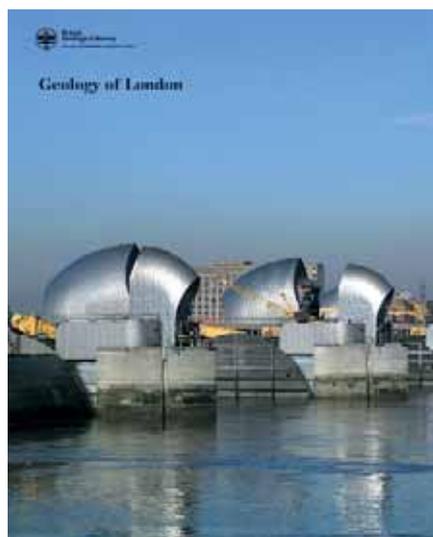


Elaine Johnston reviews new geological books available from the BGS Sales Desk.

Recent books



Geology of London

ISBN 0852724780 £24

This book describes how the geological strata beneath London have influenced the history of the city and the lives of its inhabitants. The original Roman settlement of Londinium was located at a crossing point in the Thames in an area of dry land, where sand and gravel were surrounded by boggy marshland. A ready supply of brick clay deposits helped early development, and water was always abundant. The construction and expansion of the world's first major underground railway system was made possible by the excellent tunnelling medium of the London Clay, and even today, the network pattern of the London Underground closely reflects the bedrock geology of the London Clay Formation.

Underlying ground conditions are still critical to London's continuing development and expanding infrastructure, and this new memoir will be of importance to planners and developers as well as those interested in the substructure of the city. The book also brings the

research into the twenty-first century by including basic data on environmental concerns including climate change and associated sea-level change, groundwater issues and engineering difficulties.

A geological walk around Cliffe Hill Quarry

ISBN 0852724853 £2

A geological walk around Bradgate Park and Swithland Wood

ISBN 0852724861 £2

These two booklets describe walks in rural Leicestershire and give an overview of how the landscape we see today was formed through time. Aimed at the interested amateur, they describe the geology using clear, jargon-free language. Snippets of local history are included, and information on local flora and fauna. These pocket-sized guides are informative and friendly companions on the walks they recount.

Both booklets are published by BGS in conjunction with Leicestershire County Council, Midland Quarry Products, MIRO, The National Forest and the Wildlife Trust.

Each 32pp; A5 paperback with photographs, maps and illustrations.

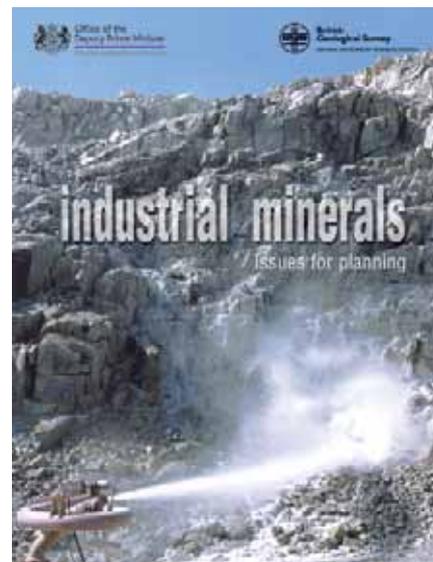
Industrial Minerals: issues for planning

ISBN 0852724993.

Free report, plus free summary report and is sent with free P&P.

Industrial minerals are vital to a modern economy. They underpin manufacturing industry and construction, as well as having important environmental applications, such as water treatment,

flue-gas desulphurisation and road de-icing. Funded by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, this report presents an overview of the industrial minerals sector in England and its economic importance. It also sets out the land-use planning issues related to industrial minerals extraction, and makes recommendations on the future supply of these raw materials. The report will be of interest to industry, the planning sector, consultants and environmental groups.



Ordering BGS publications is easy. Simply contact our Sales Desk:

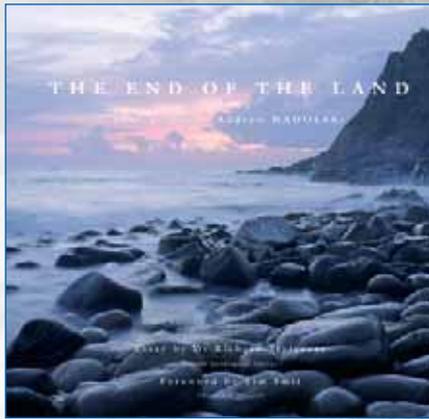
Tel: +44 (0)115 936 3241

Fax: +44 (0)115 936 3488

e-mail: sales@bgs.ac.uk

or shop online: www.geologyshop.com

We can add you to our Publications Catalogue mailing list (just ask the Sales staff) and you can subscribe to the e-mail newsletter; it contains information on new BGS publications and general BGS news.



End of the Land

by Andrew Nadolski
Headon House 2005
ISBN 0954924401 £29.99

Andrew Nadolski is a photographer and graphic consultant who has been photographing Porth Nanven in Cornwall since 1996, capturing images of the changing beach as tides alternately deposit and scour away the sands. His photographs are highly detailed, textural shots of the interactions between the rocks, sands, cliffs and seas under the shifting light. The result is a stunning book which effortlessly straddles the boundary between science and art: illuminating the science and bringing depth and understanding to the art.

With a foreword by Tim Smit of the Eden Project and an extended essay by Richard Scrivener of the BGS, this book is an elegant and eloquent portrait of this part of Cornwall. The essay gives a synopsis of the geological history of the area and provides an understanding of the events which have shaped the landscape. Andrew, however, captures more than the immediate physical landscape; with the true touch of an artist he manages to convey a sense of geological time and in this book, he presents in images the modern-day processes which continue to shape a landscape which has been formed over millennia.

Andrew has held several recent exhibitions of his photographs and they are now keenly sought by collectors. The exhibition will be touring throughout 2005 (see www.nadolski.com for details). This is his first book.