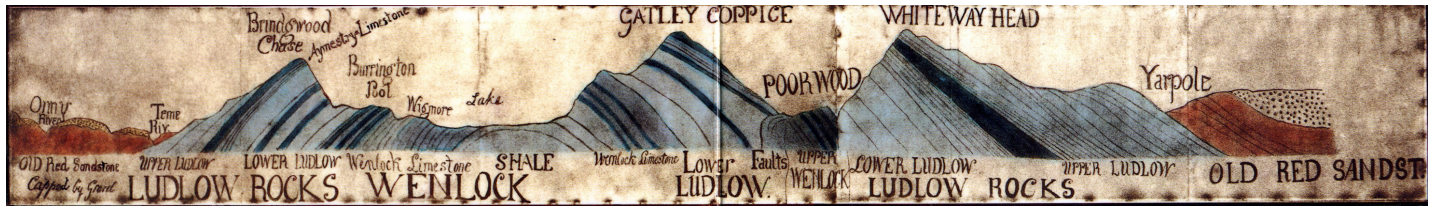


# Collections Seminar Series

Seminar, Thursday 26 October, 14.30–15.30, Flett Events Theatre



Cross section through the strata west of Ludlow, designed by Murchison in 1852.

## Volunteers to the rescue

### The Natural History Museum and the Fossils in Shropshire project

The Fossils in Shropshire Project has been working in partnership with the Museum to maintain access to its geological collections in the Shropshire Museums Service Resource Centre at Ludlow despite drastic cuts in local authority funding. Come to this seminar to find out how, mainly with the help of volunteers, the collections at Ludlow are being conserved, digitised and made widely available through various portals including the NHM Data Portal.

The project is actively engaging the local community via volunteers, social media as well as outreach events such as exhibitions, talks and walks. The long term aim is to support a wide range of collections-based educational and research activities even if physical access later becomes difficult or impossible.

#### This seminar is open to all museum professionals.

Please email [z.hughes@nhm.ac.uk](mailto:z.hughes@nhm.ac.uk) for more information and/ or to book a place.

#### Natural History Museum staff do not need to book.

It is suggested that the following staff will find the seminar most useful:

##### Science Group:

All senior department managers and collection management staff.

##### Public Engagement Group:

Any staff who work with and use collections or manage staff who work with collections.

##### Directorate and Science Directorate

##### Development and Communications Group:

Any staff involved in communicating about or engaging supporters with our collections.

#### Speakers

##### Michael Rosenbaum

Mike is an Emeritus Professor of Engineering Geology, lives in Shropshire and is a volunteer member of the Friend of Ludlow Museum. He is also a Scientific Associate at the Natural History Museum, so well placed to tell us about the value of local collections.

##### Dr Giles Miller

Giles is Principal Curator for Micropalaeontology and Senior Curator in Charge for the Economic and Environmental Earth Science Division. He has a long association with the geology of Ludlow and campaigned actively for the collections at the Ludlow Museum and Resource Centre during his three years as Chair of The Geological Curators' Group.

