SH15 – Billinge Plantations SD 5257 0175

Site

The locality is that of a disused quarry, now appearing as a cutting through which path runs towards Billinge Beacon; landform hill.

Lithology and Formation

The lithology is grey/white sandstone Crutchman sandstone formation of the Carboniferous (from Wigan Sheet 84, solid, published 1937. Reprinted 1977). The cutting is a steep c4m high x 60m long x 15m wide exposure.

Features

Massive sandstones with lenticular bedding and deltaic cross-sets inter-bedded rapidly weathering shales. Thin coal bed visible 1-3cm. Carbonaceous flakes and flattened cast of Lepidodendron visible on base of 1 bed. Parking on Crank Road at SD52400190) pull in by farm, 400 m walk along public footpath into plantation managed by the Woodland Trust. (Merseyside RIGS Group Site Recording Form, 1998)
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