

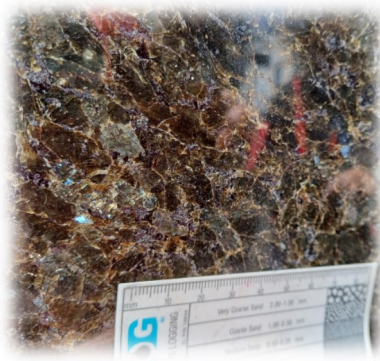
Urban Geo walk

Royal Leamington Spa

Royal Leamington Spa was built on ancient river terraces of the river Learn. Unlike the neighbouring towns of Warwick and Kenilworth, use of local stone was infrequent opting to emulate the grandeur of Bath and London. The stately Georgian houses may look like they have been constructed from “*limestone*” however on close inspection we find that they were constructed of brick coated with stucco to look like the architecture of Bath!

Following a royal visit by Queen Victoria in 1838, the town was given its Royal charter becoming known as “Royal Leamington Spa.” This statue of Queen Victoria commemorating the visit is made of white Italian *Carrara marble*, standing on a plinth of *pink Scottish granite*.

The shop fronts along the Parade and adjacent streets display a range of interesting decorative stone cladding from around the world including Italian *travertine*, various *granites*, Norwegian *Larvikite* and “home grown” *oolitic limestones*. Former residents, Jane and Mihaela, will expertly guide you around the town explaining the origin of the rocks, and what can be interpreted from these urban exposures. The tour will end in the delightful setting of Jephson Gardens where a number of monuments constructed of different stone can be appreciated.



A close look at Emerald Pearl Larvikite

Public event: *by Warwickshire Geological Conservation Group (WGCG)*
lead by Jane Allum and Mihaela Bokor

Meeting point: Outside, Leamington Library Royal Pump Rooms Parade,
Parade, Leamington Spa CV32 4AA

When: **Sunday, 25th May 2025**

From: 10:30 am—12:30 pm

Registration: *is essential*, the number of participants will be limited to 20.
To register, please email: warwickshiregcg@gmail.com