



The London Geodiversity Partnership with the OUGS London Branch have been maintaining the sections at Gilbert's Pit since 2013 as they are used by engineering geologists tunnelling under London to see first-hand the very variable Lambeth Group. We again cleared brambles and scrub from both the east and south faces. Both had grown up since our previous meeting in 2023. TfL Underground engineers visited in March 2024 to view the Woolwich Shell Bed and the Reading mottled clay, and to consider what lies under London.

Work on the east face achieved the main objectives of clearing the platform and cleaning up the exposure revealing the Woolwich Shell Bed and Reading mottled clay at the top of the steps and clearing the steps of the autumn leaves and brambles which seemed to be doing some damage. Brambles were cut adjacent to the steps to stop them climbing back over and saplings were cut down.

Work on the south face chopped down saplings and brambles so that they do not obscure the view from the bottom of the cliff. The exposure of the face was cleaned considerably.

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