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# Geo East Newsletter

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Welcome to *Geo East* the newsletter for the East of England Geodiversity Partnership.  
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### The East of England Chalk Project

Natural England has successfully bid for £10,000 of EU funding to promote the aims of the European Landscape Convention in the East of England region.

In June Tim Holt-Wilson submitted a project scoping document to Natural England with ideas for a regional Chalk interpretation project for Geo-East. This document was used in modified form by Natural England for their successful bid. The draft project aims to raise public awareness of the Region's chalk geology and landscape, through its links with culture, industry and biodiversity. It will seek to interpret chalkland geodiversity to a wide audience and promote informal education and lifelong learning. This will be achieved through environmental art, guided walks and field trips, museum events and using museum collections, publications, website and media broadcasts.

I will be contacting GeoEast members in the next month as part of a Feasibility Study to check out ideas and resources needed to make this project a reality.

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### GeoSuffolk News

GeoSuffolk is highlighting its flagship site at Sutton Knoll (near Woodbridge) at the Geologists Association Festival of Geology. This event at University College London on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November** is open to the public and features exhibitors (such as GeoSuffolk), a Discovery Room for children, talks by key geological speakers, competitions and geo-walks. For more information see [www.geologists.org.uk](http://www.geologists.org.uk).

GeoSuffolk will have leaflets, posters, specimens of Crag fauna from Sutton plus a copy of the new Sutton interpretation panel, on display. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Geology Society of Norfolk

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September** - joint field meeting with the Norfolk & Norwich Naturalists Society at West Runton with Peter Riches plus another from NNNS. Meet in Beach Car Park at TG 183431 at 11am. If you wish to attend this field trip please contact Elvin Thurston. [elvin.thurston@virgin.net](mailto:elvin.thurston@virgin.net)

### Bedfordshire and Luton Geology Group

**Saturday 23rd August** - a visit to Munday's Hill Quarry with Dr Jill Eyers. Meet at 11am at the quarry which is on Eastern Way, Heath & Reach, near Leighton Buzzard. If you wish to attend this trip please contact Bev Fowlston.

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### East of England RIGS Meeting 2010

East Anglian RIGS enthusiasts (from Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk) had enjoyable 'get together' meetings in Suffolk in May 2005 and 2007, with short talks in the morning and a field trip in the afternoon, the whole proceedings being written up and published soon afterwards. Last year's talks included a look at local 3D GIS mapping by the BGS, whilst the afternoon was spent in a nearby nature reserve looking at Red Crag and associated springs.

It would be good to have an expanded 'East of England' RIGS meeting in 2010! Most speakers (about 6 required) have been from local RIGS groups – we already have one or two lined up. Therefore let us know if you have something you must tell us about (20 mins). Also, would you like to stage the event (for about 35 people)? Let me know! Bob Markham (email to CM)

**The next GeoEast meeting  
is on Friday 26th  
September** at 10.30 am at  
Cambridge University  
(courtesy of Dr Elizabeth  
Harper). Please contact me  
if you have any agenda  
items. CM