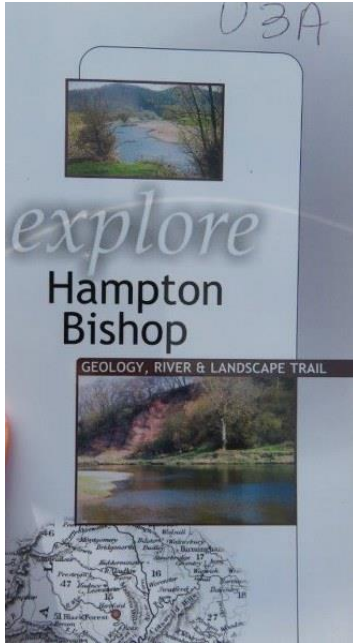


Visit to Hampton Bishop with Moira Jenkins 5th June 2019

This field trip was led by Moira Jenkins who was involved in writing the Earth Heritage Trust leaflet "Explore Hampton Bishop" in 2004.



The route mainly followed the Wye River Walk and in the course of the day we saw rock exposures, land forms, evidence of river trade, archaeology and modern approaches to flood defence as well as modern uses of the Wye for salmon fishing and canoeing.

We started off from Mordiford Bridge by walking along the Stank, an ancient earth work to prevent flooding and to use the flood waters to enrich the soil. Our first stop was to see an ancient lock gate. The Stank has been strengthened several times in the last few years. This area is particularly vulnerable to flooding as it is the confluence of the Lugg and the Wye.



The Stank on the right with modern sluice gate



Confluence of the Lugg and the Wye with a naturally occurring gravel beach on the right and man-made protection of the bank on the left.



Red Bank Cliff, closer viewing of this exposure possible from a canoe.



Finally, as we walked back to Mordiford Bridge we could see the several spans including the one designed for navigation on the river.
