



# Teme Valley Geological Society

TVGS is a young and active geological society, started by a group of enthusiastic amateurs who wanted to understand more about the extraordinary geo-diversity in and around the Teme valley in Worcestershire, and especially in the village of Martley. We have now grown to a membership of 80, with 270 on email circulation. Most of our members are not geologists, although several are.

Central to our activities is the geological richness around us, with rocks from 7 geological periods represented in our parish.

The Society is active in several areas, including:

- Maintaining a website: [www.geo-village.eu](http://www.geo-village.eu)
- Speaker meetings from September to March. Previous speakers have included Profs Rory Mortimore, Gillian Foulger, Donny Hutton and David Siveter, also Chris Darmon and many more. Our speakers are always very well received and become friends of the Society
- Education. We schedule regular adult courses for beginners and for improvers, tutored by an expert in the subject. We work closely with a cluster of Teme Valley primary schools and our local secondary school to involve and enthuse local children about their surrounds
- With EU LEADER funding we surveyed and published a detailed record of all important geological features in Martley parish, amounting to over 30 notable exposures and sites
- Also with LEADER funding we developed and published a network of walking trails linking important local geological sites, all maintained by volunteers from the Society. Visitors can enjoy the beautiful Teme Valley and learn about 700 million years of geology
- A group of members is being trained in geological mapping, by an expert from the Society, to complete one of the last unmapped geological sheets in England, in South Shropshire
- We are working with colleagues in other EU countries to develop the idea of European geovillages, with Martley being one. These are villages wishing to encourage tourism to and the study of their special geological features
- We aim to develop Martley geovillage to incorporate complementary attractions, such as visits to local food and drink producers, crafts' persons and artists

## **What can we do for your Society?**

Martley and its surrounds lie in a beautiful landscape of undulating fields, a sharp spine of hills and the most attractive segment of the Teme, a river rising in mid Wales and flowing to the Severn south of Worcester. It is a great destination for field trips where visitors can, in an easy walking tour, examine rocks from the Precambrian, Cambrian, Silurian, Carboniferous, Permian, Triassic and Quaternary periods. Nearby are Devonian formations and volcanic dykes with England's largest Tufa deposit.

You are welcome to download trail guides from our website and organise your own visit; to help you we have established a visitor map board with leaflets, in the village centre.

If you wish, we can link you with a professional guide. Why not enjoy a weekend in local accommodation and excellent pubs? Guided tours may visit private sites by arrangement.

Apart from its unique geology, the Teme Valley is rich in local food production such as lamb, beef, geese, honey, asparagus, hops, cider and beer, so there are opportunities to add an agri-tourism aspect to your visit. This could include a meal and tour of a farm or other producer.

We hope your Society will consider visiting us in Martley. Contact our Secretary to work with us to tailor your visit for a fulfilling and enjoyable experience. We look forward to meeting you!

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# Why not come to Martley for a field Trip?



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Cenozoic	Quaternary	2.6	
	Neogene		
	Paleogene	23	
Mesozoic	Cretaceous	65	
	Jurassic	145	
	Triassic-Sidmouth Mudstone	199	
	Triassic-Bromsgrove Sandstone	251	
Paleozoic	Permian-Haffield Breccia	299	
	Carboniferous-Highley Fmn	359	} Raglan Upper Ludlow Aymestry Lower Ludlow Much Wenlock Coalbrookdale Wyche
	Devonian	416	
	Silurian	444	
	Ordovician	488	
	Cambrian-Martley Quartzite	542	
	Pre-Cambrian-Malverns Complex		