

## 'Looking Ahead: What the public are telling and how do we react?'

## Webinar

## Question and Answer Transcript

Q = Question C = Comment A = Answer

**C.** The webinar will begin shortly. Thank you for joining us this morning for what is set to be a very informative session.

**C.** Thank you for joining us this morning for this webinar on "Looking Ahead: What the public are telling us and how do we react?". You can engage with discussion here in the Q&A panel.

C. Our speakers are online and available to answer your questions.

**C.** Please when asking questions provide the following information: Your name, organisation and who your question is for or in response to.

**C.** PDF Versions of these presentations will be uploaded to the Outdoor Recreation Network Website and emailed to delegates. Recordings will be available through the ORN YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH8FJAvdvGvR4vnviRj76QA

Q. Great research, will we be sent the slides?

A. Presentations and a recording of this webinar will be available tomorrow.

A. Recordings of these presentations will be made available via our YouTube Channel following the webinar.

 ${\bf Q}.$  Why no walking shown in active travel slide? a significant aspect particularly linked to public transport

A. Hi there - apologies for the lack of sound. Of course, walking and walkability of local environments is absolutely critical.

C. great, slides and audio

C. Some great statistics, however it would be great to see the inclusion of blue spaces too

A. Blue spaces are included just not time to present on them - data is about green and blue spaces. Please look at pages to see types green and blue spaces.

C. Great insight from MENE....

**Q.** Does anyone have any insight as to the apparent widespread behaviour to litter the countryside. Was it a rebound reaction to lockdown?

**A.** No doubt at all that we've seen a increase in people using outdoor spaces. It'll be interesting to see if trend continues into the future and if so whether we will see more investment in outdoor spaces. From experience I've seen year on year decreases in budget for outdoor space and staff.

**C.** Really interesting to see the effect of the different nations policies on where they go outside for exercise. (Scotland reducition in longer walks and hill walks - stay local message)

C. Really interesting insights about what people did and where they did it in Scotland

A. the link to the Scottish research is at https://www.nature.scot/more-people-spending-time-outdoors-new-survey-reveals-importance-nature-scotlands-recovery-covid-19

**C.** It would be great to pick up trend of MENE data at end September and Scottish survey that will be done again in October.

**Q.** any surveys from landowners who had increase of people walking over their land on rights of way. we had increase in requests for signage and gates and concerns about trespassing. and concerns about covid transmission from volume of people passing gates, building etc

C. Interesting insights from Northern Ireland

C. It would be interesting to also look at weather changes during lockdown and afterwards

**C.** A great webinar (even with the technical hitches) really useful information, and well hosted by Bel. Well done all.

C. Thanks everyone. I enjoyed that.

**C.** Apologies but NE staff have meetings starting in 15 minutes so we won't be able to join the meeting rooms. But please do contact us on <u>people\_and\_nature@naturalengland.org.uk</u> with any questions and please do visit our gov.uk and user hub pages. Especially for our full dataset release and associated analysis end September.

C. Thanks

C. Thanks to presenters great insights.

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