



London Geodiversity Action Plan 2025-2029

Progress May 2025 to April 2026

This report details progress during the year 2025-2026 made by the London Geodiversity Partnership in implementing the London GAP (Geodiversity Action Plan) 2025-2029, including the activities of individual Partners.

Objective 1: Increase our understanding of the geodiversity of London

The entries on the website for the new LIGS had been agreed in 2022-23 (GLA 80, Gunnersbury Park) have been rectified. In September 2024 a further RIGS site was agreed – the Evolution Garden at NHM (GLA 81) and this is also listed in LF citations and the Gazetteer. One new LIGS was agreed in 2025 for Osterley Park (GLA 82) also on the website. Shepperton Gravel site in Hillingdon is still being investigated.

Three new SGIs have been added to the website: Sarsen Boulder in Lampton Park, Hounslow (SGI 41), Pulhamite Rockwork, Battersea Park, Wandsworth (SGI 42) and The Coronation Stone, Kingston-upon-Thames (SGI 43).

Other SGIs are in the pipe line including the Millennium Stone Circle, Hillyfields, Lewisham (SGI 32) and possibly Jurassic Tree in Finsbury Park (LGP were contacted by Finsbury Park to extend an evolution panel with appropriate planting in the area), Bedfont Church and the Coombe Reservoir in Kingston-upon-Thames. The Ferricrete Hornsey Tower was visited Marc and the Hogsmill confluence with the Thames was also visited. Photos of Coombe Wood Gardens Croydon were taken some while ago and need following up.

Objective 2: Manage and conserve the geodiversity of London

Most of the Boroughs and owners have now been informed of the citations for the 71 site assessments included in the revised LF on the website.

Gazetteer descriptions have all been updated but numbers 1-59 still need to be put on the website.

LGP have been involved in a number of projects, such as *Walking trail from Branch Hill Pond to the Thames*; the ongoing Harrow Weald Common Pebble Project. Education events connected with the placing of a board about the Thames Tideway near Chambers Wharf have been funded by Thames Tideway and undertaken by Gail Dickerson. This included a walk with the local Bermondsey neighbours and installation of the Board with a launch attended by all involved, including members of Thames Tideway.

Geoconservation took place at Riddlesdown, Harefield and Gilbert's Pit.

LGP meetings have been held at Historic England offices above Cannon Street Station. Continued membership of GA Affiliate group (£40 + £77 Insurance)

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

Geotrails Lead:

- Abbey Wood (AW, 26 April)
- Hampstead Heath for Heath Hands (DC 27 April)
- Evolution Garden in NHM for ERMS (DC 10 May)
- Ramble Around the Ravensbourne (LGP 24 May)
- Walking the Layers of time on the Bermondsey Waterfront for locals (GD, DC 25 June)
- Harrow Weald Common for RGS (DC 10 July)
- Walthamstow Forest to Wood Street for Inspiral, London (GD, RS 21 August)
- Highgate Wood as part of Heritage Day (DC 7 September)
- Hainault Country Park with LNHS for Earth Science Week (LGP 20 September)
- Greenwich Park for TFL (LB, DC 15 October)
- GA FOG: Trent Park (DC 2 November)
- Waterlow Park as part of Heritage Day (DC February)
- Walthamstow for TFL (RS 15 April)
- Hampstead Heath for TFL (DC 27 April)

Building Stone Walks for London Walks: St. Giles (4 May & 7 Sept), Westminster (2 June & 28 Sept & 18 April), City of London (13 July), Granites on the South Bank (3 August), The Monument, The Moon and Malta (14 March)

Also preparatory work for Battersea Park (for 8 November FOG), Croham Hurst for GeoWeek (29 May) and Schools' version of Coldfall Wood.

Bus Pass 2 needs to be completed and put on LGP Website.

Bus Pass 3 in South-east London, Nonsuch Park Geotrail (though most is outside the GLA), Spring Park, Thames Path, Wimbledon Park and Hainault Forest Country Park all need write-ups. The Green Chain Walk draft needs separating into separate areas (and probably re-trialling).

Talks given:

Redington Frognaal Association AGM on Westbourne (12 October)

AGS on Fossil Trees (including London ones) (14 October)

Camden Archive and Local Studies on *Walking the Westbourne* (21 April)

GA Festival of Geology:

Display of London Rocks with Strat column and pictures for the public to match

Other Events attended

- Stand at Heritage Day in Highgate Woods (September 7)
- Lesnes Festival, Abbey Woods (September 14)
- Stand at Open Day Maryon Wilson Park (27 September)
- Shared a stand with GA at ERMS show (Feb 21 – Portland Stone display)
- Stall at Lauderdale House Heritage Day (28 February)

GA's Geology From Your Sofa:

Continued work with Artists. Art and Geology in the London Area still needs to be added to LGP website.

Guides:

- Abbey Wood leaflet circulated at events
- Springfield Park Adult booklets completed in Word format; still needs to be put onto LGP website.

- Highgate Wood & Queen's Wood and Coldfall Wood leaflets reprinted and circulated at events. Recce for new guide aimed at schools for Coldfall Wood.
- Reccies and write-up of *Walking the Westbourne* booklet + virtual walk to be put on RFA website with QR code from bollards (already erected) and 2 information boards (printed but need to be placed). Booklet obtained Curry Fund Grant but is yet to be published.

Site visits:

The following sites have been visited in 2025-26:

GLA 1 Abbey Wood	GLA 34 Harefield Pit
GLA 2 Avenue House	GLA 44 Highgate Woods & Queens Wood
GLA 3 Beckenham Place Park	GLA 51 Parish's Pit, Erith
GLA 7 Crystal Palace (LB)	GLA 55 Trent Park
GLA 14 Gilbert's Pit	GLA 58 Coldfall Wood
GLA 15 Hainault Forest Country Park	GLA 64 Waterlow Park
GLA 18 Harrow Weald	GLA 69 Wanstead Flats
GLA 26 Riddlesdown Quarry	GLA 71 Leyton Flats
GLA 31 Erith Park	

LGP also visited:

Group visit to Mudlarking Exhibition, London Museum, Docklands (May)

Other activities:

- CNHSS museum Open Day (19 July)
- HHGS Exhibition at Headstone Manor (Opened 15 September - January)
- Conservation at Kensal Green Cemetery
- AGS Hornsey Tower for Ferricrete and Toulmin Smith (27 Feb)
- HHGS trip: Building Stones walk up Harrow-on-the-Hill (21 March)
- HHGS talk on Pinner Chalk Mine
- Drop-in event at HS2 (but not site visit) (15 May)
- Stanmore Gravel – HHGS have reached the bottom of the SG – a LIDAR image has been produced
- Working with City of London Corporation to return the geological display to the Visitor Hut in Highgate Woods.
- Mike Howgate wrote a report on soil analysis in Highgate Wood which was approved for the website (not yet added)
- Erith Park to view land slippage (5 March). It does not impinge on LGP face and EP have said they will move the board to the outside of the enclosing fence, with the intent of replacing it with a new board.
- Brunel museum updating the geology: their work has been postponed but LGP offered TT cores, currently being held in the shed of Steve Tracey. Jackie Skipper has also shown interest in the cores for educational purposes for GCG and will aim to find somewhere to store them.
- Advised Paul Feeney of the Architecture Association on possible whereabouts of London Clay for his students
- Advised Becky Lyon about LGP sites in Barnet for her project about local geology

Continued collaboration with artists Maja Quill, Jeffrey Miller and Kathryn Maguire. Gail Dickerson & Dee McLean are particularly involved with LGP and designed the Bermondsey Board together. London Clay from Hampstead Heath was offered to all of them from City of London Corporation. An artist from Barnet, Becky Lyon, made contact for information on the geology of Barnet.

Objective 4: Promote and care for London's Geodiversity

Website has been maintained with new additions including:

- Action Plan 2025-2029
- GLA 80, 81, 82
- SGI 41, 42, 43
- Reports:
- Geoconservation Harefield March 2025, Gilberts Pit April, Riddlesdown October
- LGP events are routinely advertised, as well as those of our affiliated groups on request.

Social Media: LGP events were regularly advertised and reported on Blue Sky.

An interview with Ruth Siddall about her London Building Stones Walks was published in the Guardian.

Diamond Geezer featured LGP in a blog and in a second blog detailed his self-led walk around Greenwich Park.

Objective 5: Sustain geodiversity activities in London

Amy Gentry joined us from UCL to replace Ruth Siddall. Ruth is now GeoEssex/Essex Rock & Mineral Society . We are still hoping to re-engage with the Horniman Museum as our contact there has also left.

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

Took part in consultation on National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the GLA's Green Infrastructure Framework and London Local Nature Strategy, which have now been completed.

The SINC (Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation) guidance has been revised and is available on the GLA website There are six Core criteria and 15 Supporting criteria. LGP was consulted on the revisions and one of the supporting criteria is specifically on Geodiversity. GiGL has created a Resource Hub of all SINC sites (see [GiGL SINC's Resource Hub](#)) in collaboration with the London Wildlife Trust and the GLA.

The current London Plan was adopted in March 2021 with an updated geodiversity policy (policy G9), which is within London GAP 2025-2029. There has been no progress by GLA on a revision to Planning Document: London's Foundations. Updated citations and additional sites are on the LGP website. The GLA website says: "The Mayor supports the work of the [London Geodiversity Partnership](#). Their website contains a wealth of material on London's Geodiversity." The GLA website also states that "an [updated list of adopted and candidate sites is available on the LGP website](#)"

Consultation on the draft of a revised London Plan is expected in July to October 2026.