

Call from the Somerset Geology Group (SGG) for preliminary expressions of interest for student volunteers for our project to review Somerset's Local Geological Sites (LGSs), March 2018

This summer (2018) we will be starting the second year of our three-year project to review Somerset's circa 230 local geological sites – sites that make a key contribution to earth science conservation and teaching sites in Somerset, alongside nationally important geological SSSIs.

In the first year (2017) we were delighted to be able to offer - and benefit from – three specific student volunteer posts based with our partner organisation, Somerset Environmental Record Centre (SERC), who started work to gather information on individual LGSs and helped develop our *modus operandi* .

We are not yet, at this stage of the year (before Easter) able to confirm exactly what specific student volunteer roles will be available for 2018. However, if you:

- have studied geology for at least two years (or similar);
- have a residential base in or near Somerset;
- will have a gap of time in 2018, for example, between finishing a geology degree and starting a Masters course or looking for work;
- are interested in volunteering on the project and can envisage being able to commit a reasonable number of volunteer weeks (or days over a longer period of time);
- enjoy desk work, are comfortable completing forms and are interested in developing your skills in writing short site assessments, as well as geological site visits;
- and would like to be part of a project contributing to earth science conservation;

then please contact Garry Dawson at somersetgeology@gmail.com to express an interest and we will contact you when our plans are further developed. We are particularly interested in help to complete the project for Exmoor and the Quantocks , so if you are based in or near that area, that could be helpful, but we are also keen to progress the work in other parts of Somerset.