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### Report

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I am very grateful for the opportunity to attend this long-established geomorphology workshop for postgraduates organised by the British Society for Geomorphology. The event was well organised by Dr Lucy Clarke, Dr Emma Shuttleworth, and Professor John Wainwright, who created a warm and supportive atmosphere—an ideal environment for learning, discussion, and networking. The workshop took place at Cumberland Lodge in Windsor, with excellent accommodation, great food, and everything we needed.

On the first day, the workshop focused on broader aspects of PhD study, including professional development, the importance of promoting our work, and networking. We also delivered 1-minute presentations, in which each participant briefly introduced their research and field of study. This was a helpful way to understand the diversity of topics in the group from the very beginning and to identify potential overlaps and connections. The day concluded with an introduction from the BSG Chair, Dr Chris Hackney, which offered an inspiring perspective on what a career path in geomorphology can look like.

On the second day, we began with a session on research philosophy and practice, followed by a practical training session in R that focused on working with large datasets and data wrangling. Another highly useful session covered project planning and time management. In the afternoon, we were divided into groups and worked on assigned projects. Groups were intentionally given unfamiliar topics, so it was interesting to tackle something new while focusing on time planning and basic risk assessment, including identifying factors that could delay the project. The day concluded with a careers panel, where geomorphologists from different professional backgrounds shared practical insights, especially on interviews and career decisions.

Wednesday included another practical session, this time using Python. We also took part in an interactive session on research ethics, which encouraged discussion and reflection on responsibility and decision-making in research. In the afternoon, all participants delivered 5-minute presentations on their PhD projects, followed by brief discussions. This was a great opportunity to practise communicating our research clearly, and the feedback and questions helped us see our work from



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different perspectives, identify potential issues, and consider useful suggestions for the next steps of our projects. We also had some free time during the day, which gave us the chance to explore Windsor on foot. Later that evening, we attended a talk on the PhD experience delivered by a current doctoral researcher, which was interesting and inspiring.

On Thursday, we had a highly engaging lecture by Professor Stuart N. Lane on publishing and scientific writing. This session was particularly important and directly relevant to our research development, offering practical guidance on the publication process and how to communicate scientific results effectively.

Overall, the workshop was an excellent experience, and I am very glad I was able to attend. It was inspiring to meet so many motivated researchers and to learn about a wide range of geomorphological projects. The workshop was both motivating and practically useful, and I am confident that the skills and knowledge gained will support me throughout my PhD. I would highly recommend this workshop to all early-career researchers, as it offers a good combination of scientific training, professional development, and networking opportunities. Finally, I would like to thank the IAG for providing a grant that made my participation possible.



Fig. 1: The group of BSG Windsor Workshop 2025



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Fig. 2: (A) 5-minute presentation, (B) King George III and His Horse statue, (C) Practical session



Fig. 3: Cumberland Lodge in Windsor