



Rotunda Geology Group (RGG)

Privacy Policy

Introduction

We need to tell you about the types of personal information we collect, the purposes we use it for, the legal reasons contained in the General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Act 2018 which allows us to use it in these ways, how long we retain the information for and how you can exercise your rights.

1. Personal Data held by the Rotunda Geology Group (RGG)

An individual's confidentiality is protected by the Data Protection Act, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) and the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations 2016 (PECR).

Personal information (data) supplied by Members and by *persons who have registered an interest in the RGG to the RGG, will be kept on file and stored securely.

(*Persons who are not Members, but who have registered an interest in the RGG henceforth will be referred to as 'Registered Persons'. The general terms of this Policy, applicable to Members, will also apply to said Registered Persons, unless otherwise expressly excluded. 'You' and 'Your' is used collectively to refer to Members and Registered Persons. 'We' are the RGG).

The data We store is restricted to that which is submitted to us by You: including titles, names, addresses, post-codes, telephone numbers and email addresses. We do not store any financial information about Members or Registered Persons, except for historical accounts of membership payments to support future RGG Treasurer's accounts audits.

Electronic data is held securely in password-protected files. Paper data is securely stored under lock and key. Electronic data will be permanently deleted after a set period of inactivity (see section 2). Any paperwork that includes personal data will be treated in the same way.

2. Membership and Consent Form, Communications and Erasure of Data

The RGG will seek consent from Members and Registered Persons to provide permissions to receive communications from the RGG (and solely the RGG). Permission can be given on a combined Membership and Consent Form downloadable from the RGG website, or available at meetings. Permissions and contact details can also be given by You verbally or in written form at meetings, or by email.

Personal contact data of Members and Registered Persons will be used for the legitimate interests of the RGG. This means that the RGG may periodically contact You for these legitimate reasons:

- To inform you of the business and activities of the RGG
- To notify you of minutes and notices of RGG Committee meetings (Members only)
- To provide information on Membership and remind You of Membership renewals

- To invite you to review, change or update Your contact details
- To inform You of RGG Members' evenings, talks, lectures and field visits
- To provide You with information on (and sometimes links to) other activities and organisations that We legitimately consider to be of geological interest to our Members. (This might include such things as local lectures, Rotunda and Scarborough Museums Trust events, fossil festivals and events run by other related societies).

Members can opt out of all RGG communications at any time by contacting The Secretary:

secretary@scarboroughrgg.uk

Consent will remain in effect until two years after membership has lapsed; unless and until a request is received to be removed from our list. Contact data held on the RGG database will be erased at that point. You have the right to cancel or change Your consent, or request Your data to be erased, at any time by contacting The Secretary.

In any case, anyone can request to have their data changed, updated or securely erased at any time by contacting The Secretary, subject to The Secretary being satisfactorily convinced of the applicant's identity. (See Section 5: Subject Access Request Policy).

Completed Membership Forms should be emailed to The Secretary or can be handed in at an indoor meeting. A membership subscription is normally. Annual membership of the RGG runs from February to January. Subscription information is available on the Membership form, the Membership page of the RGG website, or by contacting

secretary@scarboroughrgg.uk

3. Sharing information and Your rights

The RGG will allow Your data to be used only for the legitimate activities of the RGG.

The RGG will not share Your data with other companies, organisations or charities for marketing or other purposes.

Members have the right (see section 5) to access a copy of the information the RGG holds about them obtainable, subject to proof of identity, from the RGG secretary.

You are invited to first contact The Secretary if at any time You feel that We are not handling Your data correctly. secretary@scarboroughrgg.uk

You have a right to object to the ICO (Information Commissioners Office) if, *after contacting Us*, You feel that the RGG have not addressed Your concerns to Your satisfaction.

4. The RGG website

We do not record or hold personal data on the website. We do not perform any functionality requiring financial data.

The website uses cookies – small text files that are placed on Your machine to help the site provide a better user experience. In general, cookies are used to retain user preferences and provide anonymised tracking data to third party applications like Google Analytics. As a rule, cookies will make Your browsing experience better. However, You may prefer to disable cookies on this site and on others. Cookies are set to expire after a pre-determined time and are not maintained. They are not stored by us.

You can accept or decline cookies by changing the settings in Your internet browser. If cookies are disabled, some features of the website may be affected. For further information on how to disable cookies, see external third party websites such as www.allaboutcookies.org/manage-cookies

When Members visit the RGG website, certain information is collected that does not identify them personally, but provides the RGG with "usage data" such as the number of visitors or what pages are visited most often. This data can help improve the usefulness of the information provided on the website.

We do display people's names on the website; specifically those giving lectures and the authors and editors of articles in the Magazine & Record. There may also be photographs in the Magazine & Record showing members, but these rarely show an individual distinctly.

The website may contain links to other websites. The RGG are not responsible for the privacy policies or practices of third party websites.

5. Subject Access Request Policy

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Individuals have the right under the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) and General Data Protection Regulation 2016 (GDPR), subject to certain exemptions, to have access to their personal records that are held by the RGG. This is known as a 'subject access request' (SAR). Requests may be received from Members and Registered Persons of whom We hold data. This will include information held both electronically and manually and will, therefore, include personal information recorded within electronic systems, spreadsheets, databases or documents. The RGG has developed this policy to guide you in requesting a Subject Access Request.

What is a Subject Access Request?

A subject access request (SAR) is simply a written request made by or on behalf of an individual for the information about them, which is held by RGG. The Data Protection Legislation entitles all individuals to make requests for their own personal data to enable individuals to verify the lawfulness of how their information is being processed. An individual is not entitled to information relating to other people (unless they are acting on behalf of that person).

The request does not have to be in any particular form other than in writing, nor does it have to include the words 'subject access' or make any reference to the Data Protection Legislation. A SAR may be a valid request even if it refers to other legislation, such as the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and should, therefore, be treated as a SAR in the normal way.

You Will Need To:

Detail the information you are requesting and send the request to:

secretary@scarboroughrgg.uk

Information required to complete a request: Your Name, Address, Contact number, Email, Other information that may be relevant to Your request.

You do not have to tell us Your reason for making the request or what you intend to do with the information requested, although it may help us to find the relevant information if you do explain the purpose of the request.

Where you are unable to put the request in writing, We will endeavour to provide assistance to make the request verbally. We will endeavour to provide results in a format requested by you within the timescales set out by law.

6. Closing Statement

This privacy notice applies to all RGG web pages that link to this page. Please note that links to some sites related to the RGG may collect and use data differently. These sites will have a local privacy notice explaining these practices. If the user leaves the RGG website and visits a website operated by a third party, then RGG cannot be held responsible for the protection and privacy of any information that users provide when visiting such third-party websites. Accordingly, users should exercise caution and review the privacy statement applicable to the website in question.

The Rotunda Geology Group Committee
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