



The Bucks Earth Heritage Group

Totternhoe Quarry, Bedfordshire

Leader: **Dr Michael Oates**

Sunday 26th September: 10am

This trip will explore the geology of the area around Totternhoe, just over the Bucks border into Bedfordshire, by visiting the quarry site. Lunch will be taken at the Cross Keys Inn pub in Totternhoe village. We shall then walk over the downs nearer Pitstone to look down at the various geomorphological features visible, like Gubbins Hole.



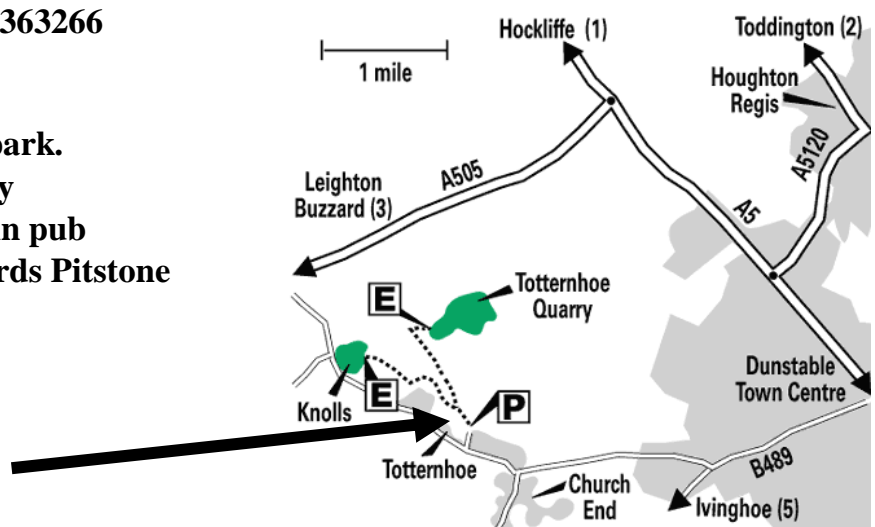
Totternhoe was a source of stone in the Roman period, but it is since medieval times that the Chalk known as 'Totternhoe Clunch', was much in demand for carving and dressing. Although soft enough to cut when fresh, it develops a hard cortex after exposure. It can be found in churches and other medieval structures throughout the area and beyond, including many of the highest status, such as Woburn Abbey, Windsor Castle and Westminster Abbey.

**If planning to attend: Please contact Graham Hickman
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Programme for the day –

- **10.00am – meet at car park.**
- **Visit Totternhoe Quarry**
- **Lunch at Cross Keys Inn pub**
- **Walk over Downs towards Pitstone**
- **finish around 4:00pm**

Park in National Trust Car Park
Grid Ref: SP986217
Nearest Post Code: LU6 1QG



Directions: 2 miles west of Dunstable. Head west out of Dunstable on the A505, across the A5 onto the B489 towards Tring. Turn right at the mini roundabout towards Totternhoe. After 1 mile, turn right in Totternhoe up track to National Trust car park.

- Please ensure you are wearing suitable clothing, especially strong boots or Wellingtons as the ground is very uneven underfoot
- Hard hats and high visibility vests to be worn at Quarry.