

Manchester Geological Association

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Geotourism

Speaker Abstracts

“Geotourism/Geoconservation in Mainland Spain”

Javier Carmona Carillo

Geodiversity in Spain provides an impressive array of geo-resources which are ideal for use and enjoyment by the general public, both in educational and scientific settings as well as in tourism and recreation. This talk is about the different initiatives, from a Geoconservation and Geotourism perspective, which are trying to bring Geology closer to everyone and how they may help to develop a sustainable tourism in the future.

Small is Beautiful

Dave Cropp, Chair, Teme Valley Geological Society

Let me tell you a Geological Story. We are all used to the grand picture, the volcanoes, rift valleys, glaciers, plates - you name it, we've studied it. We are all conversant with National Parks and GeoParks - you name them, we've visited them. But this Talk will be slightly different - a retelling of the ten-year history of a very small local community and its geology.

The intention is not just to tell the story, but also to examine some of the other issues which affect the economic and environmental viabilities of geological features and sites.

What you will hear today is the story of the Geo-Village of Martley in West Worcestershire.

Lanzarote - A geoconservation island

Professor Cynthia Burek, Chair in Geoconservation, University of Chester

Lanzarote is unique in the Canary Islands in that it is both a UNESCO Global Geopark and a Global Biosphere. What are these designations and what do they mean? What makes this island so special? We will look at the geodiversity of the island, the cultural background, tourism and one man whose oneness with nature philosophy made a lot of this happen - Cesar Manrique. UNESCO has high standards for nature conservation. Will Lanzarote stand up to the pressure?