

LOCAL GEOLOGICAL SITES

MALDON DISTRICT



St. Giles Leper Hospital, Maldon

Site location: Spital Road, Maldon

Grid Reference: TL 8433 0648

Status: Proposed LoGS

Summary of the geological interest:

Ruins of 12th century leper hospital with a great variety of rock types in the walls, many of them erratics, presumably gathered locally. A Grade 1 listed building and scheduled ancient monument. The grounds of the building are normally locked but permission for access can be obtained from Maldon Town Council and a key is kept at the nearby Queen Victoria public house.



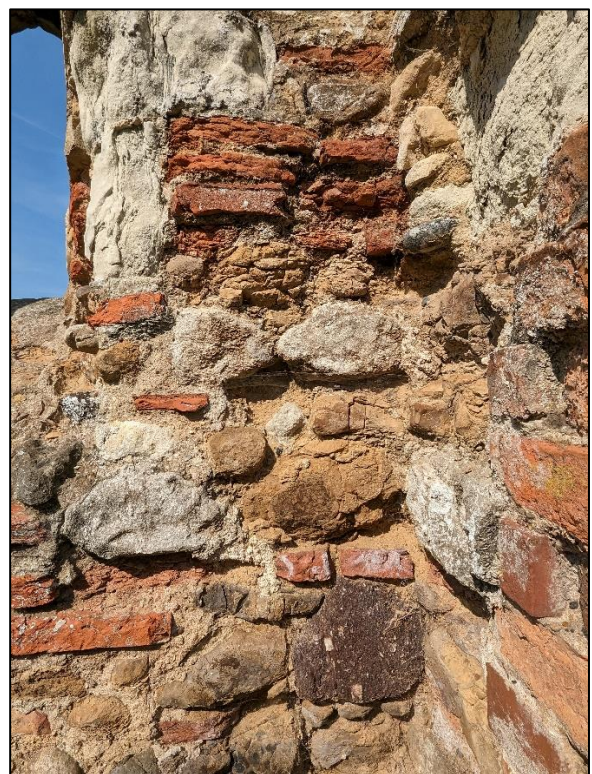
Site Assessment. Local Geological Sites (LoGS) in Essex are assessed using criteria based on DEFRA guidance. An assessment form is used which asks key questions under four value categories: scientific, educational, historical and aesthetic. This site has been assessed and qualifies under these criteria.

Scientific interest and site importance

Many of the stones and other building materials are assumed to have been gathered locally, including London Clay cement stones, various erratics and Roman bricks. A brief description of the stones in the building is contained in the *Essex Naturalist* (Vol. 29 (1952-56), page 123) following a field visit to Maldon in 1952. A comprehensive survey of the geology of the building would be worthwhile.



General view of the ruins



Close ups of wall details

Photos: June 2023