

### What's included in the cost?

- The services of Chris Damon as tutor who will be available to you at all reasonable times
- Accommodation and meals as specified in the brochure
- Packed lunches for Saturday and Sunday.

### What's excluded from the cost?

- The cost of travel between your home and Bridgnorth
- Travel insurance
- Incidental expenses.

### Insurance

Everyone booking a place and paying a deposit is advised to take out holiday insurance. This can cover you against loss of money in the event of cancellation etc. Cover is often included in with many credit cards.

### Booking

Your booking will be confirmed upon receipt of either a deposit of £100.00 per person or the full payment and a completed booking form. The balance will be payable not later than August 31st 2012. The course will run subject to a minimum of 10 people signing up by May 31 2012. Interest for this course has already been shown, so you are advised to book early.

### Your money...

Upon receipt, all monies paid for these tours are placed in a specific 'client trust account' where it cannot be drawn by us until after completion of the tour. This is in accordance with EU Directives and ensures that your money is safe in the unlikely event of corporate failure by Geo Supplies.

### Any Questions?

**Please ring Chris Damon on 0114 2455746 if you have any questions or queries. I'll do my best to help you. Email: [downtoearth@geosupplies.co.uk](mailto:downtoearth@geosupplies.co.uk)**



## Down to Earth

*"Earth science learning for all"*

### Field Techniques in Shropshire - a residential course, based in Bridgnorth October 26-28 2012



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## An introduction to the course...

The last time we went to Shropshire we stayed in Ludlow, this time we promised you a look at the rocks of North Shropshire, where we can look at the north end of Wenlock Edge and also Precambrian rocks in the Wrekin and Church Stretton areas.

All our localities are within 20 miles or so of our Bridgnorth base, where we have secured good accommodation at the highly rated 4-star, Croft Hotel bed and breakfast.

This course is aimed at a wide audience including anyone with an interest in learning more about how we understand and interpret rocks and the landscape. This course is especially suitable for people who have taken part in our "Techniques in Field Geology" distance learning course, though this is not essential. We start where you are - providing you with the help you need to get the most out of the course. In essence, you'll be 'reading the rocks' - glean information about events that have taken place over hundreds of millions of years.

Kind regards



**Chris Darmon BSc**  
**Course Organiser/Leader**

## A summary of the geology...

Shropshire has some of the most varied geology in the whole of England and gives us plenty of opportunities to glean information by 'reading the rocks'. We'll be taking in the Precambrian sediments of the Longmynd and their tectonic setting beside the Church Stretton fault complex. The Uriconian volcanic rocks will be studied at the Ercall. We'll also take in the Cambrian sediments of the Stiperstones and the Wrekin. A late Ordovician intrusion will be studied in Maddocks Hill. The Silurian Wenlock Limestone with its reef complexes will be examined. The overlying Carboniferous sandstones form many of the buildings in Bridgnorth. Finally, we'll take in the Permian desert rocks of the Severn River cliffs at Bridgnorth.

## Getting There

Bridgnorth does not have a British Rail station (just a steam one on the Severn Valley Railway). The town is best reached by bus from either Telford (Dep. 10.49 on a through bus.) or Shrewsbury. By road, it is easily reached by motorway to within 20 miles or so, then good A-roads to the town.

## Getting Around

We will make use of shared car transport for this course. Please indicate on the booking form if you are willing to offer seats to passengers during the course. Passengers would be expected to contribute to the cost of fuel for the car they are in.

## Walking

Everything should be within the capabilities of all of the party. We will always try to get as close as possible to the sites, but this will still mean that there are some walks of a couple of miles, to see the best exposures. The

terrain is modest and ascents and descents are quite short. However, if at any time you wish to 'opt out' that will be fully acceptable and understood. In view of the uncertainties of the weather you are strongly advised to bring all waterproofs and walking boots – particularly as you will be walking over rough ground.

## Itinerary

*The following is not intended to be prescriptive, but to give you an idea of what we might want to cover during the course. To maximise the amount of time in the field, we will meet at 13.00 on October 26 and not finish until around 4.00 pm on the last day, giving us two and a half field days!*

- The limestones of Wenlock Edge, including fossils
- Ancient sediments in the Stiperstones and Longmynd
- Getting to grips with rocks and structures in the Erroll Quarries
- The Church Stretton Fault Complex in its classic setting
- The geological mysteries of Maddocks Hill
- Permian sandstones of Bridgnorth
- The geology of Bridgnorth town - a real eye opener!

## Accommodation & Food

Good food and a good night's rest are important elements on our tours and so we always try to use small, family run, hotels and guesthouses that offer en-suite or private facilities.

For this course

we will stay at the 4-star, family owned and run, Croft Hotel bed and breakfast, a delightful 17th Century building, which has an enviable reputation for providing high quality accommodation. The Hotel dates back in parts to Tudor times, is Grade II listed, and as you would expect, is packed with period features. All rooms are en-suite, except 2 singles which have shared shower and w.c. Evening dinner will be taken at a nearby pub and/or restaurant. The hotel has a comfortable lounge and guests can enjoy their own drinks of they wish.



Single accommodation is available, but is subject to a modest supplement. We are happy to help anyone looking for someone to share a twin bedded room - see booking form.

## Things to bring

The following items of basic equipment would be useful to bring along on this course: field notebook, pencil and pen, measuring tape and a x10 magnifier. In addition, you will find a camera and a compass/clinometer useful, though the tutor will also have a couple of the latter for everyone to use.

## Cost

For 2 people sharing a double or twin room, the cost of the 2-night course will be £185.00 per person; for singles, the 2 non en-suite rooms are at the same price of £185.00 others will be £215.00.