



Bulletin of the North Staffordshire Group of the Geologists' Association Number 130 : April 2020



Summer Programme 2020 & COVID-19 Coronavirus A Message from the NSGGA & GA Executives

Dear NSGGA Member

In-line with many organisations that arrange events, The North Staffordshire Group of the Geologists' Association is in the process of reviewing our event calendar for 2020 and making contingency plans around the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. We shall endeavour to keep the website updated with relevant information. Contact with members of the 'NSGGA exec' via e-mail remains an option.

The North Staffordshire Group of the Geologists' Association is committed to following the latest UK Government advice on events and public gatherings. Current government and public health advice states that all, non-essential social contact with other people should be avoided for the foreseeable future. Those at risk or with underlying health issues are being advised to self-isolate for a period of 12 weeks.

Therefore, on advice of the national GA, the North Staffordshire Group of the Geologists' Association is postponing their field meetings for the foreseeable future, in line with government advice.

We will provide an update to this advice in the July Bulletin.

We have a number of elderly members amongst us. If you know of any in your area, why not drop them an email or give them a call to chat Geology for a while and make sure they have all they need. For those with underlying health issues, the next several weeks is likely to be a long and potentially lonely time.

For more information on COVID-19 visit www.who.int

To view UK Government advice visit: www.gov.uk

For NHS information visit: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

From the GA and NSGGA Executives



Some Geological(ish) Websites to Keep You Entertained During the Lock-in.

SERC Site Guides: serc.carleton.edu/serc/site_guides/index.html

Earth Learning Idea: www.earthlearningidea.com

Giga Thin Sections: strabospot.org/giga

Gigapan Geology: www.gigapan.com/gigapans?query=geology

3D PDF Structures: sedimentaryglg.nau.edu/3d_glg/

3D Virtual Outcrops: v3geo.com

The [David Thompson Archive](#)

Field Guides from the field trips of David Thompson to Staffordshire and Cheshire

"[Astbury Hydraulic Lime Company](#)"

Video 38 minutes long, a tour through tunnels and air shafts of Astbury Lime Works, including some geological commentary, reference to Red Rock Fault etc. [The DBT Archive](#) has details of the NSGGA visit on 6th June 1996, led by David & John Rees [BGS] "looking" at Lower Carboniferous volcanics in Apedale & Astbury.

"[Mow Cop Tunnels and Tramways](#)"

Video 23 minutes long, a tour under southern end of Mow Cop along the tramway line which ran from Tower Hill and Stonetrough collieries on the east, to the Macclesfield Canal at Kent Green on the west.

**NSGGA - Next Committee Meeting:
TBC**

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NSGGA web page: www.nsgga.org

The NSGGA website has moved!

The servers that have hosted the old NSGGA web pages since 2006 are very much past their best before date. Before we lost everything, the website has now moved to a shiny new home at www.nsgga.org