



Manchester Geological Association



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British Cave Research Association

BCRA Cave Science Symposium 2022
hosted jointly with the Manchester Geological Association

Symposium - Saturday 8th October, 2022
Department of Earth and Environmental Science, University of Manchester
Field-trip - Sunday 9th October, 2022
Alderley Edge Mines, Macclesfield Rd, Nether Alderley, SK10 4UB

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The British Cave Research Association and Manchester Geological Association are pleased to announce details of the 33rd Annual Cave Science Symposium and associated field-trip. The Symposium will be hosted by Prof. Cathy Hollis at the School of Earth and Environment, University of Manchester, on Saturday 8th October, 2022. A programme of presentations will be available soon that will be of interest to anyone wishing to know more about the underground environment. Please arrive from 9am for a 9.45pm start. We will finish at 5pm.

Symposium

This year's symposium will include oral and poster presentations covering BCRA's principal areas of interest. Following the symposium, an informal evening meal will be arranged for those who are interested. Please sign up on the google form below.

This will be a live event, but we hope to stream it on Zoom as well, please visit <https://bcra.org.uk/sym/index.html> for details of how to join.

BCRA's AGM will take place during the Symposium at 12:00 to 12:50.

Registration

Registration will take place on the day, entry is free of charge, however donations towards the cost of room hire and refreshments are welcomed. Donations can be made online at <https://bcra.org.uk/bookshop/donate.html>

All are welcome, and we look forward to seeing you at the symposium.

**To register your interest in joining the symposium, meal or field meeting
please fill in the google form:**

<https://forms.gle/baVp2KJEcPVjJPWD8>

Location

The Williamson Building is located in the centre of the University of Manchester campus, on Oxford Road, directly opposite the Manchester Museum (currently closed). It is about 20 minutes walk from Manchester Piccadilly and about 10 minutes walk from Manchester Oxford Road railway station. It is served by several buses. Detailed information on travel to campus is provided here:

<https://www.manchester.ac.uk/discover/maps/>

Parking is available at the Aquatics Centre and behind the Humanities Building, both less than 5 minutes' walk from the Williamson Building (car parks B & D on the campus map)

A detailed campus map is available here:

<https://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=6507>

Refreshments

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served during the morning and afternoon coffee breaks. For hot drinks at other times, and for lunch, the following outlets are on campus, a short walk from the Williamson Building:

Café Nero (in Blackwells Bookshop): 11am to 5pm

Navarro Lounge (food, coffee/tea/food): 9am to 12am

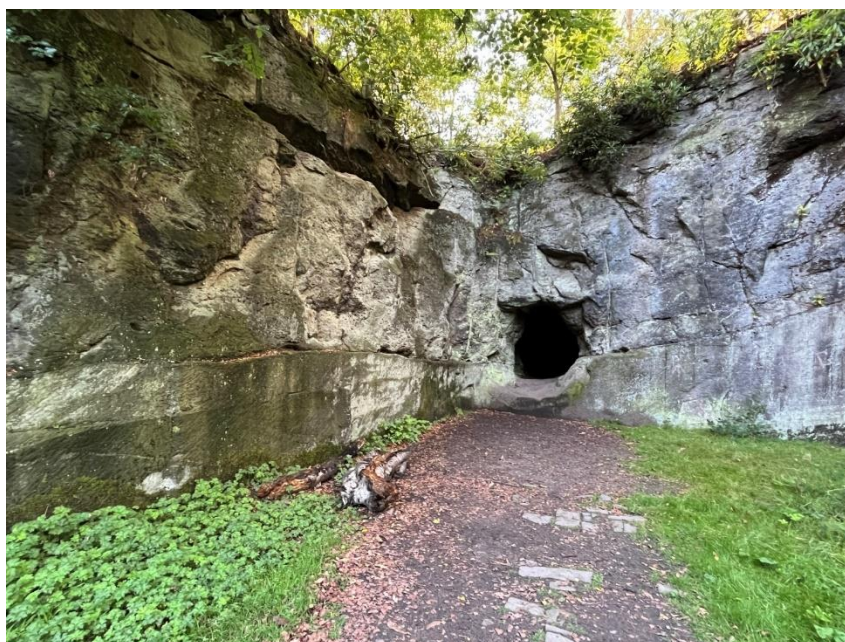
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BrewDog: 11am – 12am

Co-op supermarket: 6am – 11pm

Field-Trips

The fieldtrip to Alderley Edge Mines will take place on Sunday 9th October. These are a series of interlinked mines in Triassic sandstones that are owned by the National Trust and have been leased from them by the Derbyshire Caving Club who maintain access (see <https://www.derbysc.org.uk/alderley/>). Depending on numbers and participants level of expertise, we may run two trips, a short easy trip with time for photographs, and a longer trip to the deeper levels. You will need to bring an over-suit or overalls, helmet & light and boots or wellies.



Symposium Organisers

Please contact Prof Cathy Hollis (cathy.hollis@manchester.ac.uk) for details of the venue and local facilities in Manchester as well as details of the programme and for enquiries concerning oral or poster presentations. For details regarding the field trip, please contact Jo White at: j.white@bcra.org.uk