Revealing the Foundations

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Revealing the Foundations, a new publication by Cumbria GeoConservation, tells the story of the geology and landscape of this fantastic area. The Westmorland Dales forms the north-west corner of the Yorkshire Dales National Park and is a beautiful part of east Cumbria. The area has a rich and varied geological heritage, recording over 400 million years of Earth history.

At its heart is dramatic limestone countryside including Great Asby Scar National Nature Reserve, but there's more to see, from the slaty rocks of the Howgills to the red sandstone of the Eden Valley, and many glacial and recent landforms. This book, beautifully written and illustrated by Elizabeth Pickett, is a wonderful introduction to the area. It spans 450 million years of geological history and describes how the landscape that we see today has been shaped by ice and water. The book also recommends places to visit.

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Key Features include

A geological map of the region and geological cross section

Illustrations of the Earth in the past Hand drawn 3D block diagrams Superb photographs Easy to understand explanations Present day examples



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