
Suffolk Geodiversity Partnership

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Welcome to the SGP Newsletter.

The purpose of the newsletter is to update partners with news, achievements and activities of the SGP. It is in single-page format so it is easy to read and can be passed on to anyone who is interested.

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Geology in the Forest: SGP Meeting

The meeting on July 8th at the Santon Downham Forest Centre, near Brandon was attended by representatives from the Forestry Commission, Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB, Colchester and Ipswich Museum's service, the Norfolk Geodiversity Partnership and GeoSuffolk.

- Bob Markham's ideas for a new document, *Our Suffolk: Earth Heritage – Action for Suffolk's Geodiversity*, which includes the **Suffolk GAP** were welcomed by the meeting. It will be in 'loose leaf, pick & mix' format with a separate page for each aim (from the draft LGAP with modifications suggested by SGP partners). Suffolk geodiversity information and partners' pages (with help from GeoSuffolk if necessary) will also be included. Suggestions for a pro-forma for partners' pages were discussed.
- Tim Holt-Wilson and Bob Markham gave short illustrated presentations on the geodiversity of the Thetford Forest and Rendlesham Forest areas respectively.
- The afternoon walk through the forest inspected various hollows for Ice Age deposits and the blown sands of Breckland. Ponds on the higher ground led to a discussion of their origin and thoughts on interpretation for the public.
- A really good SGP meeting! Thank you Rachel Riley of the Forestry Commission.

Next time you go to **Bury St Edmunds** make your visit more special by downloading GeoSuffolk's building stones map of 'God's Square' from the website.

For more information on the SGP and Suffolk GAP contact Tim Holt-Wilson (SGP Co-ordinator)
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Gipping Valley Geodiversity: SGP Meeting

The next SGP meeting will be on **Monday October 27th** at the Mid Suffolk District Council Offices in Needham Market, thanks to Carrie Bewick, Discovery Project Officer. An indoor session is planned for the morning to review progress with the **SGAP** and an introduction to *Gipping Valley Geodiversity*. In the afternoon we will visit geodiversity sites on Mid Suffolk's new and exciting Aggregates Trail at Needham Lake, with information about the project (from start to finish) from Carrie.

This meeting is of interest to all those who wish to have input to the SGAP development and also to those with interests in leisure, tourism, education or the aggregates industry.

To find out more read Carrie's newsletters on <http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/Tourism+and+Countryside/Discovery+Project/Aggregates+Trail.htm>

Please contact C Markham if you wish to have further details of this meeting.

The Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB new Management Plan contains a welcome section on the geodiversity of this wonderful area.

Download the Management Plan from <http://www.suffolkcoastandheaths.org/download.s.asp?Pagel=161> and put *geodiversity* into the search engine.

GeoSuffolk News

GeoSuffolk is highlighting a Suffolk geology 'flagship' site at Sutton Knoll (near Woodbridge) at the Geologists Association Festival of Geology. This event at University College London on Saturday 1st November is open to the public and features exhibitors (such as GeoSuffolk), a Discovery Room for children, talks by key geological speakers, competitions and geo-walks. Make this part of a day out in London and say hello to us on the GeoSuffolk stand!

For more information see www.geologists.org.uk

Next SGP meeting
Mid Suffolk DC Offices,
Needham Market
October 27th