



Mendip Rocks! Framework Saturday 25th January 2014

at Somerset Earth Science Centre
Moon's Hill Quarry, Stoke St Michael, Radstock, Somerset BA3 5JU

This one day event is to consider ideas for improving the understanding and management of the Mendip Hills geology and the wildlife and historic landscape that it has shaped.

A significant amount of research, activities and management has already been undertaken by a wide range of individuals and organisations. How can we better share this information? What further research and information is required to engage land managers, decision makers and local communities in the caring for key features and sites? What information, interpreted in interesting ways, would add to the visitor experience and encourage visitors to explore further? These and other questions will be considered.

As well as short presentations from some of those who have already undertaken related activities it is hoped that the day will inspire and suggest new ideas and new partnership projects through the proposed coordinated - Mendip Rocks! Framework.

Programme

9.30 am Registration and Coffee

10.00 am Welcome and introduction – Sarah Jackson, Mendip Hills AONB Manager

Morning session: current and future activities:

10.10 am Somerset Earth Science Centre: Dr Gill Odolphie, Centre Manager.

10.25 am Mendip Rocks Festival: Ruth Worsley, Festival Coordinator

10.40 am Quarry Faces Project: Robin Thornes.

10.55 am Wells Museum - Netherworld and Beyond: Barry Lane

11.10 – Short comfort break

11.25 am Geodiversity: Bob Corns, Natural England.

11.40 am Biodiversity and Site Management: Michelle Bowe, Somerset Wildlife Trust.

11.55 am Mendip Cave Exploration and Records, Alan Gray, Mendip Cave Registry

12.15 am Somerset Historic Environment Research, Priorities and Directions –
Bob Croft, Somerset County Archaeologist.

12.30 Wrap up the morning session.

12.45 Lunch – Local produce buffet.

Afternoon Workshop session:

1.45 pm Introduction to workshop- Andy Mallender, Mendip Hills AONB Project
Development Officer.

2.00 pm Workshop: To consider ideas & opportunities for new projects, 4 groups
to rotate around 4 subject areas:

- Research
- Interpretation
- Activities
- Site Conservation Management

3.30 pm Final summary and next steps.

3.45 pm End

**Booking Form – Booking is essential. The number of places is limited but
we still have some available so please either return this form to address below
or email :**

amallender@somerset.gov.uk – including the following information:

Name:

Organisation :

Contact Tel:

Email:

Any special dietary requirements:

You will be contacted if we are fully booked and are unable to accept your booking.
This event is free.

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