

# **Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust Conservation Committee, Geology Sub-Committee: Leicestershire and Rutland RIGS Group**

## **1) RIGS Criteria Process**

A special RIGS Group was set up by the Committee meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> September 2005. There have been two meetings of that group to consider criteria and applying them to candidate RIGS.

To bring the Leicestershire and Rutland Regionally Important Geological Sites selection criteria on a par with other counties it has been agreed by the RIGS Group meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> February at County Hall to use a method based on the one recommended by the UKRIGS Group.

It was agreed at the same meeting that the Leicestershire and Rutland interpretation would emphasise the scientific value of each site over the value associated with access or cultural value.

The starting point of this process is the summarising of each site by

- 1) Inputting the basic site data into the UKRIGS database, and producing standardised reports for each site (details for all sites considered attached).
- 2) A RIGS Group member produces draft marking schemes for each site and these are then discussed at a group meeting, and alterations suggested, discussed and agreed.
- 3) The Education and Science section is considered primarily. If the sum of the actual scores of this section is more than 50% of the maximum scores it was decided that the site should be a RIGS sites.
- 4) Sites which score less than this but score highly on the Access and Cultural sections can be designated as RIGS if the group feels it is appropriate
- 5) The RIGS Group will produce a summary list of recommendations for ratification by the full Committee. In emergencies candidate RIGS can be circulated and discussed and agreed by email under the moderation of the Committee Chair.

## **2) The Recommended RIGS List**

<b>No</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>Score</b>
929	Acresford	26/30
758	Bardon	65/70
524	Cadeby	27/40
306	Clipsham	31/40
555	Croft Pasture	46/70
554	Croft	71/80

539	Granitethorpe	35/60
684	Groby	58/80
846	Longcliffe	58/80
838	Markfield Hill Hole	criteria met December 2005
642	Mountsorrel	70/90
807	Newhurst	68/80
538	Sapcote	50/70
620	Stoney Cove	47/70
1361	Whitwick	64/80

**The Rejected RIGS List**

618	Clint Hill	6/20
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