

WESTMORLAND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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Changes to Programme

The Society's Summer and Winter Programmes are put together up to a year in advance and changes are sometimes necessary. The trip to Burlington Slate Quarry had to be cancelled on the day before it was due to take place because of an outbreak of Covid. Before attending any field trips or lectures, members are strongly urged to check the Society's website (westmorlandgeolsoc.co.uk) where information about any last minute changes will be prominently displayed.

Down to Earth

The October edition of Down to Earth and is attached along with this Newsletter.

Field Trips

The postponed trip to Tarn Hows has been rearranged for 14th October. Other details remain the same:-

Leader – Carolina Goodship WGS

National Trust Geology Trail

Meet at 10am At the National Trust Tarn Hows Car Park SD 32619951

A draft Cumbria GeoConservation leaflet is attached.

October Lecture

Our next lecture of the new winter season takes place on 19th October at the Abbot Hall Social Club, Kendal starting at 8 pm.

WGS member, Professor Kent Brooks will be talking about a classic geological site – the Skaergaard Intrusion. A poster giving more details is attached along with this Newsletter.

For various reasons it has not been possible to serve refreshments after lectures recently so it has been decided to provide tea and coffee before the lecture on this occasion. Doors will open at 7.30pm.

Cumberland Geological Society

The Cumberland is hosting a Zoom lecture at 19.30 on Wednesday 12th October entitled **"Role of the geosphere in deep nuclear waste disposal - an England & Wales perspective"**

[Link to Zoom Meeting](#)

NB If this sounds familiar we had a similar talk by the same speaker in Oct 2020)

Tuesday Tutorials

Our first Tuesday Tutorial of the new season is on 25th October. We will be using the polarising microscopes which Audrey obtained from the OU. Bernard and Duncan will be leading the session which begins at 2pm. As Abbot Hall SC has increased its fees

for hiring the hall there will be a charge of £3 – it would be helpful if you could bring the correct change.

If any members would like to get a head start on what minerals look like under a microscope there is a free OU Open Learn course that provides a good introduction that can be found on the OU website