

**Somerset Geology Group – Somerset Building Stone Trails
Somerset Heritage Centre, Taunton TA2 6SF - Monday 7th
October 2024**



Please email Garry Dawson at Somersetgeology@gmail.com by 27th September if you plan to come, so that we know numbers and can limit them if necessary to avoid overcrowding.

For directions to the SHC visit <https://swheritage.org.uk/somerset-archives/home/somerset-heritage-centre/directions/> . Parking will be available in front of the SHC or on the adjacent road. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be available. Reception will direct you to the meeting room which is accessible.

1000 Arrival – Coffee, Tea available

1015 Welcome and the role of the Somerset Heritage Centre – Nic Wall Senior Conservation Officer/Bob Croft Head of Historic Environment, SHC

1045 Break

1100 Experience with Building Stone Trails: Watchet and beyond - Dr Andy King Technical Director and Principal Geologist (or Jamie Foster Senior Geologist and Spatial Data Lead), Geckoella Ltd. We are also hoping that Andy will be accompanied by a colleague, from Historic England, who can talk about the context of its strategic building stones research.

1200 Lunch Break (bring a packed lunch)

1230 Building Stone Trails: Taunton/Ilminster/Yeovil/Bridgwater and methods to publish trail information – Garry Dawson SGG

1250 Mendip Building Stone and Geo Trails – Adel Avery Somerset Earth Science Centre

1310 Building Stone Trails – experience from Sherborne Sheila Alderman/Kelvin Huff Dorset Stone Group

1330 Panel Discussion

Developing Somerset's Building Stone Trails/Other contributions and Conclusions

We have already agreed it to be a high SGG priority to encourage the development of town trails and hope this will be a chance to share thinking and plans on: existing trails that need an update; locations for potential new trails; on formats and writing styles; how best to publicise them (with potential for leaflets to be added to SWHT's website); and partnerships with other groups/organisations.

1415 A brief update on other SGG activities - Wendy Lutley SGG

1430 Break

1445 -1530 Visit to SHC store to see geological specimens

Look forward to seeing you,
Wendy Lutley, and Garry Dawson Joint Coordinators