

WGCG Field Trip to Llandrindod Wells 13th - 15th May 2022

Hosted by Joe Botting / Lucy Weir

This is the **formal invitation to members to register** for the WGCG residential field trip to Llandrindod Wells in May 2022. Members will recall that Joe and Lucy are independent researchers to whom the Society made a Bursary Award to help towards costs of equipment to assist in their work, and subsequently addressed the Society (on Zoom) in January 2021 on their research into ‘Burgess-Shale-type’ discoveries in Mid-Wales.

Duration

Formal leadership will commence with an introductory talk on the Friday evening at a venue to yet to be decided. Activities will draw to a close early on Sunday afternoon to allow good time for homeward travel.

Accommodation

Registrants will be required to make their own arrangements, but Joe has listed the following hotels to select from. Other B&B establishments are also available if preferred.

Metropole Hotel	01597-823700	(expensive, but accordingly grander)
Glen Usk	01597-822085	(cheaper, but in the “faded grandeur” category)
Commodore	01597-822288	(‘very nice’, but getting more expensive)
Hampton	(avoid!)	
The Cottage B&B	01597-825435	

(STOP PRESS: in checking all these on the internet it appeared that Glen Usk might be up for sale)

Meals

A group dinner on the Saturday evening will (we expect) be organised, but no venue has yet been approached. All other meals, especially lunches, will be taken “as we go along”.

Travel Arrangements

Travel to and from Llandrindod Wells is members’ own responsibility. Any further daily travel into the field will be organised to minimise the use of vehicles.

Registration and Cost

There will be an upper limit of 12 participants (at the outset: some relaxation may be possible if registrations “just” exceed that number) and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. A minimum number of 8 participants will be required to make this trip viable.

There will be a charge of £30 per person to cover the leader’s fee, expenses and administration.

Closing date for return of registration form and payment is Monday 28th February 2022.

Itinerary / Geology (Provisional – some access issues may interfere with present aspirations)

- Friday eve. Introductory talk on the ‘Builth Inlier’ - palaeontological and geological importance
- Saturday a.m. Visit to the Radnorshire Museum (in Llandrindod Wells) to see their substantial displays (much from Joe and Lucy’s own collections)
- Saturday p.m. Visit to the nearby Llanfawr Quarries - a Konservat-Lagerstätte with historically important igneous intrusions [which I have heard referred to as “bun-laccoliths”]
- Sunday a.m. / early p.m. Geological tour around Llandrindod Wells – mineral springs, Silurian sediments, erratics, Ordovician volcanics and general scenery

Activities may be adapted to suit weather conditions and “wishes of the Group”.

Safety & Covid

Outdoor activities will be subject to the usual care and precautions expected in the field as dictated by the terrain and weather conditions, with suitable clothing and footwear being required. It will be sensible to have hard hats and hi-vis vests to hand although this has not been specifically requested by our leaders.

The terrain we are likely to encounter is described as 'fairly gentle', but includes going over fields, uneven and rough ground in places, including quarries. Hard hats are advised if you wish to examine quarry faces at close hand. There will be some uphill walking, but limited to short distances. As with most 'field activity', people with mobility issues may need to be prepared to exempt themselves from parts of the itinerary.

It is not expected that any special Covid-testing will be necessary but this could change. Each member attending should be acquainted with the society's guidance on field activity (this can be requested if you are unaware of its content).

Insurance

Membership of a participating society is a requirement for insurance purposes (please ensure you are fully paid up – separately from this registration process). You are advised to have suitable travel insurance to protect against any losses that may arise from cancellation or loss of personal belongings.

Please note that this document does not constitute a brochure under the Package Travel Regulations (1992).

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Registration Form

NAME 1:	NAME 2:
WGCG or BCGS or LLPS member:	WGCG or BCGS or LLPS member:
ADDRESS:	ADDRESS:
TELEPHONE:	TELEPHONE:
EMAIL:	EMAIL:

I / We would like to register to attend the Llandrindod field trip and I / we have booked our accommodation at (<i>name of hotel if possible or name of town / village as minimum so we know how far away people are based</i>):	
In the event that the trip is oversubscribed and this registration cannot be accepted, I / we would like to be added to the waiting list	Y
Full payment of £30 to be made by 28th February Please complete the appropriate box:	
Cheques to be made payable to WGCG. I / We enclose a cheque payment of (£30 per person):	£
I / We have made payment by BACS (£30 per person) and have sent an email to Julie Harrald to confirm this on (date of payment and email) Sort code: 40-27-06 Account number: 51411101 and when asked for a reference please enter your name .	£30 Date:
DIETARY REQUIREMENTS	
I have the following dietary requirements: Food	
SIGN	
I have read the provisional trip details and have noted the information on terrain and equipment and Covid	
I will read and abide by the WGCG notes on field trip / site visit health and safety View online - Document 7 at https://www.wgcg.co.uk/safety-documents/	
Signed (name 1): R Pratt	Date:
Signed (name 2):	Date:

Please return this form with your payment by Monday 28th February 2022 to:
Julie Harrald, 70 Blackbrook Road, Loughborough, LE11 4PZ
julieharrald@gmail.com.