

Edinburgh Geological Society – Excursion Planning Form



Excursion title:	George Street and Edinburgh's West End		
Date & start time:	Wednesday 24 April 2024 7pm	Finish time:	9pm
Leader:	Andrew McMillan, EGS		

Excursion summary:	Continuing the examination of the building stone geology of the First New Town this excursion includes the western half of George Street and parts of the West End
Meeting point:	Assemble at S end of pedestrianised Castle Street near Vodafone Shop NT 249 738; parking possibly available in parts of George Street
Transport details:	Tram and many buses available in nearby Princes Street
Outline of the excursion route:	Castle Street, heading west along George Street (S side), Charlotte Square (E and S), west end of Princes Street, Charlotte Square (W and N), George Street (N side) heading east as far as Hanover Street, George Street (S side) heading west, finishing at Castle Street. Minor diversions en route.
Terrain, walking distance, height gain:	Walking on pavements and minor roads, locally cobbled. Mainly level with minor descents and ascents, max. walking distance 1.5 miles
Additional Hazards not included in the <i>EGS Excursion Handbook</i>:	Moving vehicles: we shall be crossing busy city centre streets, usually but not always at pedestrian crossings; paving and road surfaces can be irregular.
Control measures required to mitigate against any Hazards referred to above:	Always keep an eye out for all vehicular traffic when crossing streets
Hard hats or Hi-viz clothing needed?	Leader and Coordinator will wear Hi Viz vests. Hi Viz vests optional for participants
May dogs be brought on the excursion?	Yes, on a lead at all times
Toilet information:	No public toilets on the route; nearby Princes Street Gardens West (has accessible toilet) open 10am to 8pm. Waverley Station is c. 1 mile away.
Geological map sheet:	32E
References:	Building Stones of Edinburgh, 2nd edition (EGS, 1999) Lothian Geology - an Excursion Guide (EGS, 1996), p. 56-63