

MOST REMOTE VILLAGE HAS THE CLEANEST AIR

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The good news is that the villagers enjoy the cleanest air in England and are surrounded by wildlife, unspoilt forest and rolling green hills... The bad news is that shopping involves a 100-mile round trip.

That is life for the 200 or so people in the village of Kielder, Northumberland,
5 which was named yesterday as probably the least polluted place in England. Last year, tourism officials said it was the most remote village in England.

The village is in Kielder Forest Park, which comprises 60,000 hectares of planted forest and Kielder Water, the largest man-made lake in western Europe, near the border with Scotland, it is home to England's largest colony of red squirrels, herds
10 of deers and scarce birds.

Kielder was named the least polluted area in England by Country Life Magazine, which assessed the impact of air, noise and light pollution. It found that more than 90 per cent of England was affected by pollution and that only the most rural areas, such as Northumberland, were relatively pollution-free. There had been a big
15 increase in air, noise and light pollution in the past decade. London and the South-East were the worst hit with Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester and Sheffield also badly contaminated.

Only one tenth of the country now experiences a truly dark night after light pollution rose by a quarter between 1993 and 2000. An increase in street lamps,
20 floodlights at sports venues and security lights at private homes has been blamed.

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Vocabulary:

remote = *isolé*

hill = *colline*

squirrel = *écureuil*

deer = *daim*

QUESTIONS

1) Recopiez les éléments suivants sur votre copie et complétez-les par des informations extraites du texte (BEP = 2.5 / CAP = 5)

- a) Kielder is a
- b) It is situated..... (trois éléments de réponse demandés)
- c) There are inhabitants in Kielder.

2) les énoncés suivants sont tous corrects. Justifiez-les en vous appuyant sur le texte. (CAP et BEP = 3)

- a) Kielder has been recently declared an extremely clean area.
- b) Kielder Water was designed by man.
- c) Urban areas have developed different types of pollution.

3) Répondez en anglais par des phrases complètes. Donnez trois éléments de réponse pour chacune des questions. (CAP et BEP = 6)

- a) Why is Kielder a pleasant village?
- b) What animals can be seen in Kielder Forest Park?
- c) What is light pollution due to?

COMPETENCE LINGUISTIQUE

1) Mettez l'adjectif entre parenthèses au superlatif de supériorité (+) (BEP et CAP = 1.5)

- a) London and the South-east are the _____ places in Britain (polluted).
- b) Kielder is one of the _____ villages in Britain (nice).
- c) Kielder Forest Park has the _____ colony of red squirrels in England (important).

2) Posez les questions se rapportant aux mots soulignés. (BEP = 3 points | CAP = 4.5)

- a) Country Life Magazine assessed the impact of air, noise and light pollution.
- b) Kielder Forest Park comprises 60,000 hectares of planted forest.
- c) Last year, tourism officials said it was the most remote village in England.

EXPRESSION

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