
Suffolk Geodiversity Partnership

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Welcome to the SGP Newsletter updating partners with news, achievements and activities of the SGP. Please pass it on to anyone who may be interested. Caroline Markham (Secretary GeoSuffolk) 07.01.09 www.geosuffolk.co.uk.

Gipping Valley Geodiversity: SGP Meeting

The meeting on October 27th 2008 at Mid Suffolk District Council Offices in Needham Market was attended by representatives from the NFU, Tarmac, Mid Suffolk DC, Queen Mary University London, Colchester and Ipswich Museum's service, the Norfolk Geodiversity Partnership and GeoSuffolk.

- Bob Markham's (Chairman of GeoSuffolk) ideas for the new document, *Earth Heritage Suffolk – Action for Suffolk's Geodiversity* were welcomed by the meeting. Alongside the **Suffolk GAP**, it will contain Suffolk geodiversity information and GeoSuffolk has made a start on writing the geosites pages. The format and content of these was approved by the meeting and there was agreement that individual partners' pages seemed a good way forward for the SGAP section.
- Peter Allen (GeoSuffolk) gave a presentation, *Deducing Glacial Behaviour from Sites Along the Gipping Valley* which was of great value to all those involved in interpreting the complex geodiversity of this part of Suffolk.
- Tim Holt-Wilson (GeoSuffolk) presented an excellent overview of the geodiversity of the Mid Suffolk District.
- The afternoon walk through Needham Market to the lake was led by Dave Hughes and Carrie Bewick (Mid Suffolk DC) and showcased their exciting new Aggregates Trail, with panels, leaflets and an excellent education pack. The Needham Erratic RIGS was visited plus GeoSuffolk's Mammoth Trail panel.
- A really good SGP meeting - thank you Dave and Carrie!

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Ipswich Geodiversity: SGP Meeting

The next SGP meeting will be on **Thursday March 12th** at Ipswich BC's award-winning Reg Driver Centre in Christchurch Park, Ipswich, thanks to Sam Pollard, Park Manager.

An indoor session is planned for the morning to review progress with the **SGAP** and an introduction to *Ipswich's Geodiversity*. In the afternoon we will take a look at the spring line landscapes in the park with Sam Pollard and Bob Markham. This meeting is of interest to all those who wish to have input to the SGAP development and also to those with interests in parks, the built environment and urban landscape.

GeoSuffolk News

Pages from our Chairman's Diary:

January 23rd *Geodiversity and Wildlife*, a morning workshop with the Suffolk Wildlife Trust at Foxburrow Farm, Melton.

June 6th *Geodiversity in Piper's Vale*, a morning walk with the Ipswich Park Rangers.

June 18th *Geology of the Orwell Estuary*, an evening cruise with the Ipswich Park Rangers (also including birds of the estuary).

Also: June 24th Dr R Dixon, *Church Building Stones in the Bawdsey Peninsula*, an evening walk with the Ipswich Society.

Geo-panel at Sutton

GeoSuffolk's new panel interpreting the Coralline Crag 'island' at Sutton is in place. Look out for it if you are walking in this area. It is by the footpath north-east of Rockhall Wood.

St Edmundsbury LDF Consultations

10,000 new houses are planned for St Eds by 2021. Tim Holt-Wilson has been responding to their Core Strategy and Site Allocation documents, advocating that planning policies give proper regard to geodiversity and commenting on potential development locations. Several proposed sites are likely to have an impact on Pleistocene and Palaeolithic resources.

Next SGP meeting
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Christchurch Park, Ipswich,
March 12th.