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## Geological Societies

Geological societies have long played, and continue to play, an important role in many aspects of geodiversity. The following geological societies are currently active within northern England and take an interest in the geology of the AONB:

Cumberland Geological Society

Cumbria RIGS

Natural History Society of Northumbria (Geology Section) North East Geological Society

Open University Geological Society

Russell Society

Westmorland Geological Society

Yorkshire Geological Society

Although not a geological society, the Friends of Killhope, organises events some of which involve aspects of the area's geology.

Most of these societies arrange programmes of lectures and field meetings, several of which relate to aspects of the geology of the AONB.

Geological societies perform an important role in communicating knowledge and expertise both to their members and the wider public. Several societies publish journals and newsletters in which are reported original observations or reviews of local geology. Especially noteworthy are the many original papers which have appeared over many years in the Proceedings of the Yorkshire Geological Society.

There is substantial scope for involving local geological societies in geodiversity conservation and interpretation work within the AONB.

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