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Welcome to the Countryside Recreation Network E-newsletter



This E-newsletter is distributed quarterly. It provides updates about research and policy development in outdoor recreation and countryside access across the UK and the Republic of Ireland. It shares good practice and news about forthcoming events relevant to professionals working in the sector. If you would like to provide information for inclusion in future E-newsletters, please send it to the CRN secretariat at the address provided below.

CRN News

British Waterways



The public debate on British Waterway's future status has moved on with the publication of *Setting a new course*, which looks at how Britain's waterways could be managed through the third sector – see www.britishwaterways.co.uk/twentytwenty/setting-a-new-course

Following the reorganisation undertaken during 2010, British Waterway's new structure formally came into force on 1st November 2009 – see www.britishwaterways.co.uk/newsroom/all-press-releases/display/id/2571

CABE



Spaceshaper, which captures local views about parks and public spaces, has had an imaginative and colourful makeover for young people.

The new version of the activity-based toolkit has been developed for young people aged 9-14, because they are often left out of decisions that affect their lives. It explores what young people think about how local places are used and how they can be improved. [Click here to find out more about the new Spaceshaper](#)

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CRN and Sponsors' Events

Education in the Outdoors Event
23rd February 2010 - The Centre in the Park - Sheffield

[To find out more about the above mentioned events and how to book a place please click here](#)

Case study

Castle Ward Demesne - Multi Purpose Trail Project

[Countryside Access and Activities Network \(CAAN\) in Northern Ireland](#)



The [Facilities Inquiry](#) is an independent inquiry into sport and recreation facilities in the UK. Its purpose is to look into the world of these facilities, take views from the public and from experts and come up with a range of recommendations designed to improve the provision of and access to our sport and leisure facilities.

About the inquiry

Community sports facilities come in all shapes and sizes. From state-of-the-art lottery-funded facilities, to canal towpaths and local bowls clubs. Some are natural, some man-made; some benefit from public investment whilst others survive on minimal membership subscriptions.

This independent investigation will explore the full range of places where people choose to participate in sport and recreation, and examine the good practice Britain can be proud of - and the improvements we need to make. The inquiry will make recommendations to ensure that every British citizen can access affordable and sustainable recreation opportunities

Find out more about [the Inquiry](#) to contact the Inquiry please email scox@ccpr.org.uk

Forestry Commission Scotland



[Woods for Health - the Forestry Commission Scotland health strategy](#)

Scotland has one of the greatest health challenges of the developed nations of Europe.

Forestry Commission Scotland and the whole forest sector can make a positive contribution to the health agenda.

[The Woods for Learning Strategy](#)

This document sets out our Woods for Learning Strategy in Scotland for the period **2010-2013**. We aim to provide places in our green environment, particularly trees, woods and forests, for learning and teaching outdoors.

[Download the Woods for learning strategy](#)

13th & 15th April 2010, "[Trees and Forests in British Society](#)". Forestry Commission Conference, Edinburgh

Sport Northern Ireland



Tollymore Mountain Centre (national centre for outdoor activities) is undergoing a major redevelopment which is now near completion, [find out more here](#)

Awards for Sport, is a small grant programme designed to support clubs and community organisations by providing equipment that will increase participation or improve performance in Sport. This year's programme was exceptionally popular with over 400 applications, [find out more here](#)

Natural England



Located on the shores of Strangford Lough, Castle Ward is an 820-acre demesne owned by the National Trust. It is a popular attraction with more than 63,000 visitors in 2007/08

[To read more please click here](#)

CRN wants to hear and help you share your successes!

Would you would like one of your project/case study to feature in the CRN E-newsletter or in "Countryside Recreation" the CRN Journal?

Then please contact [Magali Fleurot](#) for more information at the address below

Journal

Countryside Recreation is the bi-annual Journal of the Countryside Recreation Network.

Click on the picture below to find out more



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Consultations - Policy Statements & Initiatives

NATURAL
ENGLAND

The [Country Parks Network website](#) is now part of Natural England's website

[Walk more...feel the difference](#)- This brand new version of the booklet includes clear, inspiring text about walking more and the benefits you will gain.

[New promotional film, 'A guide to health walks'](#) A 10-minute DVD showing the many benefits of the WfH programme . It features contributions from WfH founder and adviser Dr William Bird MBE, physiotherapists, walk leaders and walk participants who have benefitted.



Defra's evidence investment strategy 2013 and beyond

Defra's new Evidence Investment Strategy (EIS), provides an agenda to prioritise & manage Defra's investment in evidence from 2010 to 2013. It highlights the need to focus efforts on climate change, protecting ecosystems and developing a sustainable food supply. The strategy is intended to ensure that Defra has access to the best evidence when developing policies.

To view the full strategy and recommendations, [please click here](#)

Exchanging and sharing information to develop best policy and practice in countryside recreation

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Please note I am now only working Monday to Thursday (4 days)