

GEODIVERSITY IN ST EDMUNDSBURY

Chalk underlies the area, and old underground workings have been prone to collapse. Overlying glacial clay is seldom exposed but periglacial features are recorded from several localities, as are interglacial river deposits (not well exposed and mainly on private ground). Bury St Edmunds Cathedral is built of a fine selection of (non-local) limestones.

Bury St Edmunds, God's Square

Abbey Gardens – Abbey ruins: Barnack Stone

Cathedral – Tower of Barnack and Clipsham Stone, internally of Ketton Stone; north transept of Doulton Stone; south wall (west end) of Caen Stone; new cloisters of Ancaster Stone.

St Mary's Church – a variety of limestones and breccias internally.

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Knettishall Heath Country Park. 'Stone stripes' of periglacial origin can be viewed from footpath. www.suffolk.gov.uk

Lackford Lakes Nature Reserve. Suffolk Mammoth Trail Panel near Bess's bird hide. www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org



Abbey Gardens,
Bury St Edmunds

