

# Chalk Group Lithostratigraphy: Marlborough Downs/Berkshire Downs/Chilterns - Plenus Marls

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The Plenus Marls are more condensed than in the Southern Region (typically 0.9 - 1.7 m thick; Wood, 1996), but are otherwise similar. However, in the Hitchin area and eastwards, the equivalent of Jefferies' (1963) Bed 3 is so indurated that it resembles the Melbourn Rock, and the brachiopod *Ornatothyris* becomes a characteristic fossil (Wood, 1996).

**Macrofossil Biozonation:** *M. geslinianum* Zone (pars) (Wood, 1996)

**Correlation:** see Correlation with other parts of the UK

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See: Plenus Marls (Southern Region), Melbourn Rock

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