

ITEM 12

SOUTH WEST LOCAL ACCESS FORUMS

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QUESTIONNAIRE ON TRAINING NEEDS

You will recall that I wrote to you recently concerning the regional co-ordination work I am undertaking for the Countryside Agency. The Agency has made a small budget available to assist towards the costs of some training initiatives and with this in mind I would be grateful if you could complete and return the following questionnaire, by 15 July.

- 1. In your opinion, please could you indicate who an initial training event should be targeted towards.**

Appointing authority staff	
Chaimen/Vice Chaimen	
Members	√
Secretaries	

- 2. Where would be the most convenient place to hold a regional event, assuming accessible by public transport and with good car parking.**

Bristol area	
Cheltenham area	
Exeter area	√
Taunton area	
Elsewhere – please specify	

- 3. Would you prefer a choice of two sub-regional events? If so, which locations would be most convenient?**

Personally I think a regional event would be better, but if others feel that sub-regional events would be more appropriate, then I suggest the locations ticked

Bristol area	
Devon	√
Somerset	√
Wiltshire	

4. For what purposes would training be most beneficial?
Please indicate order of priority (with 1 as the highest priority).

Meeting management	3
Current statutory work of the LAF	2
Developing the work of the LAF	1

5. Taking the above suggestions I have listed below some possible topics. Please indicate if these are of interest and in order of priority.

All of the items listed below are of interest

Meeting management

Developing teamwork	2
Consensus building	4
Involving your members	1
Working with the appointing authority	3
Conduct of meetings	6
Working to establish a LAF identity	5
<i>Please add any further suggestions</i>	

Current statutory work of the LAF

Effective liaison with the appointing authority	2
Getting involved in the RoW Improvement Plan	3
Working with Open Access	1
Responding to consultations	4
<i>Please add any further suggestions</i>	

Future work of the LAF

Water access – how does the LAF get involved?	5
Diversity Review and social inclusion	7
Multi-use and shared routes	3
Outdoor sports	4
Encouraging dedications of forestry and land	6
Developing a regional access agenda	2
The future direction of LAFs	1
<i>Please add any further suggestions</i>	

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6. There are some training and information needs across the region that could be effectively delivered outside meetings. Please could you comment on whether any of the following would be useful. If you could give an order of priority that would be helpful, with 1 as the most important.

I think that all of the below would be useful

Across the region

Circulation of meeting dates	5
Circulation of key agenda topics from LAF meetings	1
Statutory background and information pack for new members	3
Circulation of web links to relevant access consultations and information	2
Circulation of a list of members' expertise	4
<i>Please add any further suggestions</i>	

7. **Would you like to add any further comments?**

Last year's regional workshop was very useful as a learning exercise and in forwarding comments back to the Government and the Countryside Agency and should be an annual event.

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Local Access Forum Exmoor

Date 20 June 2005

Thank you for your help.