

## Cliff Works at Torquay



*Castle Road, Torquay where the steep rock face in Devonian limestone has been investigated, trimmed and reinforced*

During April and May 2005 remedial stabilisation works were carried out on the limestone rock face along Castle Road in Torquay for the EF Language School which abuts the top of the cliff. The assessment, design and works supervision was by David Roche GeoConsulting and the works were undertaken by specialist cliff works contractors Celtic Rock Services.

Following extensive devegetation, including tree removal, and scaling and removal of all loose rocks and debris, key areas of the rock face was reinforced with rock net and rock bolts, and a new security fence was constructed alongside the road pavement.

“We were called in to look at this rock face about two years ago following a minor rock fall onto the road which alerted the Council who then required the whole rock face to be checked and made safe”, says David Roche. “We carried out an initial inspection and reviewed some previous reports by others, and were then able to advise the client of the best solution from a range of options”. The works were supervised on site by David Allen.

### NEW PROJECT: LATEST NEWS

## **GeoValue 2 Bid wins go-ahead with ALSF support**

Following on from the initial scoping study phase which was completed in March 2005, our bid for the main phase of work running through to March 2007 has been successful and will be funded by the MIST programme managed by MIRO. *GeoValue: Valuing Geodiversity for the Community* is the fourth MIST research project award to David Roche GeoConsulting and is led by Professor Peter Scott.

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career recognition  
award from  
Geological Society**

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## CAREER RECOGNITION AWARD FOR CLIVE

**Dr Clive Nicholas**, Minerals Geology Consultant to David Roche GeoConsulting and project leader for the Geodiversity research projects for Devon and Somerset quarries, has recently received the Frederick Sherrell Career Recognition Award from the Geological Society South West Regional Group.

The award was inaugurated by the Society during the chairmanship of David Roche and its first recipient was the late Dr Frederick Sherrell. Other recipients have been Professor Colin Bristow and Professor Bill Dearman. It recognises lifetime achievement in geoscience in the South West.

Clive was previously Chief Geologist with Aggregate Industries (formerly ECC Quarries and CAMAS) and has lived and worked in the South West for more than 30 years. He remains active in geoscience with professional consultancy work, learned societies and industry groups, as well as family life.



*Dr Clive Nicholas receives the Frederick Sherrell Award from Professor Malcolm Hart, Chairman of Geological Society South West Regional Group. The Dartington Crystal trophy is inscribed with a dedication, the Society crest and a motif of the South West peninsula.*



Cliff Falls

Rock fall at Jacobs Ladder Beach, Sidmouth, one of the most actively unstable cliff sections in East Devon, recorded during the annual audit of beach safety risks.



GeoValue

Budleigh Salterton Cliffs is one of the sites assessed in the **GeoValue: Valuing Geodiversity for Conservation** research project. The cliffs, designated SSSI, are compared with the nearby Blackhill Quarry. The initial report **Development of the Geodiversity Profile** presents the initial study findings and the proposed methodology for evaluating and comparing geodiversity at various sites.

Early in the new project **Professor Peter Scott** presents the project to the ProGEO International Conference on Geoconservation in Portugal.

**GeoValue 2** project includes partner contributions from Camborne School of Mines, Cornwall Wildlife Trust, English Nature, Health & Safety Executive, British Geological Survey, and others in industry and RIGS groups, as well as a Focus Group. Sites throughout England will be evaluated in the project.

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