International Geodiversity Day

Celebrating International Geodiversity Day 2026

Geoconservation at Riddlesdown Chalk Quarry

International Geoconservation Day is on 6 October; this event is the previous Saturday

Saturday 3 October 2026

10am to 3pm

Organised by the London Geodiversity Partnership and City of London Corporation
Liam Gallagher, past-President of the GA 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 a conservation plan some years ago and the City of London Corporation, who own the site, has been implementing it 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. 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 a packed lunch, stout gloves, a hi-vis vest and goggles but spares are available if you do not have them. We suggest you wear old clothes. City of London Corporation will supply tools and tea/coffee.



The team at work



Please register with the London Geodiversity Partnership at
geotrail@londongeopartnership.org.uk
including your mobile number and the name and phone number of an emergency contact.
If you have friends or relatives who may be interested, do bring them along too and let us know their names.

Further details including directions and a Risk Assessment will be sent on receipt of your registration.