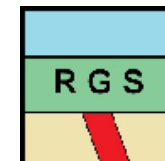


We are a fully inclusive, friendly group consisting mostly of amateurs, with a keen interest in geology and earth sciences.
Lectures are by experts in their field and field meetings are arranged for most months of the year.
New members: please come along to a meeting and make yourself known to a committee member when you arrive.

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READING GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

RGS Lecture Programme 2025

Monday 6 January 2025

AGM and Members Evening including a talk by Jim House on "A Brief Introduction to the Geology of Venus"

Monday 3 February 2025

The caves and karst of North Greenland - physical records of cryptic geological intervals

Prof. Paul Smith

Oxford University Museum of Natural History

Monday 3 March 2025

From lava to law enforcement: tales from the Restless Reykjanes, Iceland

Presidential Address

Prof. Alison MacLeod

University of Reading

Monday 7 April 2025

Mesolithic Archaeology and environment history in the Kennet Valley

Prof. Martin Bell

University of Reading

Monday 12 May 2025

Uncovering the Dinosaur Highway

Dr Emma Nicholls

Oxford University Museum of Natural History

Monday 2 June 2025

The Late Devonian Mass Extinction- the terrestrial story

Prof. John Marshall

School of Ocean and Earth Science, University of Southampton

Monday 7 July 2025

Summer Ramble – Finchampstead Ridges – 6:45pm

Ailsa Davies

RGS

Monday 4 August 2025

Summer Ramble – Crazies Hill, Wargrave – 6:15pm

Mike Jones and Sarah Cook

RGS

Monday 1 September 2025

Alpine peaks and salt intrusions - geological windows into deep Earth's mantle

Prof Jonathan Turner

University of Birmingham

Monday 6 October 2025

Antarctica

Mark Easton

Monday 3 November 2025

La Palma Volcanics

Prof Dougal Jerram

Monday 1 December 2025

Cretaceous amber — frozen in time

Dr Ricardo Perez-de la Fuente

Oxford University Museum of Natural History

Ailsa Davies

Hilary Jensen

Carole Gregory

Roger York

Ross Garden

Ailsa Davies (acting)

Elaine Butler

David Ward

Peter Sergeant

Helen Craggs

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Lectures Secretary

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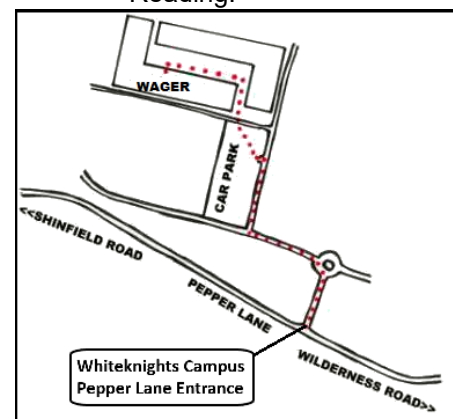
Prof. Alison MacLeod President

Website: <https://readinggeology.org.uk>

Lectures are held on the first working Monday of each month.

Time: 7:45pm for 8:00pm

Venue: Usually via Zoom and Sorby Room ,
Wager Building,
The University of Reading,
Reading.



Being out in the field and experiencing geology first-hand with a group of like-minded people is interesting, enjoyable and a good day out or a weekend or week away. We try to cater for most needs so let us know how we can help and please join us.

RGS Field Meetings Programme 2025

Wednesday 22 January 2025

National Museum of Wales, Cardiff - Geology Collection Museum Visit

Led by Cindy Howells, Daniel Cox and Lucy McCobb
NMW, Cardiff

Sunday 9 February 2025

The Ferricrete of Berkshire

Leader: Lesley Dunlop
BGG

Sunday 23 March 2025

Gravestones of Oxford

Leaders: Nina Morgan and Philip Powell
OGT

Sunday 13 April 2025

Sunken Lanes of Sussex

Leader: Prof John Boardman

6 - 9 May 2025

Long Field Meeting to Kent

Leaders: Simon Drake, Geoff Downer and Ken Cole

Wednesday 11 June 2025

Unconformities, bedding & fossils of Ogmere and Southerndown, South Wales

Leader: Prof Paul Wright

Thursday 10 July 2025

Harrow Weald Common

Leader: Diana Clements, Liz Chui and Alan Wheeler
HHGS

Wednesday 30 July 2025

CLOSED – The Dinosaur Trackways at Dewar's Farm, Ardley and the Great Oolite at Kirtlington

Leaders: Morning led by Duncan Murdoch & Emma Nicholls (OUMNH)
Afternoon led by Ross Garden

19 - 23 September 2025 - Weekend

Long Field Meeting to Cornwall

Leader: Dr. Jonathan Turner

The Geologists' Association holds regular lectures in London and field meetings in this country and all over the world, see their website for details. www.geologistsassociation.org.uk

Sunday 12 October 2025

Sedimentology and diagenesis of the Arden Sandstone (Triassic), Warwickshire

Leader: Stuart Burley (Warwickshire Geological Conservation Group)

Wednesday 19 November 2025

Field Meeting to the Corallian at Dry Sandford Pit, Cothill, Oxfordshire

Leader: Ross Garden

Thursday 4 December 2025

Field Meeting to the Geology Section of Bristol Museum, Bristol

Leader: Deborah Hutchinson (Bristol Museum)

Logistics

You need to sign up for a field meeting.

Travel is by members' cars or possibly a minibus if the numbers are sufficient, with costs shared between members. Alternatively, you may wish to travel independently. When a visit requires specific equipment - for instance hard hats, torches or wellingtons - you will be notified in advance. At each lecture, there will normally be lists displayed for the forthcoming field meetings, alternatively to register for a field meeting online go to the website.

If you have suggestions for visits or would like to lead one, we would be delighted to hear from you.

[Mailto field meetings subcommittee.](mailto:fieldmeetings@geologistsassociation.org.uk)

Safety

All attendees need to sign a Risk Assessment Document

Safety on field meetings is taken very seriously. Should you be unsure about either the risks involved or your ability to participate, you must seek advice from the leader. Please make sure you understand the risk assessment offered by the leader of the meeting and that you have the safety equipment specified. You must declare, at the time of booking, any disabilities or medical conditions that may affect your ability to safely attend this field meeting. In order to ensure the safety of all participants, the RGS reserves the right to limit or refuse attendance at field meetings. By signing up to a field meeting you are confirming you have read this safety briefing note, are accepting the risks and responsibilities and are permitting the RGS to keep your contact details for the duration of the trip.