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## Geological Society Contaminated Land Specialist Group Annual Report 2017

### Our committee

Full details of the current committee are published on our webpage

<https://www.geolsoc.org.uk/contamland>



### Summary of events

The group was formed in 2017 and officially launched on the 29 March at Burlington House with an event titled '*Perspectives on land contamination*'. We had 150 people attend to hear Malcom Brown (President of the Geological Society), Jane Dottridge, Seamus Lefroy-Brooks, Professor Paul Nathanail, Ann Barker, Dr Mark Cave and Katherine Hunt give their views on the land contamination sector and profession, and where it's heading in future.



One of the Geological Society's flagship meetings, the Janet Watson, was this year organised by the early career sub-committee of our specialist group. Titled '*The Future of Contaminated Land Risk Assessment; stakeholder perspectives*' This sold-out two day event, on 6&7 November, had a packed programme of talks and workshops aimed in particular at those in the early stages of their career. To see the full event programme visit: <https://www.geolsoc.org.uk/jwatson17>

Throughout the year we've been developing our links with the other specialist groups and the 16 regional groups to seek opportunities to co-badge meetings and assist each other in organising events covering land contamination topics.

We've also been establishing links with other land contamination organisations in the UK including CL:AIRE and CIRIA and have been invited to represent the Geological Society on the Land Forum.



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We're also developing links with other professional bodies including SoBRA, CIWEM, IES and Royal Society of Chemistry

### Group logo

An open competition was held to design a logo for the group with the winning entry coming from Sarah Clement-Dawson.

### Finances

Our accounts are managed centrally at Burlington House and during 2017 were:

Total cost of catering launch event	-£977.20
Sponsorship received	+£500
Balance from Land Contamination 2016 conference	+£2000
Balance remaining at year end	<b>£1522.80</b>

### Plans for 2018

The Geological Society's conference theme for 2018 is 'Year of Resources'. As part of this:

- We're supporting the British Geological Survey geoscience workshops in February 2018 being held in London, Birmingham and Leeds
- We're supporting the Hydrogeological group Chalk conference in April 2018
- We're discussing a joint event with the Yorkshire Contaminated Land Forum in summer 2018.
- We're planning a joint event during 2018 with SoBRA
- Our early careers sub-committee will build on the success of the Janet Watson meeting and arrange another event outside London in 2018.

We are also plan to work on updating guidance for those applying for chartership as land contamination specialists

**Dave Jones**

**Contaminated Land Group Secretary**

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