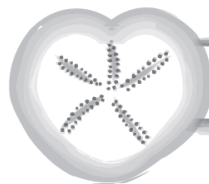


**GeoConservation Kent
(formerly Kent RIGS Group)
Local Geological Sites [RIGS]
Condition Monitoring Form –**



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Preserving Kent's Geological Heritage

1. Site Information			
Site Name & RIGS ID	Stone Cliff, Stone-in-Oxney		
Site Type	ED	Grid Reference	TQ939263
Date of Visit	18 February 2012	Local Authority	
Surveyor	Sue Mills, Andy Temple, Andy Oxford	Landowner	Andrew Jempson
1:50,000 BGS Sheet no.	304	1:25,000 OS Sheet no.	125
RIGS designation	Scientific	Educational	Aesthetic Historical
Interest Feature(s):			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is an excellent example of the abandoned cliff line landward of the Romney Marsh. It offers potential for study of slope development above sandstone bedrock and comparison with sites where the cliff is cut in Weald Clay, for example Lympe. The site has aesthetic value. 			
Previous management and dates (if any)			
None			

2. Primary Factors			
Bedrock feature	Is (are) the feature(s) exposed?	NA	If No, can it (they) practically be re-exposed?
	Is (are) the feature(s) being affected by the following factors?		
	Factor	Y/N	Comments
	Vegetation		
	Scree/Mass Movement		
	Flooding		
	Dumping/Landfill		
	Quarrying/Engineering Works		
Development (housing/industrial)			
Others (please define) -			
Superficial deposit feature	Is (are) the feature(s) exposed?	Yes	If No, can it (they) practically be re-exposed?
	Is (are) the feature(s) being affected by the following factors?		
	Vegetation (Trees or crop planting)	Y	Gorse – some encroachment on lower slopes
	Agricultural practices (deep ploughing)	Y	Sheep grazing on the eroded sandstone cliff
	Quarrying/Engineering Works	N	
	Development (housing/industrial)	N	
Others (please define) -			
Geomorphology feature	Is (are) the geomorphological feature(s) being allowed to evolve naturally?	Yes	
	Is (are) the feature(s) being affected by the following factors?		
	Vegetation	Y	Gorse growth is creating some stabilisation on half the site
	Sea Defences	N	
	River Management	Y	Below the abandoned cliff is a drained river valley
	Ground Stabilisation (slopes/sand dunes)	N	
Water level change	N		

	Development (housing/industrial)	N	
	Others (please define) -		

3. Secondary Factors

Factors that do not directly affect the feature(s) but may need to be managed in order for feature(s) to maintain a desirable condition

	Factor	Y/N	Comments
Site access	Are any of the following causing difficulties in accessing the site?		
	Physical obstacles	N	The site can be viewed from a distance from the public footpath
	Landowner permissions	N	Permission required from the (very helpful) landowner
	Protected species/habitats	N	
	Other (please define)		
Furniture	Are any of the following in an undesirable condition?		
	Interpretation Boards	N/A	
	Benches/Fences/Gates	N	Good condition
	Earthworks	N/A	
	Other (please define)		
Other features	Are there any other features of interest that should be considered?		
	Biodiversity	Y	Possible gorse scrub habitat for migrant birds
	Historic Environment		
	Other (please define)		

Site Status

Overall, is the site in a desirable condition for use(s) of the feature(s) identified?	Yes / No / Uncertain	
	Status:	Yes
If Yes - what management is required (if any) for the feature(s) to maintain a desirable condition:		
None necessary		
For the above, is the management: <i>Not going to be undertaken</i>		
If Uncertain or No - what management is required for the feature(s) to reach and maintain a desirable condition:		
For the above, is the management: <i>Being undertaken / Going to be undertaken / Not going to be undertaken / Not possible</i>		
Are there any secondary factors that need further management?	No	
Suggested management in order for the feature(s) to reach/maintain a desirable condition:		

Photos – Eight figure grid references, landmark, direction of photo (bearing)

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