

Rotunda Geology Group 2026



Programme of talks, workshops, and field visits.

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Evening talks are normally on the first Thursday of the month, 7pm for 7:30pm. All indoor events are held at the Conference Room, Woodend Creative Centre, Scarborough, YO11 2PW.

- Thursday February 5th – AGM.
- Thursday 5th March 2026 – Dan Normandale - Draining the North Sea: the Yorkshire Coast's hidden seabed geology.
- Thursday 9th April – Dr Alex Hay (Environment Agency) – How old are California's dunes? New insights into the age of the Mojave Desert landscape.
- Thursday May 7th – Field trip presentations.
- Thursday 1st October – Professor Uisdean Nicholson (Heriot Watt University) – The Silverpit Impact Crater.
- Thursday 5th November – Dr Ben Adams – Geothermal Yorkshire.
- Thursday December 3rd – Members Night.

And in 2027

- Thursday, 4th February – AGM.
- Thursday March 4th 2027 - Professor Ru Smith - Yorkshire Minerals: Crystals and Models.
- Thursday 8th April 2027: Professor Sean Paling, Boulby Laboratory Director - 'Deep Science at the Boulby Underground Lab: The Search for Dark Matter and Beyond'.

Our programme of field visits is

- Saturday June 6th – Burniston Bay - ancient river channels, fossil wood and dinosaur footprints. Co-leaders: John Hodgson & Dan Normandale. *NOTE: Change of Field trip destination.*
- Saturday July 18th - Joint trip with Hull Geological Society to the former chalk pits outcrops and glacial erratics on the foreshore of the Humber Bridge Country Park, Hessle. Co-leaders: Mike Horne (HGS) & Dan Normandale.

- Sunday August 9th– Roseberry Topping. Leader: Steve Livera.
- Sunday September 13th – Port Mulgrave. Leader: John Hodgson.
- September 27th – shared with GA Conference weekend. See details below.

In addition, members will be invited to an LGA (Leeds Geol. Ass.) trip

- August 2nd Sunday – Yons Nab trip. Steve Livera

Outreach events, public field visits and talks.

- Fossil Handling at the Rotunda Museum, 17th February.
- Fossil Handling at the Rotunda Museum (Easter), 31st March and 7th April.
- please note this is a celebratory 100th Event since 2014.
- Yorkshire Geology Day, National Coalmining Museum, 11th April 2026. John Hodgson to deliver a talk in the afternoon.
- Fossil Handling at the Rotunda Museum (Half Term), 26th May.
- Sunday July 5th – Dalbyology, Dalby Forest – “Diversity: Discovering Dalby Forest”.
- Fossil Day at Whitby Museum. 1st August.
- Fossil Handling at the Rotunda Museum (Summer) 21st and 28th July, then on 4th 11th, and 18th and 25th August.
- Geologists Association Conference field day. Sunday 27th September. Morning at Burniston with John Hodgson, afternoon at Betton Farm with Pete Rawson.
- Fossil Handling at the Rotunda Museum (Half Term), 27th October.