

Site Name: Argoed

Grid Reference: SN 994 629

RIGS Category: Scientific

Earth Science Category: Ordovician (Ashgill) Stratigraphy

Geology 1:50,000: BGS 179 Rhayader

RIGS Statement of Interest:

This site is an A 470 trunk road cutting c. 200 m in length about 6 km from, and half way between, Rhayader and Llandrindod Wells. Like its neighbouring Doldowlod RIGS, the cutting has been heavily degraded and thickly vegetated, and is in need of substantial renovation. The main interest here is the succession of mudstones of the Nantmel Formation of Ashgill (late Ordovician) age. The importance of this section is highlighted by its inclusion in the Powys geological field guide (Wilson et al., 1993, Location 15), and is given attention in the Llanilar-Rhayader memoir of the British Geological Survey (Davies et al., 1997). Rock exposure is generally poor in this region, making this section particularly important. However, deterioration of the exposure has been fast, notably since it was surveyed by BGS only some 12 years ago.

Surveyed by: W.R. Fitches