

## Insurance

WGCG has Public Liability Insurance which covers claims by:

- Members and Third Parties against Leaders and the Group
- Members against other Members

The Insurance also covers claims for Property Damage caused by Leaders and Members.

Non-members who have signed the Registration Form and paid the day fee of £1.50 are treated as members for the duration of the trip.

The cover available for personal injury is relatively limited (details available on request) and therefore you may wish to take out your own insurance to cover yourself in case of accident.

WGCG was established in 1990 by a few enthusiasts who wanted to raise awareness of and conserve the many rock exposures dotted around the county. The membership has since grown and includes many enthusiastic amateurs, students and teachers as well as some professional geologists. New members are always welcome.

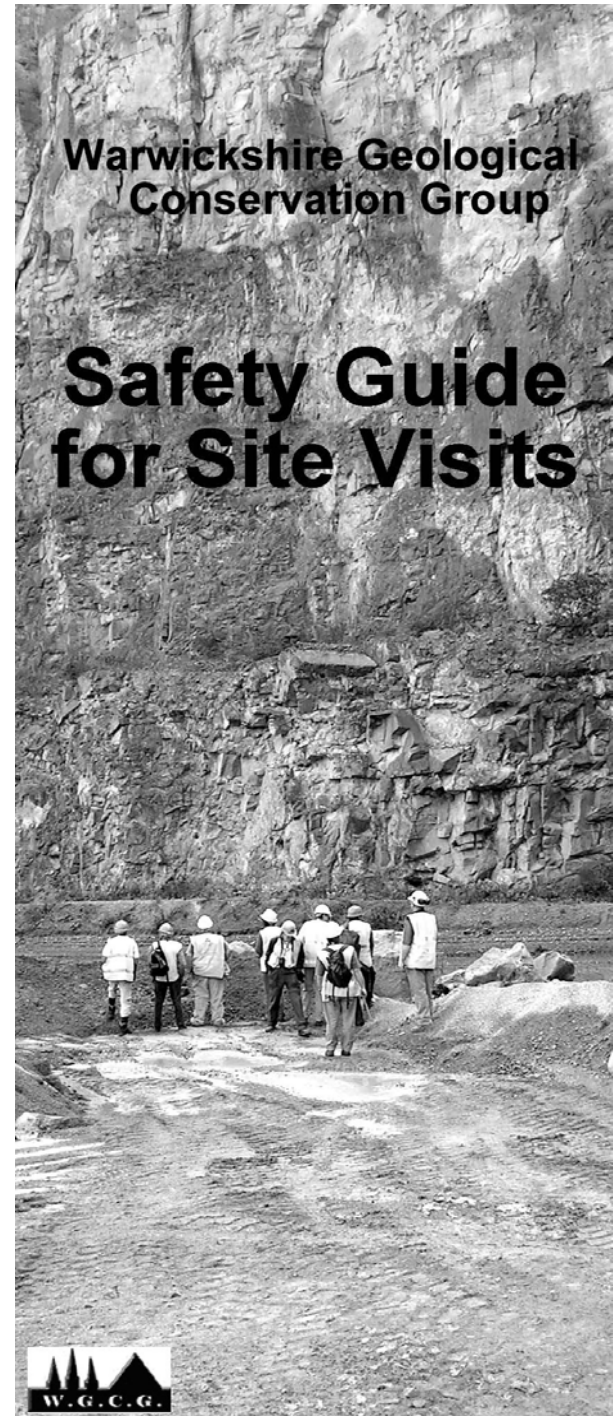
The Group retains its two major aims:

- to raise awareness of geology and landscape through education
- to conserve and protect geological sites in the Warwickshire and West Midlands area

The Group's activities include a winter lecture programme, summer field trips, conservation projects and the installation of displays.

Members are kept informed of the Group's activities through the publication of a bi-annual Newsletter with further information being made available at lectures and field trips.

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The responsibility for the safety and conduct of participants of any activity organised by, or for, the Warwickshire Geological Conservation Group (WGCG) is shared between the Group's appointed officers, its Leaders and participants

### **On arrival the Leader will:**

- brief all participants on any hazards and risks associated with the visit
- distribute copies of the Site Owner's H&S requirements if applicable
- advise if WGCG has signed an indemnity form and, if so, explain its content
- advise on the safety equipment and clothing requirements
- ensure that all participants have the correct distribute safety equipment
- distribute copies of this leaflet if required

### **All participants will then be required to sign the Site Registration Form to:**

- acknowledge receipt of this leaflet
- confirm that they have been briefed by the Leader
- confirm that their safety equipment complies with the H&S requirements

- confirm acceptance of the conditions of the indemnity

### **During the Trip**

- Stay in the group at all times
- Never leave the Group without telling the Group Leader
- Wear the required safety equipment at all times
- Don't climb on rock faces
- Don't stray close to the top of rock faces or cliffs
- Wear safety goggles when hammering rocks – it is your responsibility to ensure that nobody is close by
- Keep out of water or mud if you are unsure of the depth
- Keep off loose rocks and scree slopes which may be unstable
- Watch out for moving vehicles and equipment
- Do not enter old industrial buildings
- Keep off old equipment
- Do not enter old mines alone

### **Safety Equipment**

The following safety equipment may be required for some venues:

- Safety Helmets which must comply with BS EN 397:1995 and EN 812, be undamaged and be less than 5 years old

- High Visibility Jackets - usually day-glo yellow or orange reflective jackets or waistcoats
- Goggles with side protection

### **Indemnity**

The owners of active quarries require the party leader to sign a form indemnifying the owners from responsibility for most accidents that may befall a member of the party. This form is signed on behalf of the Group and all participants and will normally state:-

- That you accept full responsibility for any damage done by yourself to the property of the quarry
- That the quarry owners will not be liable for any injury, loss, or damage sustained by you during the visit howsoever caused
- That you shall indemnify the quarry owners against any claim by other persons in respect of injury, loss or damage caused during the visit due to your negligence

The exception being that if any of the above occurrences is due to the negligence of the quarry owners or their employees.