

## Edinburgh Geological Society – Excursions 2023



<b>Excursion title:</b>	St Andrew Square / George Street, Edinburgh		
<b>Date &amp; start time:</b>	Wed 3 May 23, 7pm	<b>Finish time:</b>	9pm
<b>Leader(s):</b>	Andrew McMillan, EGS		

<b>Excursion aims and description:</b>	Examination of the building stone geology of the New Town; this excursion will serve as a recce for a new booklet on the Building Stones of the New Town.		
<b>Meeting point:</b>	St Andrew Square beside Ronnie Rae's 'Lion of Scotland' sculpture (pink Corrennie Granite) NT256 741; parking available in George Street.		
<b>Transport details:</b>	Many buses available in nearby Queen Street, George Street and Princes Street; meeting point is close the St Andrew Square Tram station.		
<b>Excursion route:</b>	St Andrew Square (N side), Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Thistle Street (E end), George Street (N Side) possibly as far as Charlotte Square (depending on time), returning to St Andrew Square along the S side of George Street. Minor diversions en route.		
<b>Terrain, walking distance, height gain:</b>	Walking on pavements and minor roads, locally cobbled. Mainly level with minor descents and ascents, max. walking distance 1.25 miles.		
<b>Specific or Medium- / High-Risk Hazards</b>	Moving vehicles: we shall be crossing city centre streets, usually but not always at pedestrian crossings; paving and road surfaces can be irregular.		
<b>Control measures required to mitigate against any Hazards referred to above:</b>	Always keep an eye out for traffic when crossing streets.		
<b>Hard hats or Hi-viz clothing needed?</b>	Leader and Coordinator will wear Hi Viz vests. Hi Viz vests optional for participants.		
<b>May dogs be brought on the excursion?</b>	Yes, on a lead at all times.		
<b>Toilet information:</b>	No public toilets on the route, Waverley Station nearby.		
<b>Geological map sheet:</b>	32E	<b>OS map sheet:</b>	66
<b>References:</b>	Building Stones of Edinburgh, 2nd edition (EGS, 1999) Calton Hill and Edinburgh's East End leaflet (Lothian & Borders RIGS Group 2003)		