**The Snowdonia Fieldwork Report**

**Purpose:**

To practise the skills needed to write a good NEA.

**Focus:**

Choose one of the fieldwork investigations you carried out in Snowdonia and produce a written report with the following structure:

**Abstract**: A brief summary of what your report is about and what you have discovered. DO THIS LAST!

**Context**: This will explain the theoretical basis for the investigation and how it links to the specification; the location of the data collection; what primary and secondary data was needed and why; and a risk assessment, including any ethical issues. This needs to be more than just a repeat of the material already provided – there needs to be evidence of your own background research. Any research material referred to (either directly or indirectly) must be referenced, e.g. using the **Harvard System:** Last name, First initial. (Year published). *Title*. Edition. (Only include the edition if it is not the first edition) City published: Publisher, Page(s). For example: Gillett, M. (2005). *Ecosystems.* London: Hodder Education, pp115-122

**Methods of field investigation**: This needs to be a detailed description of the methods used to observe, measure and record phenomena in the field so that it could be replicated by the reader. These methods, including sampling, sample size, etc., need to be justified with reference to the objectives of the investigation.

**Data presentation of findings**: Methods should be used to present your results that are appropriate to the task, and aid analysis and interpretation so that your research question can be addressed. Care should be taken to use a range of techniques – and that they are all completed correctly (i.e. scales, titles, etc.)

**Analysis and interpretation**: This needs to be detailed descriptions of what the data presentations show, focussing on patterns, trends, correlations as appropriate. Explanations for your findings are also needed and should relate the theoretical basis of your investigation. Guesses are not relevant unless supported by evidence and theory!

***NB.*** *Analysis and interpretation is much more effective if interlinked with data presentation rather these being in two separate sections.*

**Conclusions**: A brief summary of your findings in relation to the original investigation question that is thoroughly evidenced – it should not simply repeat key points from the interpretation section.

**Evaluation:** A succinct and critical reflection on each stage of the investigation, to consider strengths and weaknesses of data and collection methods; suggestions for improvements and further development. These all need to be based on your experiences and clearly linked to your actual investigation. Avoid simply suggesting more data should have been collected, or that it could be repeated somewhere else – UNLESS THIS CAN BE JUSTIFIED!

**Bibliography/References:** A list of resources you have used – in alphabetical order.

**Additional Information:**

As this is a practice, I am not expecting a full length report (which would be 3000-4000 words), though it is likely to be about half this length, if done properly. You may select some of the data to present, rather than all of it, but bear in mind that you still need to be able to address the investigation question – and I am expecting to see both quantitative and qualitative data presented. Remember, this is to help you prepare for your NEA: the more thought and effort you put into this exercise, the more success you are likely to have in the real piece.