

By recognising and protecting important earth science and landscape features, they can be used as educational resources with clear links to Curriculum Wales and for future generations to enjoy. Biodiversity is underpinned by geodiversity. Geodiversity is a term that includes “the variety of rocks, fossils, minerals, landforms and soils along with the natural processes which shape the landscape”. The Countryside Council for Wales and NEWRIGS (north-east Wales Regionally Important Geological and Geomorphological Sites) are two organisations that aim to safeguard geodiversity in Wales. Clwydian Range is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

Cathie Brooks and Alwyn Roberts have recently completed a research project commissioned by Countryside Council for Wales (‘Using field-based geodiversity information in schools’). The project has researched in detail:

- the place of geology in the school curriculum from 3–18;
- current field geology resources; and
- teachers’ views on resources and future collaboration.

The authors will share the recommendations made to CCW and illustrate some initiatives already made for the introduction of field-based geology into GCSE Science and the Foundation Phase.

What do schools want? How can RIGS, CCW and other Earth Science stakeholders help?