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| **Farnham Geological Society Event Risk Assessment and Itinerary**  ***Leader to complete before the event and send to Field Trip Secretary for approval. If possible, upload to the FGS website and circulate to those who have expressed an interest before the event. Make available to the attendees at the event where the leader will sign it.*** |
| Event: Lambourn Valley Field Trip |
| Location: Lambourn and Fognam |
| Date: 31 August 2025Leader(s): Lesley Dunlop |
| FGS Field Trip Secretary: Tessa Seward Email: wessa2006@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 07498 219007 |
| Aim of Event: To examine the geology and geomorphology of the Upper Lambourn Valley |
| Start location: Lambourn Grid Ref.: SU 32642 78933 |
| Start Location “What3Words” if available: update.lands.chainsaw |
| Local Hospital details and phone number: A&E Royal Berkshire Hospital, Craven Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 5AN, Phone Number 0118 322 7019 |
| Itinerary, including length of any walking, terrain and any obstacles likely to be encountered\*:  Two locations.  1 Lambourn. Walking distance about 1km on footpaths (paved and unpaved). No stiles but kerbs and traffic. No hills all mostly level.  2 Fognam. Walking distance about 1.5km mostly on level footpaths with a small section (approx. 150m) on road. In the quarry there is some rough ground and slopes towards the face. No toilets or any refreshments available here. Hard hats must be worn if approaching the quarry face but it is possible to stand away to view the strata although there are some points where close examination is useful. |
| *\* Obstacles include kerbs, stiles, rough tracks or steep hillsides which might prove difficult for members of limited mobility, and hence need to be notified in advance. These are not Hazards*. |
| Start Time: 10.30Estimated Finish time: 16.00 |
| Lunch and Toilet Arrangements:  It would be sense to lunch in Lambourn where there are some shops that will be open and toilets. Please bring packed lunch and adequate fluids in case the weather is hot. |
| **Field Equipment Needed and Health and Safety Requirements**  Ensure that you are suitably equipped for the conditions on the day. It is your responsibility to follow any recommendations given by the Leader(s) both on the risk assessment and the actual day itself**. Leaders may refuse attendance if proper gear is not worn. It is also your responsibility to carry your own first aid kit, and any medical supplies that you may need.** |

**Insurance information etc.**

All trips are open to members, friends and other societies. Visitors/ guests will be charged a small temporary membership fee per day to ensure coverage on FGS public liability insurance. FGS has Public Liability Insurance cover for field and indoor meetings. Each person attending a field meeting does so on the understanding that they attend at their own risk. Please be aware that FGS insurance does not cover personal accidents - Personal Accident and Personal Liability cover remain the responsibility and personal choice of the participant.

Own transport will be used on all trips unless stated otherwise - some trips will be car sharing and if you offer lifts to others, please ensure that your insurance covers you. It is the driver’s responsibility to ensure that all passengers must wear a seatbelt. (Note – it is the law that passengers must be wearing a seat belt at all times, unless holding an exemption certificate when the passenger must sit in front seat).

**Risk and Hazard Assessment**

The FGS Field Trip Secretary/Organiser, the Leader(s) and all attendees should be constantly reviewing the conditions at the event and conducting Dynamic Risk Assessments at all times. The FGS Organiser may ask the Leader to alter the Itinerary or to stop the event should any unforeseen issue arise on the event.

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| **Please list all risk and hazards (low, medium or high) plus steps that will be taken to control level of risk (Examples of common risk/ hazards as per the FGS guidelines emailed to leaders by the FGS Field Trip Secretary are given below and should be included as appropriate). Additional potential risks/ hazards particular to more specific location types are also outlined in the Guidelines and should be included below if applicable .** |
| **Weather e.g. cold, wind, sunlight, heat:** |
| **Water e.g. deep water, moving water, freak waves, tides** |
| **Terrain e.g. steep ground, uneven /unstable surfaces, rockfalls, slippery ground** |
| **Traffic e.g. risk of collision, no pavement, poor visibility** |
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| **Other Hazards (not in Guidelines). Please list any other risk/ hazards plus steps that will be taken to control the level of risk** |
| **Please recommend the likely and suitable field and safety equipment required for the event. Leaders are entitled to refuse attendance if proper equipment is not worn or carried by attendees on the day.** |