



175 years

Networks of Influence

Exploring women's contribution to the early Woolhope Club

FREE EVENT 3 November 2026 2-4pm

HARC, Fir Tree Lane. Hereford, HR2 6LA

Join Nicola Kearton and Jane Adams as they explore how women influenced and participated in the research and publications of early field clubs. Although not admitted as members in their own right until 1954, many women were actively involved long before that – as artists, naturalists, partners and patrons.

Nicola will examine the local, regional and national networks enabling Elizabeth Jane Woodhouse Lewis and Frances Stackhouse Acton to engage in field research and contribute to seminal publications, including Murchison's *Silurian System*.



Aymestrey Quarry, 1842, Elizabeth Jane Woodhouse Lewis

Jane will celebrate the work of Herefordshire naturalists, Emma Hutchinson and Eleonora Armitage whose work achieved national recognition.

She will go on to consider why Alfred Watkins proposed women be admitted as members of the Woolhope Club in 1919 - and why this was rejected.



Eleonora Armitage



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FREE EVENT: Bookings via the Woolhope Club website (www.woolhopeclub.org.uk) or the QR code

