

# Aspects of the history of geology in Scotland and the North of England

**11-12 July 2019**

Location: Deacon Suite, Surgeons' Hall, Nicolson Street, Edinburgh EH8 9DW

## A History of Geology Group joint meeting with the Edinburgh Geological Society

### Programme

#### Thursday 11 July

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| 1030      | Coffee.   |
| 1100      | Introduction and welcome.   |
| 1105-1130 | Beverly Bergman: <i>James Hutton: the man and his family.</i>   |
| 1130-1155 | Michael A. Taylor: <i>Edinburgh Museum's dinosaur, Waterhouse Hawkins's Hadrosaurus foulkii.</i>  |
| 1155-1220 | Rachel Walcott: <i>Lost and found: insight into changing geological trends as represented by the National Museum Scotland collection.</i> |
| 1220-1245 | Phil Stone: <i>Robert Jameson's geology in 1830s Edinburgh as recorded by his students, particularly Robert McCormick, R.N.</i>           |
| 1245-1400 | Lunch.  |
| 1400-1425 | Roy W. McIntyre: <i>Trap rocks on William Smith's maps.</i>   |
| 1425-1450 | Tom Sharpe: <i>Henry De la Beche's 1816 tour of Scotland.</i>   |
| 1450-1515 | Simeon Brown: <i>History of Onshore Oil Exploration in Scotland and Northern England, 1818 - 2018.</i>                                    |
| 1515-1540 | Tom Cotterell: <i>The early history of witherite and its Type Locality.</i>   |
| 1540-1610 | Tea.  |
| 1610-1630 | Cherry Lewis: <i>Robert Ferguson of Raith (1767-1840): his involvement in the early Geological Society.</i>                               |
| 1630      | Concluding remarks.   |
| 1700      | Close.  |

For those staying over in Edinburgh, an informal group dinner can be arranged on the evening of Thursday 11 July. Please register your interest by emailing Tom Sharpe: [tom.sharpe1@me.com](mailto:tom.sharpe1@me.com)

# Aspects of the history of geology in Scotland and the North of England

**Friday 12 July**

A morning and afternoon stroll, each of two hours, around Edinburgh's Old and New Towns to explore some important sites connected with the history of geology. All of the walking will be on pavement, with some steps and hills. The excursion will finish at around 4pm.

The morning will examine the varied geology of the north side of the city (New Town), its building stones and sites of interest to historians of geology. A visit to Calton Hill which provides the classic view towards Castle Rock and the Old Town will be included. Led by Andrew McMillan (Edinburgh Geological Society).

In the afternoon we will wander over to Old Town where we will visit James Hutton's grave and look at some 'monumental geology' in one of Edinburgh's best-known graveyards. We will then see some well-preserved fossil fish and other sites of geological and historical interest on the South Side, including the site of Hutton's house. Led by Beverly Bergman (Edinburgh Geological Society).

Where possible, other places associated with Hutton and his Enlightenment contemporaries will be included (dependent on the state of public works and scheduled access).

**10.00** Meet at the northeast corner of George Square for a walk on the city's South Side led by Andrew McMillan (Edinburgh Geological Society).

**12.00** Lunch

**14.00** Meet in the café in the foyer of the National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge for a visit to Huttonian and other sites led by Beverly Bergman (Edinburgh Geological Society)

**16.00** End