

Torbay Local Access Forum – Information Sharing as at April 2013

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MENE data for February 2013

Full results on http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/Images/mene-report-february-2013_tcm6-35686.pdf

A few headlines:

1. “Since 2010, rural visits in February have exceeded urban visits. In 2011 there were 24 million more rural visits than urban visits. In 2013 rural visits exceeded urban visits by 4.8 million, the smallest margin for any February.
2. In February 2013, visits were longer and taken further from home than in January 2013. Overall, 16 percent of visits incurred expenditure, with £18.98 being the average amount spent.
3. Between January and February 2013 visits to the natural environment that included picnicking more than doubled to 1.2 million. Perhaps surprisingly, visits to the beach and swimming outdoors also showed large percentage increases to 1.4 and 0.7 million visits respectively. In contrast, horse riding fell by 1.6 million. Off-road cycling and water sports both fell by 0.3 million”

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Local Authority Walking and Cycling Statistics Released

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-area-walking-and-cycling-in-england-2011-12>

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National Trails in England

Natural England has confirmed arrangements for the future management of the National Trails in England. The full set of reports can be found on the link below and a summary is attached.

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/enjoying/places/nationaltrails/review2012.aspx>



National Trails
summary.pdf

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MENE data for January 2013

Full results on http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/Images/mene-report-january-2013_tcm6-

A few headlines:

1. During January 2013, the adult population in England took an estimated 243.3 million visits to the natural environment. This was 1.8 million visits higher than the 241.5 million visits taken during December 2012.
2. In January 2013 rural visits exceeded urban visits by 16.6 million visits reversing a trend in favour of visits to urban areas that started in September 2012.
3. 17 percent of visits incurred expenditure, with £29.03 being the average amount spent, compared with January 2012 where 20 percent of visits incurred a spend of £12.50.
4. Between December 2012 and January 2013, visits involving horse riding increased by 1.9 million. Visits involving off road cycling and mountain biking increased by 0.8 million from 1.2 to two million visits.
5. During January 2013, 40 percent of the English adult population reported that they usually visited the natural environment several times a week or more over the previous year. The proportion claiming to normally visit the natural environment several times a week or more stood at its highest level since the MENE survey began in March 2009.

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Natural England Board Meeting Summary 06/03/13

Full agenda papers for the NE Board meeting held on 6th March are on http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/about_us/ourpeople/neboard/meetings/march2013/default.aspx

Summary of some matters relevant to LAFs

Chief Executive's Report – Access and Engagement

“We have now approved the first four Paths for Communities Grants worth £286,000. We expect six projects to be submitted to the January Grants Panel and further projects are currently being worked up. We have approved Access to Nature Grants totalling £5.5m in line with our target for the year end.

We have so far received 75 per cent of the annual reports from Local Access Forums (LAFs) under the new reporting system. Locally we continue to work with LAFs to advise on Coastal Access, permissive access and rights of way. We have exceeded our target of 85 per cent of LAFs represented on the Huddle Electronic Forum.

Our “Amber Green” performance and outlook statuses reflect that we are behind profile with the £500,000 Paths for Communities metric. It has taken longer than we originally anticipated to generate the first applications as a result of the time volunteers in local communities need to agree proposed projects with the various stakeholders. However, this is year one of a two year project and with the Grants Panel meeting monthly and we will still be able to deliver the £2m total grant package over the two years.”

Draft Corporate Plan

This shows a reduction in grant in aid finance to be spent on Outcome 2 – “People are inspired to value and conserve the natural environment” from a budget of £12.2 m in 2012/13 to Plan figures of £11m in 2013/14 and £9.9m in 2014/15, with a corresponding decrease of staff on that Outcome from 163 in 2012/13 to 139 in 2013/14.

NATIONAL TRAILS – main points from National Trail Paper put to the Board for approval. (There are several Board papers related to National Trails including reports from the Standards and Funding Working Groups and an analysis of responses to the earlier consultation).

- a) **Standards** – We have revised and simplified the proposed framework (in response to feedback) focussing on benefits, accountability and measurability. The majority of old standards are effectively retained but revised as management prescriptions.
- b) **Funding** – We have strengthened our long term commitment to funding and introduced a new approach to allocating national support that is more equitable and transparent (subject to the next government spending review). Funding will now be linked to performance and partners will have greater flexibility to manage their budgets locally.
- c) **National Trail Officers** – In line with our original recommendations we no longer propose to explicitly fund National Trail Officers. This has been a difficult choice and is fully documented in the supporting Annexes to this paper.
- d) **Local Trail Partnerships** – We have responded to concerns raised in the consultation by: first focussing on purpose – which is about greater collective responsibility for the whole of the Trail rather than a single Trail Partnership; and secondly, by accepting a phased approach to implementation.
- e) **Users** – Widespread support for greater user involvement will be reflected in local arrangements and will be monitored.
- f) **Promotion** – Trails need to be well managed **and** promoted and we have already announced our appointment of a new promotion lead.
- g) **National role** – We will be continuing in our present role but with an increased focus on monitoring and performance, including an annual report.

Our review has sparked a wider debate about the longer term shape and national stewardship of National Trails, and whether they could make an even bigger contribution to economic growth. We will be assisting Defra to establish a new working group to take forward this debate. This will give, for example, the Ramblers an opportunity to put their thinking about new structures on the table, alongside other ideas from partners, users and managers of Trails.”

FUNDING

Formula

1. All Trails receive a minimum standard payment of £18,000 per trail.
2. Where the number of local highway authorities or managing agent associated with a trail is greater than two and/or the approved length of the trail is greater than 130km then additional payments are made as follows:
 - a) For administrative complexity, an additional payment of:
 - i. £2,400 for each highway authority or managing agent over 2
 - ii. £1,200 for each highway authority or managing agent over 16 and up to 32
 - iii. Additional payments are capped at 32 highway authorities or managing agent
 - b) For geographic extent, an additional payment of £70 per km of approved length.
3. There is no reduction in the standard payment where the number of local highway authorities or managing agent is less than two or the approved length is less than 130km.
4. In some cases trails are jointly managed. In this case, the value of the core payment is calculated separately for each trail but the amounts may be combined in a single grant.

Standard Rate

9. All Trails receive a minimum payment at a standard rate of £250 per km. This rate is applied to the approved and off road length.

Additional payments

Approved route for horse riding/ cycling

10. Where the route is approved for horse riding/ cycling a 25% uplift is applied to the maintenance standard rate⁹.

Sensitive environments

11. A 50% uplift is applied to the standard rate. This is applied:

- a) for biodiversity, where the trail passes through SSSIs
- b) for heritage, where the trail passes through a scheduled monument and/or world heritage sites

Environmental risk

13. An additional payment of £5,000 per average annual events affecting the Path over the 5 years 2007 to 2012 is made. This is applied for both incidents of coastal retreat and river bank collapse.

Regards

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Presentation Handouts and Conference Evaluation Report from the LAF Conference



Activity Trails SCAS
Journal Summer 2011



CofL - KC Agreement
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