

Welcome to **Geo East**, the newsletter for the East of England Geodiversity Partnership. Caroline Markham 20.03.09  
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### Geo-East Meeting 10.02.09

This meeting in Cambridge was chaired by Bob Markham who introduced a draft **Partnership Statement** which was agreed on in principle. It is appended to this Newsletter and anyone wishing for input should contact CM as above. It was agreed that the annual meeting of Geo-East should be in the Autumn.

Tim Holt-Wilson reported on **Geo-East web site** progress, with costings and a request for good quality photos of geodiversity in the region. Please send to [timholtwilson@onetel.com](mailto:timholtwilson@onetel.com). The final copy of the Geo-East logo was accepted at the meeting (see above).

TH-W reported on the **Chalk East Project**, which has its own logo now. The next step is for partners to agree the timing of their various 2009 projects, so that funding can be allocated. The Project has the support of Natural England, but it will be necessary to find other funding sources

### Chalk East Project Meeting 23.02.09

TH-W held a 'Project ideas' meeting at the **Chilterns Gateway Centre** in Bedfordshire. It was well-attended with representation from Beds & Luton Geology Group, Friends of Sedgwick Museum, Chilterns Conservation Board, Chilterns Chalk Streams Project, Greensand Trust and others. Many ideas were discussed and TH-W invited participants to consider suitable projects for delivery in partnership with Chalk East, and to send him draft ideas as soon as possible (email as above)

### New Chairman

Having been Geo-East Chairman for two years, I feel someone else should have the opportunity to take Geo-East into the future – please let me know and you will take over at the autumn 2009 meeting! Bob Markham

### Norfolk Geodiversity Partnership News

**Breckland DC** (one of NGP partners), ran a packed Geodiversity Awareness Day at the end of February. Gilbert Addison and TH-W laid on talks in the morning and field visits to sites in the Wensum valley in the afternoon. Richard Leishman (NE) and Rob Dryden (Environment Agency) provided input on the Wensum Restoration Scheme. The event attracted a high turn out of about thirteen staff from Breckland council planning department itself and ten or so other NGP members. There were many interagency contacts made and geodiversity conversations overheard. We hope that this is the first of a series of such district events for Norfolk, but it certainly helps to have a 'geodiversity mole' working within the council. Identifying such 'moles' within other district councils may not be so easy. Many thanks to everyone who helped and attended.

Jenny Gladstone

### Have you read?

**Peter Friend**, *'Southern England: The Geology and Scenery of Lowland England'* (Collins New Naturalist Library, 2008). ISBN 0007247427.

**Richard West** *'From Brandon to Bungay – An exploration of the landscape history and geology of the Little Ouse and Waveney Rivers'* (Suffolk Naturalists Society, 2009). Order from SNS c/o Ipswich Museum, High Street, Ipswich, IP1 3QH.

### Geo-East Meeting

The next Geo-East meeting will be on **Thursday April 9th** at 14.00 – 17.00 at the Friends Meeting House, Hartington Grove Cambridge. Its purpose will be to discuss 2010 funding for Geo-East, its partners and the Chalk East Project, and the Geo-East Partnership Statement.

### Geo-East web site update

<http://www.geoeast.org.uk/index.htm> gives preview of the front page