

LOCAL GEOLOGICAL SITES

CASTLE POINT DISTRICT



Cpt PG6 St Peter's Church Boulders, Thundersley

Site location: St Peter's Church, Thundersley, Essex

Grid Reference: TQ 783887

Status: Publicly accessible, church porch usually locked

Summary of the geological interest:

A large sarsen boulder can be seen near the church, with a smaller one in the church porch.



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

Two fine sarsen stones that were recorded here in the 1930s can still be seen today. One (68 x 42 cm in size) is under a hedge next to Church Road, on the north-east corner of St. Peter's Church Hall and the other is now situated in the church porch for safekeeping but previously stood outside in the churchyard. The latter stone (40 x 45 cm) was discovered while digging a grave around the time of the First World War (Maley 1937).



St. Peter's Church boulders, Thundersley. Photos: Jeff Seward, 2019



Reference

Maley, Rev. E.A.B. 1937. **The Ancient Parish of Thundersley, Essex.** Pages 29-31.