Brief descriptions of principal geodiversity sites

The main geodiversity sites are illustrated here to give an indication of the variety of potential in the area. This should be viewed in conjunction with the more comprehensive list of categorised sites.

Information in some of the tables is incomplete and should be supplemented at the next stage of the study with information from complementary specialist reports and stakeholder and community groups.

Sites described:

Fulwell & Carley Hill quarries

Tunstall Hills and Ryhope Cutting

Middridge Quarry

Claxheugh Rock

Ford Quarry

Bishop Middleham Quarry

Trimdon Grange Quarry

Wingate Quarry

Marsden Old Quarry

Hepplewhites (Cold Knuckles) Quarry

Crime Rigg Quarry

Thrislington Quarry

Trow Point to Frenchman's Bay

Frenchman's Bay

Marsden Bay

Lizard Point and Marsden Limekiln

Seaham Harbour

Blackhall Rocks

Key to designations:

NNR — National Nature Reserve

SSSI — Site of special scientific interest

GCR — Geological Conservation Review site

CGS — County Durham Geological site

LNR — Local Nature Reserve

DWT — Durham Wildlife Trust Site

MAGical — locality identified for visiting in MAGical Meadows project

References