

Riddlesdown Geoconservation 5 October 2024

Twelve people assembled for London Geodiversity Partnership's annual geoconservation day at the large Riddlesdown Quarry in Croydon. It was a glorious October day and as soon as we entered the quarry the goats at the top of the quarry was an uplifting sight. Eventually they came down to see what we were doing but kept away from the bonfire and did not disturb us.

Many of the participants were old hands but new volunteers came along which is always welcome. This year Matt Johnson, the ranger from the City of London Corporation put us to work on the floor of the pit, particularly to clear small saplings before they grew up. Larger birch were also tackled by members of the team and we made significant inroads towards the face.

Liam Gallagher took round many of the group to enlighten them about the geology. We were pleased to welcome staff from Mott MacDonald who are keen to try to reinstate the steps up the main face. At the end of the day they went with Matt to see how this might be achieved.

Thanks to all those who helped this year. The date is already set for next year and will be
Saturday 4 October 2025. Do join us



Before



Alan and Matt tackling a birch tree



Surveying the chalk with Liam



After