

13. QRA Conservation Officer Report 2022 for the 2023 AGM

Conserving our Quaternary geoheritage is vital for science and society. The QRA and its members carry out many activities that support and promote geoconservation, particularly through field and discussion meetings, offering practical support and working with local groups. The role of the QRA Conservation Officer (conservation@qra.org.uk) is to support and encourage these activities, as well as to promote the QRA's position on conservation issues. This includes:

i) *The QRA's continued support for Earth Heritage – The Geological and Landscape Conservation Magazine* (www.earthheritage.org.uk). Issue 57 was published in summer 2022 and at the time of writing, Issue 58 is about to be published. This free-to-download publication is produced twice a year by the Geologists' Association, QRA, Natural England, Natural Resources Wales and NatureScot, with major contributions from others in the voluntary geoconservation sector. QRA members can suggest articles and news items to the QRA Conservation Officer, and also receive email notifications of new issues by following the instructions on the Earth Heritage Magazine homepage.

ii) *The QRA's liaison with other geological organisations on conservation matters* through membership of the Geological Society of London's Geoconservation Committee.

iii) *The QRA's input on conservation policy matters and liaison with the national Geodiversity Forums and on international matters.* The QRA is a supporting organisation of International Geodiversity Day, proclaimed by UNESCO in 2021. The first International Geodiversity Day took place on October 6th 2022.

iv) *Advising on conservation matters notified by QRA members.* QRA members are encouraged to consult the QRA Conservation Officer if conservation advice on Quaternary sites in the UK is needed.

v) *The QRA Geoconservation Award.*

The QRA Conservation Award is open to individuals and organisations to deliver conservation projects, activities and organise conservation themed events, as well as share good practice on Quaternary geoconservation. No applications were received for the award were received in 2022.

The next application deadline for the QRA Geoconservation Award is 1 March 2023. Please contact the QRA Conservation Officer (conservation@qra.org.uk) for details.