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Birmingham's Erratic Boulders: Heritage of the Ice Age

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Abstract:

Across South-West Birmingham and North-East Worcestershire are a large number of "erratic boulders". These include volcanic rocks that were brought here from Arenig Fawr, in North Wales during the Anglian glaciation. Over 100 years ago the discovery of these boulders across the region resulted in many of them being moved to public parks and open spaces for everyone to enjoy and learn about the Ice Age in Birmingham and beyond. The boulders were mapped, researched and talked about both in the Midlands and further afield.

Since that time, they have been left behind, overlooked and frequently have disappeared. Through this National Lottery Heritage Funded project through trails, interpretation, and our museum exhibition we aim to share the forgotten stories of these stones - the only visible relics of the Ice Age in Birmingham, and hopefully find some of those that are now "missing".



About the Speaker:

Beth has spent many years working on Geoconservation projects within the UK. Many of these have been aimed at increasing public awareness and engagement with the geology under their feet and understanding how this has shaped the towns and villages we live in today.

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