

# **Lickey Hills Quarry**

## **Community Earth Heritage Champions Project**

**Herefordshire and  
Worcestershire Earth  
Heritage Trust invite you to a**

### **PUBLIC MEETING**

**3pm on Saturday  
26th September**

**Lickey Hills Country  
Park Visitors Centre**

**Warren Lane, Rednal  
B45 8ER**

# LICKEY HILLS QUARRY COMMUNITY EARTH HERITAGE CHAMPIONS PROJECT

The Community Earth Heritage Champions Project is a three year initiative being run by Herefordshire and Worcestershire Earth Heritage Trust and is sponsored by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The project aims to involve people from local communities in understanding, conserving and utilising their local geology (Champions) site.

Your local 'Champions' sites are two quarries located in the Lickey Hills Country Park. These two quarries form part of a series of quarries in the area that were extensively quarried during the 19th and early 20th century. The extracted rock was most likely used as road aggregate and for the building of the Frankley Reservoir.

The rocks in the quarry are about 488 million years old. Along with their great age the rocks in the quarry exhibit some fine faults and folds (deformations in the rocks structure) which provide compelling insights into the geological history of the area.

We are now actively looking to establish a 'Community Group' for the Lickey Hills quarry project. The group could include members of local parish councils, a representative from a school or youth group, maybe a local historian or naturalist or a member of the local community with an interest in conservation and geology. The group will include a representative from the Lickey Hills Country Park.

Through the project the 'Community Group' can receive training in a number of subjects such as identification of geological features, how to deliver a guided walk, vegetation clearance, and many more.

Additionally the group will receive on site training relating to the specific geology of the Lickey Hills quarries, site monitoring and conservation, and will be given information about the other attributes of the site e.g. its history and ecology.

## Project timescale:

Establishment of the 'Community Group' will take place in 2009. Training and implementation of the project including any necessary site clearance/enhancement will take place during 2010 with the aim to launch the site as a 'Community Earth Heritage Champions Site' during the Summer of 2010.

## The Roles of the Community Group:

Conserving the site: this could be by the group themselves or by encouraging local people/groups to volunteer to help with activities such as vegetation clearance, litter picking etc

Promoting and utilising the site: this could be leading or encouraging walks, getting the local school to use it as a teaching resource or by encouraging the local people to use the site for education and recreation. These are just ideas; the community group will be able to influence the sites use.

Attending quarterly meetings to discuss potential uses of the site and report any conservation issues, future events etc.

Meeting the requirements of the Champions agreement, for example this may include contacting the landowner for permission to carry out any vegetation clearance.

If you have an interest in learning more about the project, or about the landscape and rocks of the Lickey Hills Country Park, then please do come along to the public meeting. The meeting is being held at 3pm on Saturday 29th September 2009, Lickey Hills Country Park Visitors Center. After the meeting there will be a visit to one of the quarry sites. **If you wish to join the quarry site visit please wear sturdy footwear.**

If you wish to find out more but are unable to attend the meeting please contact:

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