

## Introduction & course content

### KEY INFORMATION

<b>COURSE TITLE:</b>	Geology & landscapes of our Geoparks - 10 hour-long live Zoom sessions plus background materials. Geoparks across England, Wales, Scotland & Northern Ireland.
<b>LEVEL:</b>	The course is aimed at anyone who wants to know more about the geology and landscapes of our 10 Geoparks.
<b>DATES:</b>	The course is on Mondays, with live Zoom sessions at 2pm or 7pm commencing January 8th, with the last sessions on March 25th.
<b>DELIVERY:</b>	Course participants can access supporting materials in print form, or by Moodle and Email. Printed papers cost £20.00 extra.
<b>COURSE TUTORS:</b>	Chris Darmon & Colin Schofield
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## Let the geo-adventures begin...

*We are very lucky that the UK is 'home' to a total of 8 UNESCO World Geoparks and a further to hat are Geoparks outside that network. They are all areas that exhibit outstanding landscapes and geology and with a fascinating story to tell. Week by week we'll be telling each of their stories, in the hope that during the summer months you might be able to get out and visit at least a couple of them.*

We don't pretend that this is your complete guide to each of the Geoparks, but through a combination of some excellent videos and written material, along with some lively chat from Chris and Colin you'll get a flavour of what there is to be seen.

We're sure that together we're going to have a good time and by the end of it, you'll know lots about our Geoparks, wherever they are in the UK. The aim of this sheet is to give you the basic information to enable you to get started as soon as we push the button!

***If, after reading this, you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me either by phone on 0114 245 5746, or by email: [downtoearth@geosupplies.co.uk](mailto:downtoearth@geosupplies.co.uk)***

### Getting Started...

Over the course of 10-weeks we're going to be exploring the geology and landscapes of our Geoparks. I will be presenting the live Zoom sessions from the Geo Supplies base in Sheffield, assisted by my friend and colleague Colin Schofield, from his home in Rochdale. Colin is in charge of the technical side and will introduce everyone to the benefits of our free to use learning platform Moodle.

The course will be presented in two ways, firstly by weekly live Zoom sessions and secondly through additional materials that you can access electronically or in printed form. We strongly recommend everyone to access Moodle. My colleague Colin Schofield will be in contact to help you to get onto Moodle. ***(Colin's Email: [downtoearthgeology@outlook.com](mailto:downtoearthgeology@outlook.com))***

Colin will be adding lots of additional information using Moodle and it's also the place for discussion forums for you to share your questions and comments with other course members. (It'll be possible to share your pictures with others should they be compact enough). If links are found to videos that tell the story better than we can, then they will be there and lastly of course it's more convenient than attachments sent to your email address. Colin will act as first respondent for any Moodle queries or forum questions and Chris will come in as necessary.

## Course content...

Listed below are the topics, that will be presented in the order shown. N.B. There will be a break of a week in February - date to be confirmed.

- **The Northwest Highlands of Scotland**
- **Lochaber (Scotland)**
- **Geo Mon (Anglesey)**
- **Fforest Fawr (Brecon Beacons)**
- **English Riviera (Devon)**
- **Abberley & Malvern Hills**
- **Cuilcagh Lakelands (Northern Ireland)**
- **North Pennines**
- **Shetland Isles**
- **Black Country (West Midlands)**

## What's included in the course fee...

- **Ten hour long Zoom sessions**
- **Background materials for each**
- **Additional materials in electronic form on Moodle**

## Cost...

The course fee is **£70.00** for one person, or for two people studying together it is **£90.00**, which includes all of the above. If you would like the additional materials in printed form, this is **£20.00** extra.

## Practical points...

- To take part in this course, you'll need a computer, iphone or tablet with access to the internet. You'll also need a valid email address - please supply this at the time of enrolment.
- Additional background material will be available as pdf files, or can be supplied in printed form by mail. A broadband connection would be very helpful, but is not essential.
- To access Moodle, Colin will give you some simple instructions and a password.
- To take part in the live Zoom presentations, you'll obviously need a camera and microphone.
- To access the Zoom sessions, the same login details are used for the whole course (this will follow)

## **Important information for all enrolled learners**

To protect our materials, we must ask you to agree not to share them with anyone not enrolled on the course by any means, including email. This is a condition of you enrolling on this course.

## **Enrolling**

To enrol on this course you can do so via our website:-

***www.geosupplies.co.uk (enter our online shop first)***

***or you can ring us on 0114 2455746***