



**UK Centre for Observation and Modelling of
Earthquakes, Volcanoes and Tectonics**

COMET ANNUAL MEETING 2026 INFORMATION PACK

**British Geological Survey, Keyworth,
Nottinghamshire**

Monday 29th June to Wednesday 1st July 2026



**British
Geological
Survey**



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IN-PERSON JOINING INSTRUCTIONS

Welcome to the COMET Annual Meeting 2026!

This document provides useful information on the venue, travel, accommodation, dinner arrangements, what to bring and general information.

If you have any queries, please direct them to: comet@leeds.ac.uk

The meeting programme can be found here: <https://comet.nerc.ac.uk/comet-annual-meeting-2026/>

THE VENUE

Conference venue:

[British Geological Survey, Nicker Hil, Keyworth, Nottingham, NG12 5GG](#)

[Get directions to BGS Keyworth](#)

Keyworth accessibility page: <https://www.bgs.ac.uk/about-bgs/contact-us/locations/keyworth-accessibility/>

Facilities management team: (+44) 0115 936 3470 (during office hours)

Please use this number from 08:30 to 16:30 Monday to Friday for onsite queries or emergencies. This will put you in contact with the BGS facilities management team.

Front gate security team: (+44) 0115 936 3250 (out of office hours)

Please use this number from 16:30 to 08:30 Monday to Friday. This will put you in contact with the front gate security team.

WiFi access:

If you have a UKRI, BGS or government email address, you can connect to WiFi at BGS by sending a blank email to signup@wifi.service.gov.uk

Visitors can text 'Go' to 07537417417 to get connected. Or choose the free BGS_Guest account and register/sign in for access when prompted.

Trouble connecting? Email bgshelpdesk@bgs.ac.uk

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TRAVEL

By Air: The nearest airport to Nottingham is East Midlands Airport. Birmingham and Manchester airports also have good transport links to Nottingham.

By Train: The nearest train station to the venue is Nottingham Railway Station. BGS Keyworth is an approximately 20-minute taxi ride or 30-minute bus journey from Nottingham.

By Bus: Buses to Keyworth run every 15 minutes from Nottingham City Centre. [welcome – the keyworth – run by trentbarton](#)

By Taxi: Taxis should be available at the train station if you are unable to take the bus. Contact details for a selection of Nottingham-based taxi companies have been provided below.

- [DG Cars](#): 0115 9 500 500 | 0115 9 607 607
- [My Cars Nottingham](#): 0115 919 9999
- [NG11 Cars](#): 0115 3145145

By Car: For those travelling to the meeting by car, we have made arrangements for cars to be parked and left at BGS Keyworth for the duration of the meeting. If you wish to park and haven't already provided your registration number, please send to the COMET Directorate team (comet@leeds.ac.uk) by **Monday 22nd June**.

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By Coach: Coaches will be provided by Sharpes of Nottingham to transport attendees to and from Nottingham city centre and BGS each day.

Pick-up and drop off times are as follows:

Monday 29 June 2026

Time: 17.00

Pick-up: BGS Keyworth, NG12 5GG

Drop-off: Leonardo Hotel in Nottingham City Centre, NG2 3BJ

Tuesday 30 June 2026

Time: 08.15

Pick-up: Leonardo Hotel in Nottingham City Centre, NG2 3BJ

Drop-off: BGS Keyworth, NG12 5GG

Time: 17.15

Pick-up: BGS Keyworth, NG12 5GG

Drop-off: Leonardo Hotel in Nottingham City Centre, NG2 3BJ

Wednesday 01 July 2026

Time: 08.15

Pick-up: Leonardo Hotel in Nottingham City Centre, NG2 3BJ

Drop-off: BGS Keyworth, NG12 5GD

ACCOMMODATION

We recommend booking either of the following hotels during your stay in the city of Nottingham:

- [Premier Inn - Nottingham arena \(London Road\)](#)
- [Leonardo Hotel Nottingham](#)

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TO BRING

- Poster presenters should bring a physical print out of their poster (no bigger than A0 size in a portrait layout).
- Refillable water bottle – a water fountain is available at the BGS reception area.
- Laptop and charging cable.
- Bring sensible footwear if you wish to participate in the COMET rounders match.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Registration will open at 12.00 noon followed by lunch served in the exhibition space. The meeting is due to start at 13.00 in the main conference meeting room, located on the first floor.
- Luggage can be stored at the back of the main conference room.
- BGS has a large conference space, where all the talks and general discussions will take place. There will also be smaller rooms available for breakout meetings.
- A quiet and prayer space room will be made available throughout the duration of the meeting.
- You will be able to connect your personal devices to WiFi at BGS Keyworth. See connection details in the 'Venue' section above.
- The COMET Annual Meeting 2026 will be a "hybrid" meeting, with presentations available to view online during the meeting – the meeting will not be recorded.
- There will be regular breaks throughout the meeting. Refreshments during breaks, lunch (Monday-Wednesday) and dinner (Monday and Tuesday) will be provided.
- Only soft drinks will be provided during the poster sessions and at the dinners. Attendees will be able to purchase their own alcoholic drinks at the evening venues.

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GENERAL INFORMATION CONTINUED

- If you haven't already, please let us know if you have any specific dietary or access requirements as soon as possible so that we can let the meeting venue know in advance.
- Photographs will be taken during the meeting. If you do not want photographs of you to be posted on public platforms, such as social media accounts, the COMET website, or external COMET reports, please inform the COMET Directorate team (comet@leeds.ac.uk).
- Accessible and gender neutral toilet facilities are available on the ground floor.
- All attendees of COMET meetings are required to read and adhere to the COMET Code of Conduct.

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SOCIAL INFORMATION

- There will be the opportunity to join a tour of the BGS core store archives on Tuesday at 15.30 and 16.15. The two tours will take approximately 30 minutes with a maximum of 20 people in each group. BGS will also provide self-guide leaflets to enjoy the geological walkway.
- Weather permitting there will also be the opportunity to play rounders at a local sports field (Platt Lane). If you've never played rounders before or need a reminder of the rules, please watch this very handy video: [Rule of Rounders](#)
- Sign-up sheets will be available for the core store tours and rounders at the meeting registration desk.
- On Monday and Tuesday evening the dinners will be held from 19.00 at [The Embankment pub](#) in the Lord Trent function room (282-284 Arkwright Street, Nottingham, NG2 2GR). The function room is located on the first floor of the pub and can only be reached by staircases.
<https://www.castlerockbrewery.co.uk/accessibility/>

Monday evening meal - 'This is England'

Braised beef / Puy lentil cottage pie

Roast potatoes, maple glazed root vegetables, braised red cabbage, dinner roles, chutney

Tuesday evening meal - 'From Dusk Till Dawn'

Beef / squash and corn chilli pozole rojo

Rice, black beans, roast corn and peppers, tortillas, salsa

- On Tuesday evening we can look forward to the annual COMET quiz, this year hosted by Benji Kettleborough (Leeds) and Erin Mills (BGS).
- Everyone will be given a soft drink token at the dinner venue, which can be used to redeem against one soft drink with your meal. Alcohol will be available to buy at the bar.

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COMET FEEDBACK FORM

Please fill in the COMET Feedback Form if you have any comments, observations, requests or concerns about any of COMET's activities or events: [COMET Feedback Form](#)

