



GSNI Core Store

Leader: Rob Raine

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The third and final BNFC Geology trip of 2018 took place on the first Saturday afternoon in September which saw ten (or eleven) members meet in the car park of a rather ordinary looking warehouse centre in the Dargan Crescent area of Fortwilliam.

Inside we were treated to a tour of the *Geological Survey of Northern Ireland* Core store by Rob Raine. This building is a national archive of rock samples, some 20km of rock cores and in excess of 150,000 rock and geochemical specimens. These represent up to 600 million years of Earth history from a variety of environments like deserts to volcanic landscapes. Complementing this Rob had a display of rock specimens to reflect Northern Ireland geology from Pre Cambrian to the present day, as well having several biographies / photos of past GSNI Directors and staff on display.



At the end of the two hour tour refreshments were served and much appreciated by the visitors.

