



# Let's 'Stay the Night' Together: a Scottish Motorhome saga

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# What's the story?



Some visitor centres are open - check individual web pages for more information. Our trails, toilets and car parks remain open. Plan ahead and enjoy your visit safely.

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## Stay the Night

Motorhomes and campervans that are self-contained and have their own toilet facilities will be able to stay overnight at some of our car parks from 26 April - 31 October 2021 in a continuation of the Stay the Night initiative we ran last year. This does not include overnight tent camping or car parking.

Are you planning to Stay the Night? On this page you will find everything you need to know before you hit the road.

### Plan your stay

#### Search for a participating car park

You can search for participating car parks on our [interactive map](#) or using the [list below](#). Not all of our car parks are taking part in this initiative, so please check before travelling.

#### Time it right

You can stay for one night only at a time between 06am and 10pm. If you would like to visit outside these times, additional parking charges may apply. You shouldn't return to stay the night within 48 hours.

#### Find a space

Please park safely and leave at least 4 metres between you and your neighbour.

#### There may be a small cost

A small charge for staying the night will apply at some of our participating car parks, where parking meters are already in place. This will be no more than £5. Please pay for your stay by purchasing and displaying two day tickets. National parking charges do not apply to motorhomes or campervans. Outside of Stay the Night hours, fees do

### Please be considerate

To ensure a pleasant stay for everyone, please follow our guidelines:

1. **Delicacy:** Leave 6 metres between you and your neighbour.
2. **Know before you go:** As participating car parks will have limited - if any - facilities, they are intended for use as informal one-night stop-over's on longer journeys.
3. **Waste:** You must use your own self-contained toilet facilities. Visit [www.campsite.org.uk/motorhome](http://www.campsite.org.uk/motorhome) for advice on waste disposal sites in Scotland.
4. **Fire:** Fire and barbecues are not permitted.
5. **Alcohol:** Take all rubbish away with you.
6. **Wildlife:** Be aware of dog waste. Keep noise levels down at all times but especially between 10pm and 7am.
7. **Four-legged friends:** Keep dogs on a lead or under close control. Please pick up after your dog.
8. **Car park fee:** Motorhomes check [www.campsite.org.uk](http://www.campsite.org.uk) for nearby campsites. Please do not park irresponsibly.

[Video guide to motorhoming in Scotland](#)

### Where can you Stay the Night?

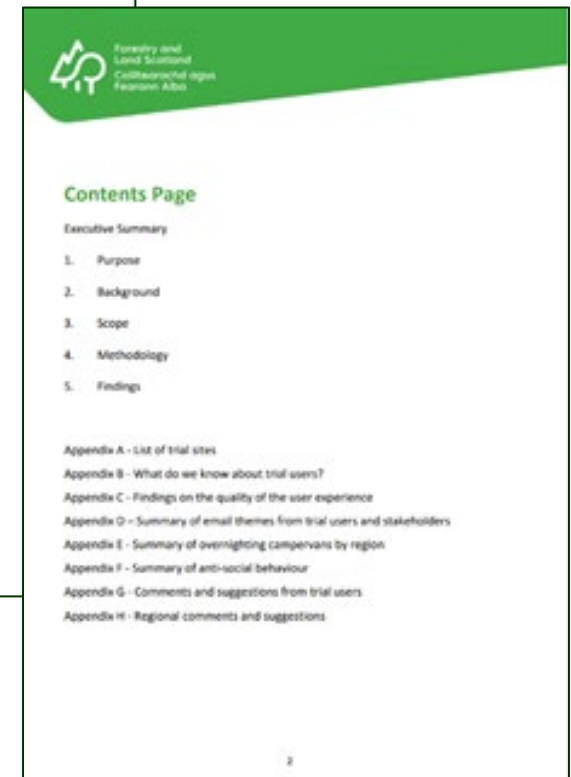
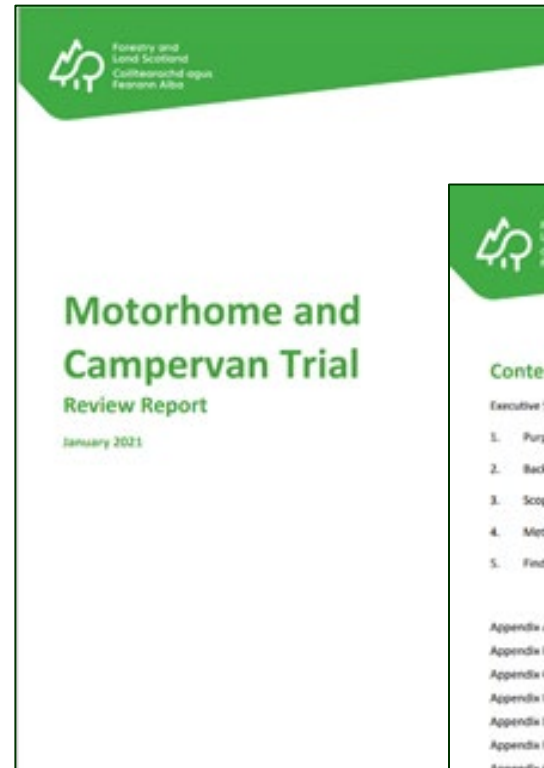
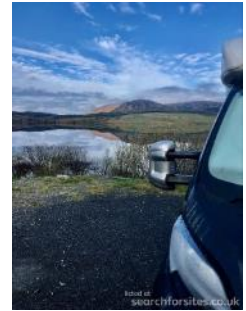
# In the beginning....

- No overnight stays
  - Limited enforcement
  - Growth in campervanning (etc)
  - FLS sites promoted by 3<sup>rd</sup> party apps/groups
  - No income
- Pilot scheme (10/30/27 car parks)
  - Single night stays
  - Grey waste disposal
  - Behaviour/activity management
  - Self-contained, rural, post-lockdown breaks

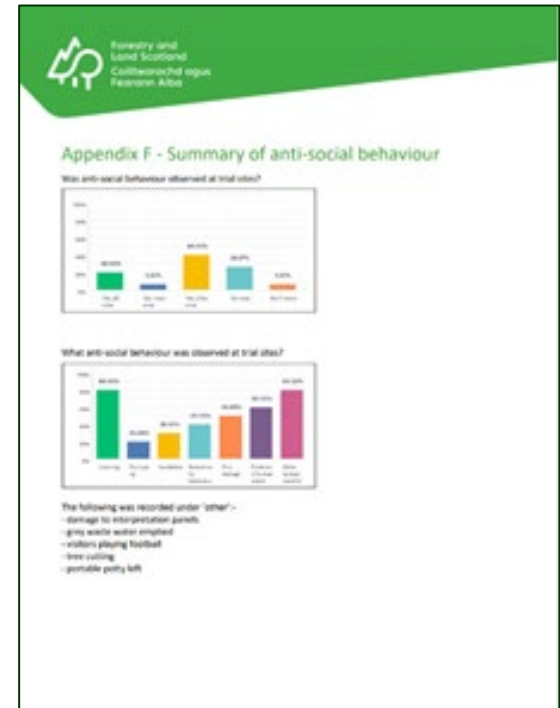
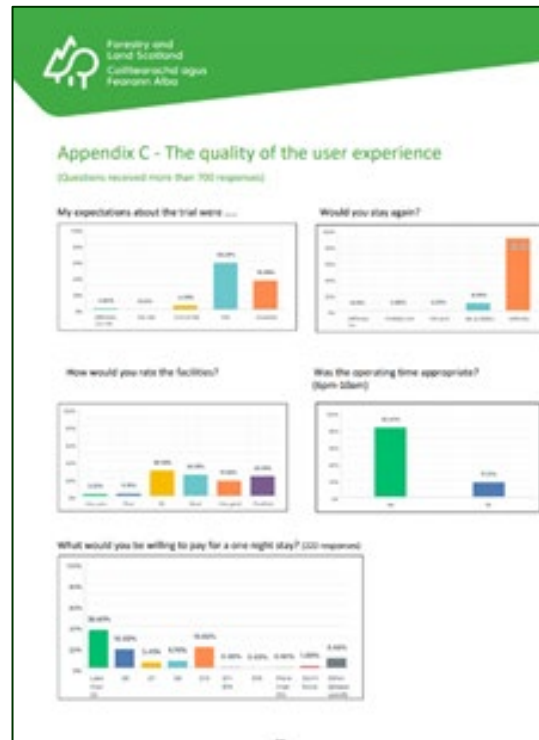
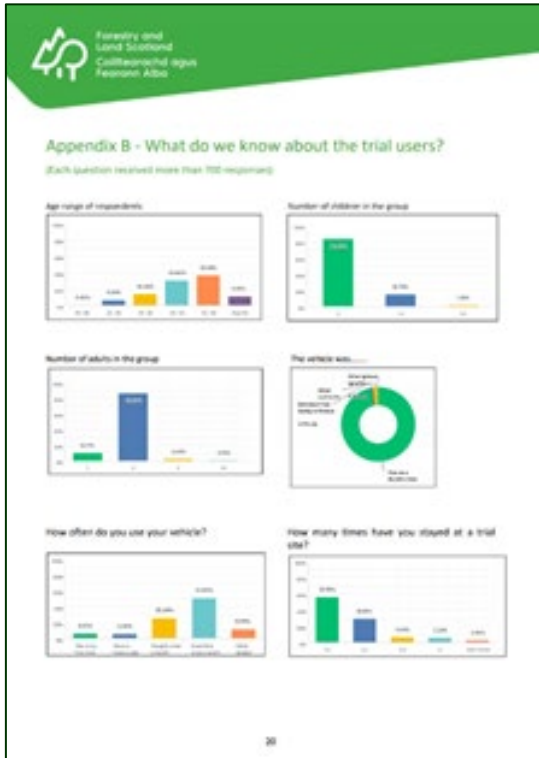


# 2020: Stay the Night review

- 12 weeks measured
- 967 surveys
- 450+ emails!
- FLS regional feedback
- Counter data
- Incident reports
- Google analytics



# 2020: Stay the Night review



# 2021: a new year



- Learning from 2020
- Boots on the ground
- Collaboration with others
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party apps/groups
- Charging

- The trial continues
- One night only
- Currently 30 car parks
- Monitoring (staff)
- Survey (visitors)
- Web content:

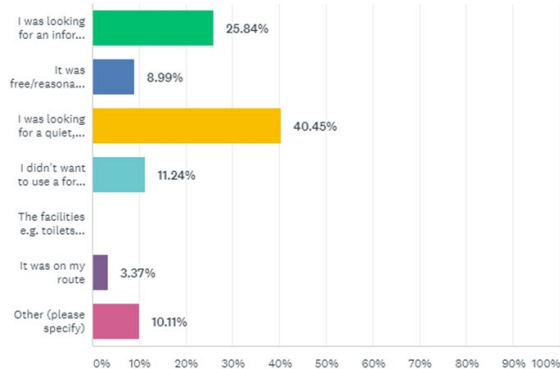
[forestryandland.gov.scot/staythenight](https://forestryandland.gov.scot/staythenight)

# 1 month in: visitors' opinions



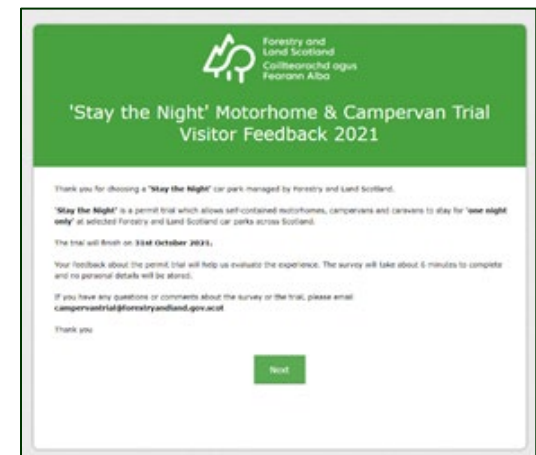
What was your 'main' reason for using this 'Stay the Night' car park?

Answered: 89 Skipped: 21



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I was looking for an informal stopover	25.84%	23
It was free/reasonably priced	8.99%	8
I was looking for a quiet, peaceful place	40.45%	36
I didn't want to use a formal campsite	11.24%	10
The facilities e.g. toilets, cafe, water	0.00%	0
It was on my route	3.37%	3
Other (please specify)	10.11%	9
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>89</b>

110 surveys  
80 emails



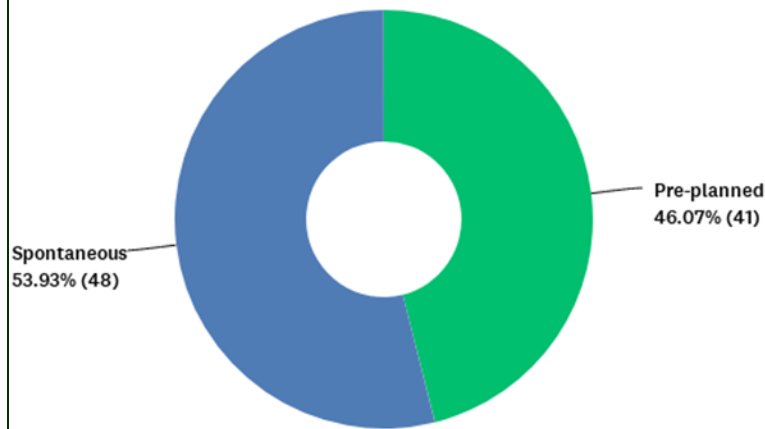
Other (please specify)
Peaceful out of the way with great dog walks all for £6
Wanted to see what stay the night was about. And to support it in the hope that it will continue. What is needed right now.
At mtb facility
Being able to walk and cycle from our motorhome
all of the above
all of the above
We do a great deal of hill walking - your land and car parks are an ideal base
We hadn't planned to, but when we saw the sign thought why not
Exploring new to us area



# 1 month in: visitors' opinions



Was your decision to stay at this 'Stay the Night' car park:



Think about how you would prefer to pay for your stay, please rank the following options in order of preference, '1' being your first choice and '5' being your last choice.

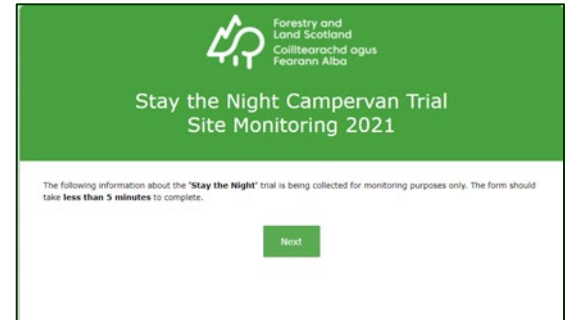
	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
On-line via smart phone/tablet/computer at site	45.35% 39	32.56% 28	13.95% 12	6.98% 6	1.16% 1	86
Coin machine at site	10.34% 9	12.64% 11	44.83% 39	11.49% 10	20.69% 18	87
Contactless card payment at site	42.05% 37	39.77% 35	10.23% 9	5.68% 5	2.27% 2	88
Pre-bought monthly permit	3.53% 3	9.41% 8	17.65% 15	58.82% 50	10.59% 9	85
Pre-bought annual permit	3.41% 3	4.55% 4	11.36% 10	14.77% 13	65.91% 58	88



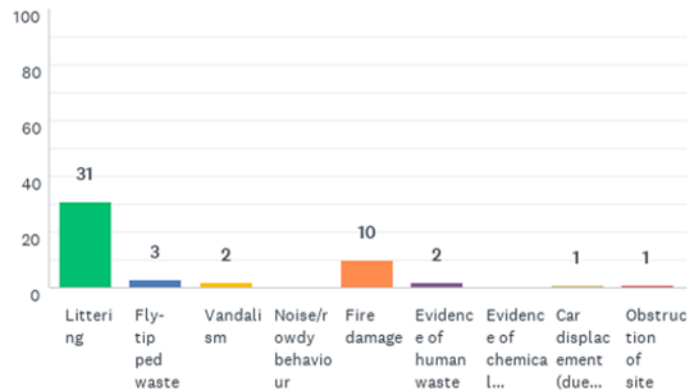
# 1 month in: staff feedback



309 reports – on and offline



Did you observe any of the following? (tick all that apply)  
The answers are expressed as absolute figures rather than percentages



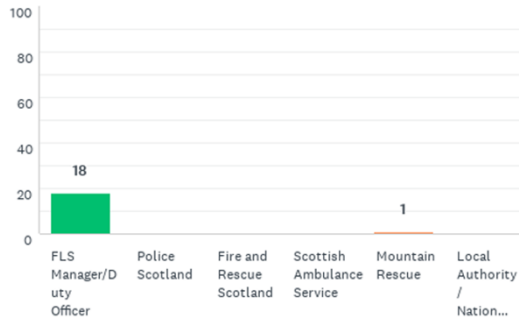
Estimate the number of black bags of rubbish that would need cleared from the site today? (include dumped waste)

- 39 reports stated 1 black bag
- 6 reports stated 2 black bags
- 4 reports stated 3 black bags

# 1 month in: staff feedback



Have you /are you going to escalate any issues you have observed to any of the following?  
(tick all that apply)  
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The escalations related to fire damage, damage to signs, littering and fly tipping.

Note any other relevant comments about the site visit, including issues reported by neighbours.

Responses
4 fire sites in wooded area all now dismantled
This camper had done a litter pick on site
I would say that motorhome users have placed all their rubbish in our bins. It was full and other bagged rubbish lying beside our bin
Walk the trails and did a litter sweep. Usual dog poo bags left on the track for the poo bag fairy to pick up.
Not being able to pay by card after KXC closes at 5pm
A couple from Derbyshire on a walk welcomed the stay at night idea as they stayed last night during their trip in the Highlands
The unpaid motorhomes were waiting on KXC opening at 10am so they could pay by card as they didn't have change to purchase tickets on arrival
Spoke to some couples. They told me it's a great site and there was no problems with noise or unsociable behaviour last night.
Spoke to some visitors who really like the 1 night stay idea.
Trail were clean today. Spoke to a few dog walkers. Nobody stayed last night from what I can see. All bins are nearly full but I believe they get emptied tomorrow.
Very quiet this morning. Trails clean picked up quite a few dog poo bags again.
Car park clean, just the usual dog poo bag left on the trails ready for the poo bag fairy to pick them up.
Only a few pieces of litter present. A discarded plastic folding table and charcoal remains from disposable BBQ.
The main rubbish I collect is poo bags on then trails. The car park is pretty clean and overnight campers appear to be cleaning up after themselves.
Spoke with a young couple from Wales who are touring Scotland, they were really impressed with the site and was perfect for 1 night.
One of campervan had erected a toilet tent, beside their van. Is this classed as self-contained ??? The 2 campervans had also stayed overnight in the over spill area as the ground was more level and it looked a quieter area
Walked a few trails and found very little rubbish or dog poo bags. Spoke to some French campers who had camped in a tent last night. They have left the area clean and there was no evidence of a fire or rubbish.
Car park is generally tidy. Fresh poo bags being left regularly on trails. I spoke to 3 families today, mainly dog walkers. Bins have been emptied this morning around 0930 hrs as well.
Minor fire damage from campers that were here yesterday
Some of the visitors arrived after visitor centre closed, and didn't have cash to buy tickets. No card option available at present. One visitor asked about using online with an app, then getting receipt on phone to show proof of payment.
Bin bag full of beer cans and vodka bottles, people have cleaned up after themselves and left bag and boxes next to bin. I've taken bag away.
I spoke with 3 families who stayed overnight. They say the site is great, very quiet with no rowdy behaviour. They were also impressed with the clean toilets facilities.
Campervan occupant reported a tap at their window at 10:20pm from a lady wanting to sell them eggs. They thought the lady was under the influence of drink or drugs. The lady went away when no takers for her eggs.

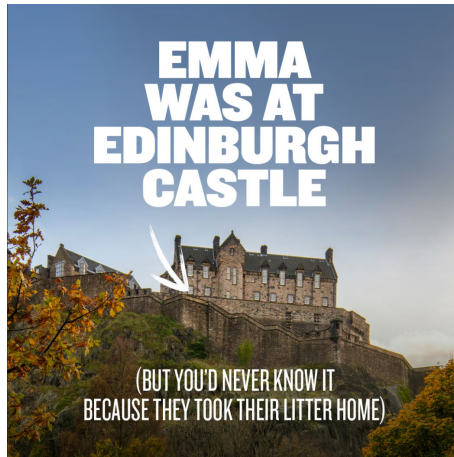
# In 2021, #RespectProtectEnjoy



VisitScotland's campervan and motorhome guidance



# More #RespectProtectEnjoy



# The end?

- Data
- Evaluation
- Collaboration
- [VisitScotland guidance video](#)

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