

Insurance

WGCG has Public Liability Insurance which covers :

- Claims by Third Parties against members, leaders and the Group with respect to, amongst others, loss or damage to property, trespass or nuisance
- Employers liability with respect to volunteers, covering members claims against the group for negligence

Non-members who have signed the Registration Form and paid the day fee are treated as members for the duration of the trip.

The cover available for personal injury is relatively limited and therefore you might wish to take out your own insurance to cover yourself in case of accident



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WGCG was established in 1990 by a few enthusiasts who wanted to raise awareness of and conserve the many rock exposures dotted around the county. The membership has since grown and includes many enthusiastic amateurs, students and teachers as well as some professional geologists.

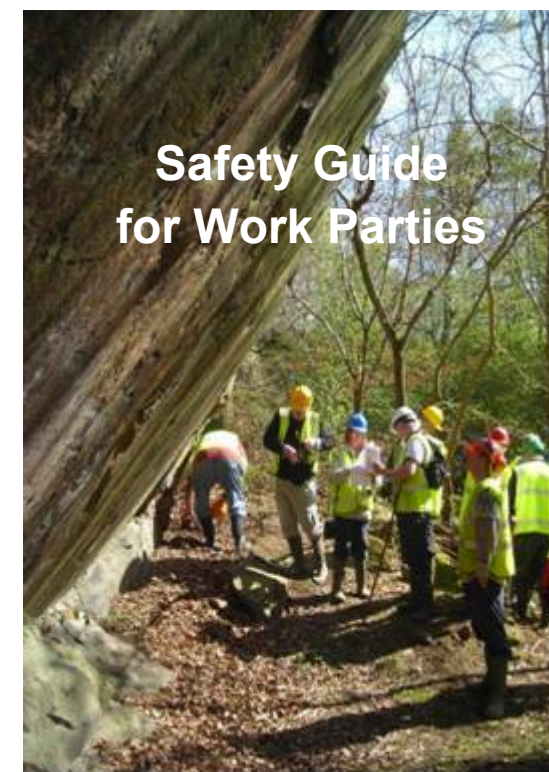
The group retains its two major aims:

- to raise awareness of geology and landscape through education
- to conserve and protect geological sites in Warwickshire and the West Midlands

The Group's activities include a winter lecture programme, summer field trips, conservation projects and the installation of interpretation panels and publicising geology to other groups and at public events. Members are kept informed of the Group's activities through the publication of a bi-annual Newsletter. New members are always welcome. To join WGCG please download an application form from the web site

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**Warwickshire Geological
Conservation Group**

Conserving Warwickshire's Geological Heritage



The responsibility for the safety and conduct of participants of any activity organised by, or for, the Warwickshire Geological Conservation Group (WGCG) is shared between the Group's appointed officers, its leaders and participants

On arrival the Leader will:

- brief all participants on any hazards and risks associated with the visit
- distribute copies of the Site Owner's H&S requirements if applicable
- advise if WGCG has signed an indemnity form and, if so, explain its content,
- advise on the safety equipment and clothing requirements,
- ensure that all participants have the correct safety equipment,
- distribute copies of this leaflet if required.

All participants will then be required to sign the Site Registration Form to:

- acknowledge receipt of this leaflet,
- confirm that they have been briefed by the Leader,
- confirm that their safety equipment complies with the H&S requirements,
- confirm acceptance of the conditions of the indemnity

During the Trip

- Stay in the group at all times.
- Never leave the Group without telling the Group Leader.
- Wear the required safety equipment at all times.
- Don't climb on rock faces.
- Don't stray close to the top of rock faces or cliffs.
- Wear safety goggles when hammering rocks – it is your responsibility to ensure that nobody is close by.
- Keep out of water or mud if you are unsure of the depth.
- Keep off loose rocks and scree slopes which may be unstable.
- Watch out for moving vehicles and equipment.
- Do not enter old industrial buildings.
- Keep off old equipment.
- Do not enter old mines alone.

Safety Equipment

The following safety equipment may be required for some venues:

- Safety Helmets which must comply with BS EN 397:1995 and EN 812, be undamaged and be less than 5 years old.

- High Visibility Jackets -usually day-glo yellow or orange reflective jackets or waistcoats.
- Goggles with side protection.

Indemnity

The owners of active quarries may require the party leader to sign a form indemnifying the owners from responsibility for most accidents that may befall a member of the party. This form is signed on behalf of the Group and all participants and will normally state:

- That you accept full responsibility for any damage done by yourself to the property of the quarry
- That the quarry owners will not be liable for any injury, loss, or damage sustained by you during the visit howsoever caused.
- That you shall indemnify the quarry owners against any claim by other persons in respect of injury, loss or damage caused during the visit due to your negligence.
- The exception being that if any of the above occurrences is due to the negligence of the quarry owners or their employees.