



London Geodiversity Action Plan 2019-2024

Progress May 2023 to April 2024

This report details progress during the year 2023-24 made by the London Geodiversity Partnership in implementing the London geodiversity Action Plan 2019-2024, including the activities of individual Partners.

Objective 1: Increase our understanding of the geodiversity of London

Our new LIGS had been agreed in 2022-23 (Gunnersbury Park). Both the citation and Guide entries have been created including the GiGL map. These were agreed on 25 April 2024 when it will be placed on LGP website.

Shepperton Park Gravel site in Hillingdon is being investigated.

Several new SGIs have been added to the website: Millennium Rocks in Bromley, Regent's Park Fossil Trees, Landline Hanover Square, **The Whetstone & The Griffin Public House** and Shri Sanatan Hindu Mandir. Several other SGIs are in the pipe line.

Objective 2: Manage and conserve the geodiversity of London

Some Boroughs and owners still need to be informed of the citations for 71 site assessments included in the revised LF on the website.

Guide descriptions have all been updated but still need to be put on the website.

LGP have been involved in a number of projects, such as the ongoing reinstating of Branch Hill pond, the Harrow Weald Common Pebble Project, Online *Geology from your Sofa* for the GA on the topic *Art & Geology in the London area*, Fossil workshops in Abbey Wood Geoconservation at Riddlesdown and Harefield.

LGP meetings have been held at LWT/GiGL offices and HE offices
Continued membership of GA Affiliate group (£64 Insurance)

Objective 3: Deliver sustainable social, economic and environmental benefits for London

Geotrails done:

Springs & Spas of SE London, Richmond Park for Mole Valley GS (13 May), Big Wood (for Friends), Bedfords Park, Queen's Wood (for CE U3A), Coldfall Wood (for Friends), Westbourne (for GA), Gilbert's Pit (for TFL Engineers), Hampstead Heath (for GA), Southwark Park (Inspirational London).

Also preparatory work for River Peck Geotrail, Harrow Weald Common Geotrail, Bus Pass 3 on South-east London, Nonesuch Park Geotrail though most is outside the GLA.

Talks given:

U3A Shape of London and North London *The Geology of London*.

CEU3A William Smith (with emphasis on London)

Redington Frognal Association Branch Hill Pond

Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society *London Pavement Geology*.

III IUGS Workshop on Heritage Stone in Jaipur, India on *Ferricrete: London's forgotten Medieval building stone*.

GA Festival of Geology:

London Gravels display (to complement HHGS Stanmore Gravel display)

GA's Geology From Your Sofa:

Art and Geology in the London Area on GA website: the final online GFYS featured LGP artists, which will be put on LGP website when it is closed down in June.

Guides in London:

Geology of Crystal Palace;

GA Guide 68 *Geology of London* 2nd edition;

Abbey Wood leaflet printed and circulated

Springfield Park Adult booklets progressed; to be put onto LGP website when completed

Sutton's Hidden Worlds (Geology) Sutton Steams ahead, two educational packs aimed at KS1 and KS2

Site visits:

The following sites have been visited in 2023-24:

GLA 1 & 38 Abbey Wood

GLA 8 Dog Rocks

GLA 14 Gilbert's Pit

GLA 17 Happy Valley

GLA 18 Harrow Weald

GLA 20 Horsenden Hill

GLA 26 Riddlesdown Quarry

GLA 34 Harefield Pit

GLA 40 Chislehurst Caves

GLA 42 Kenwood House Quarry

GLA 44 Highgate Woods & Queens Wood

GLA 45 Bedfords Park Havering Ridge

GLA 48 Thames Foreshore Isleworth

GLA 51 Parish's Pit, Erith

GLA 56 Bleak Hill Sandpit

GLA 57 Wickham Lane Brickworks Complex

GLA 58 Coldfall Wood

GLA 64 Waterlow Park

GLA 70 Richmond Park

GLA 72 Monken Hadley

GLA 76 Rockingham Anomaly

LGP also visited:

Hackney 300,000 BC Exhibition 13 June 2023

Brunel Museum, Rotherhithe to see Thames Tideway exhibition on 1 September

Angela Palmer 'Tower of Time' exhibition at King's Place, York Way, Islington

Central St. Martin's End of Year Exhibition (to see the work of Jeffrey Miller)

Other activities:

Continued collaboration with artists Maja Quill, Jeffrey Miller and Kathryn Maguire. Gail Dickerson & Dee McLean are particularly involved with LGP.

Article written for GA Magazine on Branch Hill Pond

Shared a stand with GA at AGS and ERMS shows

Observed digging of Claygate Beds in Highgate Woods for pots to go with installation of Roman Kiln

Attended GLA's LWSB meetings re SINCs and Nature Recovery

Attended GiGL Advisory Panel meetings

Attended Unveiling of Palaeotherium magnum at Crystal Palace

Objective 4: Promote and care for London's Geodiversity

Website has been maintained with new additions including:

Springs and Spas Geotrail and leaflet for Lesnes Abbey added; news updated re GSL remaining in Burlington House (they will purchase); results of geoconservation at Harefield; an obituary for Paul Rainey added.

Objective 5: Sustain geodiversity activities in London

Ruth Siddall, our contact at UCL has left; need to engage another contact. Ruth remains a Partner as Building Stones Representative.

Objective 6: Influence London-wide and London borough planning and environmental policies

London Plan already came into force March 2021 with an updated geodiversity policy (policy G9). There has been no progress by GLA on a revision to Planning Document: London's Foundations. The new citations on the LGP website are signposted from the GLA website and are sent by GiGL to their partners.