



29th September 2026

LGS Newsletter 168.1

Welcome to the 168th Session of the Liverpool Geological Society

Information about indoor meetings for the 168th session is now available on the LGS website at:

<https://liverpoolgeologicalsociety.org/indoor-meetings>

Liverpool Geological Society events

All talks for the 2026-27 session will start at 7.30pm and take place at the Central Teaching Hub of the University of Liverpool in Lecture Theatre C. Entrance will be via the main door to the Central Teaching Hub.

Indoor meetings will begin on Tuesday 6th October when Colonel Martin Amlôt (Liverpool Geological Society President) will give his Presidential Address: 'Art and Geology'



LGS Members' Evening



There will be a 'Members' Evening' on **Tuesday 12th January 2027**. This evening is your chance to have your 'Five (or fifteen) minutes of fame'.

If you would like to give a short talk (15 minutes maximum) on a topic that interests you, please let Chris Hunt (Honorary Assistant Secretary – Programme) know by emailing: chris1972scfc@outlook.com

Liverpool Geological Society Prizes 2026

The Society awarded six prizes for the academic year 2025-2026. Prize winners are listed below:

Liverpool John Moores University

Overall Excellence for an Undergraduate Dissertation in the BSc (Hons) Environmental Sciences: Louise Buckler

University of Liverpool

Overall excellence in BSc (Hons) Geology: Grace Hirst

Overall excellence in BSc (Hons) Geology & Physical Geography: Asriel Wilde

Overall excellence in BSc (Hons) Geophysics: Jacob Stoney

Edge Hill University

Overall Excellence in BSc (Hons) Geology with Physical Geography: Nicholas James Ball

Hope University

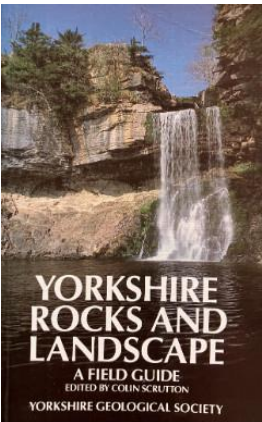
Overall Excellence in BSc (Hons) in Geography Neve Clark

The **Wallace Pitcher Prize** was not awarded this year.

Honorary Membership of the Liverpool Geological Society

Members will be pleased to hear that the LGS Council agreed to award Honorary Membership to Joe Crossley in recognition of his many years of service to the Society.

LGS Library

	The library is now placed in a permanent location in the Central Teaching Hub. There are over 390 geology books in <u>your</u> library. A catalogue of books available to LGS members is published on the LGS website: https://liverpoolgeologicalsociety.org/library Members will be able to access the library and borrow books between 6.45 p.m. and 7.15 p.m. on Tuesday 20th October 2026. Members wishing to borrow or reserve a particular item may also use the booking system on the above section of the LGS website.	
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Two gentle reminders from the Treasurer

1. Subscriptions for the 2026 - 2027 session

Subscriptions are due on the 1st of October 2026.

Subscription rates are: £15 for full members and £5 for student members (full time students).

All enquiries about membership of the Society should be sent to the Honorary Treasurer at g.t.b_lgs@hotmail.co.uk

(Please note that Gary's email address has an underscore between b and lgs)

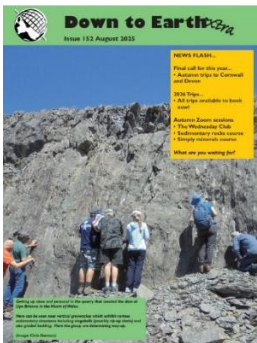
Those wishing to take advantage of a Standing Order Mandate to pay their subscriptions and save worrying each year about paying their subscriptions should also contact the Honorary Treasurer, who will provide you with our bank details. You can complete the Standing Order Mandate online or by visiting your bank.

2. Gift Aid - boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate!

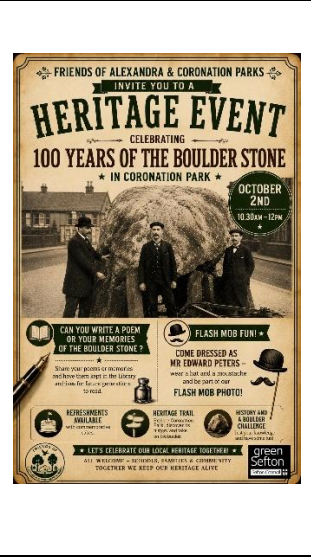
Liverpool Geological Society reclaims **Gift Aid** from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer. A Gift Aid Form is available from the Honorary Treasurer and at LGS meetings. Completed Gift Aid forms should be returned to Mr Gary T Billington, Honorary Treasurer, Liverpool Geological Society, 4 Lewisham Road, Liverpool L11 1EF

Email: g.t.b_lgs@hotmail.co.uk

Down to Earth Magazine (DTE)

	Hard copies of this publication are not being produced, but electronic copies are available, which we have permission to email to LGS members. If you would like a pdf copies of the most recent publications (DTE Number 135, DTE Extra Numbers 163, 164, 165 & 166), please email Maggie Williams (Secretary) at lgssecretary19@gmail.com and copies will be sent to you.	
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Crosby's Heritage Event - a celebration of the Boulder Stone

 Boulder Stone Event Coronation Park Friday 2 October 2026 10.30am - 12pm ITINERARY 1 Welcome: Special welcome from the Chair of Crosby & Coronation Parks 2 Civic Welcome: Mayor of Crosby 3 Opening of the New Interpretation Display: Crosby's Boulder Stone 4 Family trail: Local history & geology for all ages 5 High 2026 Flash Mob Photography: The new 2026 Flash Mob Photography 6 Refreshments & Heritage Quiz: Refreshments & a quiz on the history of Crosby & Coronation Parks 7 Golden Heritage Trail: A trail of local history & geology 8 Take the Boulder Challenge! Take the Boulder Challenge! Crosby boulder stone 1898 This photograph shows Crosby's boulder stone with the man who found it, and gave it to Crosby Council in 1898, Mr. Edward Peters. All activities are free and everyone is welcome! Come along and celebrate the heritage of Coronation Park and the remarkable Crosby Boulder Stone. Bring a flag and take a photograph to win a prize! Green Sefton For more information contact: info@friendsofcrosby.co.uk	This event has been organised by The Friends of Alexandra & Coronation Parks, Crosby. It will be held in Coronation Park, Crosby from 10.30 to 12.00 on Friday 2nd October. LGS members are invited to attend. The Boulder Stone (a huge gypsum boulder) was discovered by Thomas Mellarde Reade (an early member of the Liverpool Geological Society). Reade FGS (1832 – 1909) was an English geologist, architect and civil engineer. Reade laid out the Blundellsands Estate in Liverpool in 1868. He also published geological works <i>The Origin of Mountain Ranges</i> (1886), and <i>The Evolution of Earth Structure</i> (1903). He was a President of the Liverpool Geological Society and was awarded the Murchison Medal of the Geological Society of London in 1896	 FRIENDS OF ALEXANDRA & CORONATION PARKS INVITE YOU TO A HERITAGE EVENT CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE BOULDER STONE ★ IN CORONATION PARK ★ OCTOBER 2ND 10.30am - 12pm CAN YOU WRITE A POEM OR YOUR MEMORIES OF THE BOULDER STONE? Share your poems or memories with the group in the library and have the best poem win a prize! FLASH MOB FUN! COME DRESSED AS MR EDWARD PETERS Wear a hat and a monocle and be part of our FLASH MOB PHOTO! HERITAGE TRAIL Take a walk on the trail and find out more about the history of Crosby & Coronation Parks. HERITAGE QUIZ Test your knowledge of the history of Crosby & Coronation Parks. LET'S CELEBRATE OUR LOCAL HERITAGE TOGETHER ALL WELCOME! A warm welcome to all who want to celebrate our local heritage. Green Sefton
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Geologists' Association (GA)

Friday 2nd October 2026

Lecture by Prof Kirsty Edgar: Thirty years of discovery at the UK's largest dinosaur track site in north Oxfordshire.

Details at: <https://geologistsassociation.org.uk/>

This lecture is in the Janet Watson Lecture Theatre, The Geological Society, Piccadilly, London W1V 0JU.

The talk will also be via Zoom. To attend the meeting via Zoom, register in advance by emailing the Secretary vi sarah@geolostsassociation.org.uk for details.

Manchester Geological Association (MGA)

A list of upcoming MGA indoor meetings is available at: <https://manchestergeology.org.uk/>

Meetings include the Annual Broadhurst Lectures on Saturday 17th October. At this event there will be three presentations:

- Ian Jackson: a talk on The Geology of Hadrian's Wall
- Les Knight: a talk on his work mapping glacial erratics across the country
- Jamie pringle: a talk about forensic geophysics.

Yorkshire Geological Society (YGS)

A list of upcoming YGS events (webinars and indoor meetings) is available at:

<https://www.yorksgeolsoc.org.uk/events>