

# Edinburgh Geological Society – Excursion Programme 2022

**Excursion title:** Aberlady, East Lothian  
**Date & time:** Wednesday 18 May, 19:00  
**Leader(s):** Mike Browne, EGS and LBGC

**Finish time:** 21:00



<b>Excursion aims and description:</b>	<p>Short walk along the shore to examine mainly fossiliferous limestones of the Aberlady (Strathclyde Group) and Lower Limestone (Clackmannan Group) formations. Two main units exposed are the Middle Longcraig Limestone and the Hurllet (Upper Longcraig) Limestone. The former is rich in corals. Small faults influence the distribution of the strata. See attached pdf</p> <p>Equally important to Mark the life of David McAdam, who loved the geology of East Lothian and served our society for many years in key positions.</p>		
<b>Meeting point:</b>	<p>Aberlady Parish Church. On street parking normally available. Meet at NT 4616 7981 by path leading north from the main road along the west wall of the church yard to the beach. Here we will turn left (west) passing the car park and clubhouse at Kilspindie Golf Club to the first geology stop.</p>		
<b>Excursion route:</b>	<p>First geology locality on rocks at NT 4563 8046 east side of Aberlady Point. South-westerly walk from here on shore to the Long Craig at Craigiellaw Point at NT 4456 8006.</p>		
<b>Terrain, walking distance, height gain:</b>	<p>2.15 km out, same returning. Height gains negligible.</p>		
<b>Specific or Medium- / High-Risk Hazards:</b>	<p>Terrain varies from sand, gravel, cobbles and boulders to rough jointed, hard bedrock and more slippery mudstone surfaces. Seaweed can render all surfaces slippery. Very modest rock topography (usually less than 1.5 m) also needs care in passing along the beach. Only one real cliff..</p>		
<b>Control measures required to mitigate against any Hazards referred to above:</b>	<p>Suitable footwear, walking poles.</p>		
<b>Hard hats or Hi-viz clothing needed?</b>	<p>No.</p>		
<b>May dogs be brought on the excursion?</b>	<p>No.</p>		
<b>Toilet information:</b>	<p>Pubs in village?</p>		
<b>Geological map sheet:</b>	BGS 50k 33W Haddington	<b>OS map sheet:</b>	OS 50k 66 Edinburgh OS 25k 351 Dunbar
<b>References:</b>	<p>Lothian Geology - an Excursion Guide (Edinburgh Geological Society)          East Lothian and the Borders - a landscape fashioned by geology (SNH &amp; BGS)</p>		