

Location MT1

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Lane-side exposure, Shelsley Beauchamp



A small cutting in the road-side bank has been created by tractors using the lane. It has exposed soft, reddish-brown mud (very wet in the picture), with some angular fragments of soft reddish-brown mudrock in it. This is not soil, but is likely to be periglacial 'head', and has developed from the underlying rock.

You can use the **glossary** in the app toolbox to check the meaning of the term 'head'. The term is less well used in academic circles nowadays, but is still used on maps of the British Geological Survey and will serve our purpose on this field trip.

Note the reddish-brown colour. You will see another exposure of this periglacial head at Localities MT3 and MT5.