



# THE HIGHLAND GEOLOGICAL

# SOCIETY

Scottish Charity No. SC004427

## INVERNESS LIBRARY

The library of the Highland Geological Society consists of several hundred books and Journals which have been donated to the Society from the collections of John Buchanan, Elspeth Reid and others. For security they are housed in a closed access stack in Inverness Public Library, Farraline Park.

### **In order to find out what is in the library you can:**

- visit Inverness Library in person. On production of your society membership card, a member of the public library staff will give you access to the collection.
- look at the catalogue of the Highland library service, either in a public library or on-line. It is accessible at [www.highland.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/libraries](http://www.highland.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/libraries). Currently there is not a separate catalogue for the Society collection, (although a spreadsheet giving brief details is available from the Secretary) but all the books etc belonging to the Society are listed on the Highland Library catalogue and can be searched for by author, title, key word etc – just like any other book. This has the advantage of displaying the geological books held by the public library as well as our own. A separate catalogue for the Society collection should be available in the future and will be notified via the newsletter or on our website. In the meantime, books in the Society collection are shown as accessible under “Inverness Ref Stack” on checking the availability of an item.

### **In order to consult material in the library:**

- you can ask a member of the public library staff to fetch a book to be consulted on the premises. (The general public may also do this).

### **In order to browse the collection it is essential that:**

- you are a paid up member of the Highland Geological Society and have your membership card with you so that you can show it to the member of library staff dealing with your enquiry.

### **In order to borrow material from the library it is essential that:**

- you have signed a waiver so that the library service can disclose issue records to the society. (Your society membership card will be stamped ‘library’ if you have signed the waiver). This is to enable the Society to retain control of the collection and to comply with the provisions of the Data Protection Act.
- you are a member of the Highland Library Service. In order to become a member, you will need to register in person at a Highland Library and take appropriate identification documents with you

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/libraries/internetandcomputers/howtojoin.htm>).

## **Other information**

Any material that you borrow is borrowed under the normal public library rules. The issue period is three weeks and fines are levied on overdue items. Material borrowed can be renewed in person, by phone or on-line (you should note that if the item has been requested by someone else the renewal will be limited).

Members living outwith the Highland Council area can ask for books to be sent to their nearest Highland branch library, e.g. a member living in Oban could ask for a book to be sent to Fort William for study or collection.

If you require any additional information please contact the Secretary.