

LGS 46 Baxterley Quarry Update 22 Sep 2016

- LGS 46 is large exposure of the basal sandstone within the Carboniferous, Upper Coal Measures, Halesowen Formation.
- The quarry site is on the Merevale Estate and permission for access must be obtained from the Estate Office at Merevale Hall. Merevale Estate is not encouraging more than a few people at any one time.
- The quarry is accessible from Merevale Lane. It's location is hidden by woodland. Parking is very limited and this is a busy road. A field gate access point across the road from the quarry site can be used, provided sufficient space is left for field access. It is not clear how we could provide access for a large number of visitors.
- To gain access to the site itself, cross the road to the perimeter fence at a point where a former track shows up and climb the fence, albeit there is a sign that says 'danger – do not enter'. Accessing at this point was approved by the Property Manager.
- Once in the property, access to the main exposure is gained by walking down through the wooded area for a short distance and bearing round to the right, over rough ground, with moss, boulders and clay underfoot. Take care. A stick is helpful. The main exposure backs onto the road
- There is undergrowth in some areas and, in time, the clear ground under the trees may become overgrown. The main exposure is readily visible and is in very good condition, albeit a small area has been blighted with graffiti. There is also a limited amount of litter – plastic bags and drink containers.
- The 10 metre high face of the exposure is used by scouts,



with Estate approval, for abseiling experience.

- The area of the former quarry is quite extensive and is bounded on its North Western side by a major earthwork that surrounds a former colliery waste tip, now cleared and levelled and the space occupied by an anaerobic digestion plant.
- The LGS document states that the location is 'about 20 m from the Coleshill Road'. It's more like 200 m.

Link to Original LoGS (RIGS) document

<http://lgs.wgcg.co.uk/LoGS46.pdf>

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