

U3A Environment & Technology – discussion 8/4/20

BENEFITS OF THE COVID19 LOCKDOWN

This was a free Zoom meeting – those present included: Judith Worley, John Worley, David Gane, Elizabeth Jorge, Sarah & John Randal, Martin Owen, Graham Crane, Maureen Vilaar Peter Franklin, Philippa Gray, Brian Shipman, Alan Smith

These are the benefits raised by members

1. So many things are free
2. The air is cleaner
3. Less traffic
4. Time to take stock
5. Lots of garlic ?
6. Time to learn new skills
7. Discover what is at bottom freezer
8. Clear blue skies
9. Opportunity for revising wills & letters of wishes
10. Time to revise instructions to executors (passwords etc)
11. revising digital wills and password lists
12. Nature thriving - birds less scared of dogs
13. Fewer contrails in the air
14. Reduction of carbon footprints
15. Less tourism
16. Getting reading done
17. Long term - gender specific corona death rate favours men over women 75/25? So more women will be left than men. Men are the ones with carbon-intensive tastes and hobbies (cars, boats etc). Fewer men = reduced carbon emissions.
18. New anti pandemic rules may include 14 days quarantine at BOTH ends of foreign trips.