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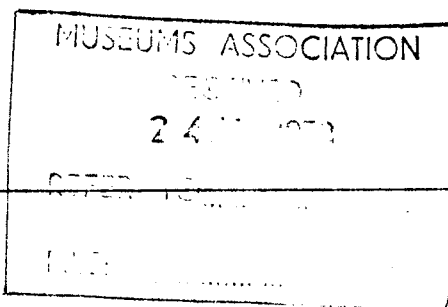


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Your reference

Our reference  
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January 1978

Dear Sir/Madam

**RESEARCH REGISTER NO 9**

The ninth edition of the Countryside Commission's Research Register will be issued later this year, covering current studies and theses completed or in progress during 1976 and 1977 on countryside recreation and landscape conservation and amenity in Great Britain. We have received many favourable comments on the usefulness of earlier editions and clearly there is value in collecting this information together and making the work of contributors more widely known.

We wish to reach as many sources as possible and would be glad if you would consider whether the organisation you represent in the Countryside Recreation Research Advisory Group has undertaken any relevant research.

**FORMS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS**

If there are such planning studies or research projects in this field we should be grateful if you would enter the details on the attached form. The form is the same as that used by the Department of the Environment in preparing its own Research Registers and, in order to reduce the number of requests to provide information in this context, the Department and the Commission are again proposing to exchange information with a view to including studies in one or both Registers as seems appropriate. It will therefore be sufficient to fill out only one such form for each study. It would be helpful, however, if forms relating to studies chiefly concerned with countryside recreation and landscape conservation could be sent to this address. Copies will then be sent to the Department.

**GUIDELINES**

The Guidelines used for the selection of studies for the Countryside Commission's Research Register are as follows:

- i. the Register is concerned chiefly with countryside recreation and landscape conservation. In a multi-disciplinary field it is difficult, if not impossible, to set down firm criteria for the Register's scope, but we are aiming to be as comprehensive as possible. For example, studies into the socio-economic or ecological aspects of rural areas which have a recreation or conservation content will be included; but ecological studies of wildlife or studies of rural employment or rural transport problems, having no real connection with recreation or conservation, will be excluded;
- ii. the Register is chiefly restricted to research projects and those planning studies which have an original research content;

iii. studies undertaken by central and local government (and their agencies), private consultants and similar organisations will be included. Work within university departments at post-graduate level will be included but undergraduate university theses will not;

iv. only studies undertaken within the United Kingdom will be included.

Further guidance on the range of subjects included in the Countryside Commission's Research Register may be obtained by reference to earlier editions.

#### SUBMISSION OF FORMS

Contributions to the next edition of the Register must be received by 31 March 1978. We would be grateful if the information could be typed on the form(s) provided and sent to the above address. Additional copies of the form may be obtained by telephoning 0242-21381 Ext 205 or 270.

The amount of information that can be given under the different headings will vary from study to study but guidance on the amount of detail to be included can be obtained, again by reference to earlier editions. Where, for example, results of a study are not yet available, you may wish to devote most of the abstract to aims and methods and indicate only briefly what results are expected.

Studies included in Research Register No 8 will not be included again unless confirmation is received that they are still in progress. Preferably we hope that you will send us a new form bringing the abstract up to date.

#### GUIDANCE ON COMPLETION OF FORMS

Please put your name at the top of the form if it differs from 311 or 321.

Title (211): All research is "A study of ..." or "An investigation of ..." some problem, so these introductory words can be omitted.

Research team (221): The immediate leader of the team and his/her senior assistant(s) should be named. The affiliation (organisation) of the investigator (researcher) should also be given, or simply "as 311A".

Costs (221): If you cannot give an exact figure, please indicate the approximate cost using asterisks to show the following bands:

\*under £5,000  
\*\*£5 - 10,000  
\*\*\*£10 - 25,000  
\*\*\*\*£25 - 50,000  
\*\*\*\*\*over £50,000

[Keywords (511): To help us with indexing, please underline key words in the summary.]

Reports issued (711): A bibliographic reference would be appropriate. For unpublished work, please indicate where copies may be obtained.

#### QUERIES

If you have any queries, please contact Mr A H Done (Ext 270).

Yours faithfully



for R M STIDAWAY  
Head of Countryside Information Branch

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT  
REGISTER OF RESEARCH**

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	B	AUTHOR					DOCUMENT DATA *			DATE OF PUBLICATION	
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\* IF JOURNAL ARTICLE ENTER HERE VOLUME, ISSUE NUMBER, FIRST AND LAST PAGE NUMBERS.  
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