 November 2023

10am to 4pm

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, has implemented them ever since.

Inevitably vegetation tends to take over, despite employing goats, and rock falls from the cliff face have made the steps unusable. Since 2016 the London Geodiversity Partnership has made the quarry the focus of its geoconservation efforts and will do so again this year in conjunction with the London branch of the Open University Geological Society. 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.

The day will start at 10am and finish about 4pm. We ask you to bring your own stout gloves, a hi-vis vest and goggles if you have them. We suggest you wear old clothes, not synthetic materials as these can easily catch fire. City of London Corporation will supply tools and tea/coffee but please bring a packed lunch.

Please register on the London Branch Online Form and if you have friends or relatives who may be interested, do bring them along too. Each individual will need to register separately: <https://ougs.org/london/events/>. Full details, including directions and a risk assessment will be sent on receipt of your registration. As before Alan Wilson is the London OUGS Contact.



The team at work, with a little help from the resident goats