Geo-conservation - Kenilworth Cutting
Saturday October 14th 10:00-15:00

Some years ago a disused railway line in Kenilworth was converted to a public footpath now called the Kenilworth Greenway. Within the cutting there is a rare exposure of the Kenilworth sandstone which, for a number of year, WGCG have preserved through periodic removal of the invading fauna. WGCG also installed an information panel at this location.

Members and friends are invited to participate in a geo-conservation activity planned for 14/10/23. We will meet at the information panel from 10:00 am and plan to undertake clearance up to 15:00 hrs. Volunteers are invited to come along for as little as 1 hour or for the duration. Please bring along any food and drink you make require and whatever gardening tools you plan to use e.g. any of the following; (shears, loppers, secateurs, rake, trowel, spade, brush, wheelbarrow). You will have to carry any tools you bring along to the exposures as there is no vehicle access. The brash will be distributed in the undergrowth along the greenway. Gardening cloths, gardening gloves and boots are recommended.

Registration will take place on arrival. There is no need to register in advance, but it would be useful to know how many to expect. This activity is being co-ordinated by Ray Pratt who can be contacted by email warwickshiregcg@gmail.com

Please read the WGCG Safety guide before you attend. https://www.wgcg.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Safety-Guide-for-Site-Visits.pdf

More information on the exposure at Kenilworth cutting can be found at; https://lgs.wgcg.co.uk/LoGS97.pdf and https://www.wgcg.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/WGCG-Kenilworth-05-Copy-2.pdf

Information on the history of the Greenway can be found at; https://www.thegreenwaytrust.org.uk/about-the-greenway/

Periodic removal of fauna from LGS sites is essential in order to maintain the locations for future events. WGCG plan to hold visits to Kenilworth Cutting during GeoWeek, commonly the last week in May. During the process of cleaning an exposure detailed investigation is undertaken and findings discussed adding to our knowledge. Such in depth study is rarely achieved during guided visits.

Location Map

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Entrance location: Lat Long 52.358966, -1.565154; Post Code CV8 2UQ; Grid Ref SP297 735; What 3 Words asking.them.crazy

WGCG RISK ASSESSMENT

Location: Kenilworth Cutting	**Activity: Geo-Conservation**
Participants: (See site registration document)	**Activity date: 14-10-23**
Assessed by: Ray Pratt	**Assessment date: 18-09-23**

Hazard	Associated Risk(s)	People at risk	likelihood	severity	Level of Risk (after intervention) L,M,H	Actions to reduce risk
Slips trips and falls	Broken bones, bruising, concussion	Field participants	2	2	low	Wear sturdy footwear. Be aware of and take extra care on uneven ground, steep ground, wet grass
Obstacles	Cuts, sprains, bruising	Field participants	2	2	low	Take extra care and avoid if possible, obstacles such as fencing, debris, pathway furniture
Falling Rocks		Field participants	1	3	low	Stay behind fencing. Wear a hard hat if going close to cliff face, do not hammer at a cliff face
Insect bites, stings, nettle rash	Skin irritation	Field participants	4	2	low	Wear long sleeves, trousers, gardening gloves. Carry insect repellent if required.
Weather	Hypothermia / Sunstroke	Field participants	2	2	low	Check the weather forecast and wear appropriate clothing. Bring along drinks
Vehicles near entrance	Minor or major injury or death from person – vehicle collision.	Field participants	1	4	low	Stay alert when parking and walking to and from cars with tools
Pedestrians & cyclists	Collision	Field participants & public	1	2	low	Be alert and conscious of other footpath users

1. Participants are expected to be in sufficiently good health to spend 1/1/2 hours of gentle walking. Those with underlying health conditions should make themselves known to the trip leader and carry on themselves a list of prescriptive medicines being taken. This information may be essential to emergency service personnel.
2. Under 16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Calculating Risk:

Risk rating is calculated by multiplying the likelihood of anything happening by the consequences if it does.
Likelihood x Severity

Likelihood		**Severity of consequences**	
5	Almost Certain	5	Fatality
4	Probable	4	Major injury/illness resulting in disability
3	Possible	3	Injury/ illness, requires doctors/ hospital treatment
2	Possible (under unfortunate circumstances)	2	Minor injury, requires first aid
1	Rare	1	Minor Injury, no first aid.

High risk 16- 25
Do not proceed with activity in current form.

Medium risk 9-15
Only have this level for short–term exposure. Ensure that steps are being taken to reduce the risk, e.g. use of additional safety equipment or a change of route.

Low Risk 1-8
Acceptable activity but should be monitored and regularly reviewed to check for suitability.

If at any point any part of the survey does not feel safe, the leader will stop the event.

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