

Geological Walk: Eastern Mendips near Frome

Date: Thursday 17th September 2026

Collaboration: Somerset Geology Group with Dorset Geologists Association Group

Leader and organiser: Sheila Alderman (SGG and DGAG)

Itinerary

We will explore another one of a series of field trips showing the use of stone in Somerset. To date Somerset Geology Group have identified over 40 building stones in use throughout Somerset. It has been fascinating to discover how the underlying geology and materials available have influenced how the towns and villages have developed.

Our first exploration was with a DGAG/SGG group to Glastonbury in 2025 with leader Val Graham. This proved to be extremely well received. Hence further walks are being offered.

We will explore two sites in the Eastern Mendips near Frome in Somerset. We will meet in the disused quarry in Nunney which is now the village car park, then visit the exterior of Nunney Castle, the Church and other buildings of note. Nunney is a very pretty village, with 48 buildings listed on the English Heritage site.

We will have packed lunches in Nunney and then drive to the famous De La Beche Unconformity at Vallis Vale, parking in the layby by Hapsford Bridge.

After visiting Vallis Vale, those who want a longer walk may independently make their way to Tedbury Camp and then return the same way to their cars.

Who can attend

This trip is open to people in Somerset and Dorset as part of a longer-term collaboration between DGAG and SGG.

Contact and risk assessment

To book a place, contact Sheila Alderman by email at alderman.sm@gmail.com for the risk assessment and more detailed information, including meeting places and times.