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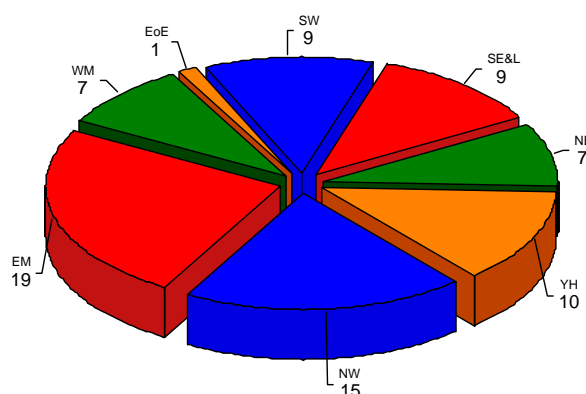
Doorstep Greens

Monthly Report: August 2005

1. Completed Projects

- 77 Doorstep Greens are now fully complete
- See below for the latest Doorstep Greens to be completed during the last month.
- Previous monthly reports, showing the names of sites already completed are available under the 'Resources' link on: www.countryside.gov.uk/doorstepgreens

Completed Doorstep Greens



The following greens started work in August:

Site	Location
(none during August)	

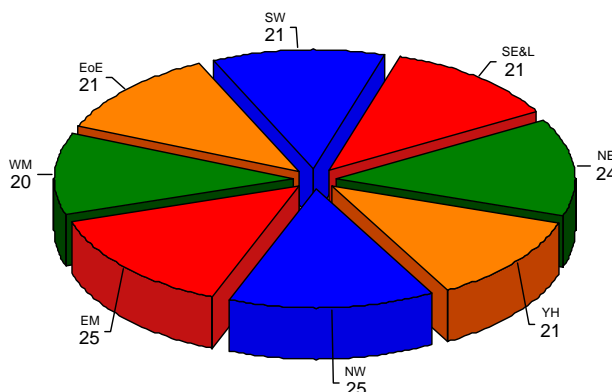
The following greens completed site works in August:

Site	Location
Montrose Gardens	Northumberland
Manningham Wood	Cornwall
Surtees	Co. Durham
Bowburn	Co. Durham
Tantony Green	Barking & Dagenham
Sheffield General Cemetary	Sheffield

2. Progress of Projects

- 178 Doorstep Greens have started work on site to date
- No new Doorstep Green projects started work during August

Doorstep Greens to have started work on site



3. Doorstep Greens Monitor

Pete Johnstone, DG national project manager



Securing the Future, the Government's Sustainable Development Strategy launched in March of this year provides an update on UK and global policies on climate change, consumption, protecting natural resources and looking after our environment, a fairer world and well, much more.

However, the section entitled *Community Action 2020 - Together We Can* is of interest to me, as the chapter talks about how communities working together can indeed make huge difference to improving local environment and quality of life.

A good example of this is the small village of Market Weston in Suffolk where lacking any village green, a group in the village set about to buy some private land in the centre of the village. It was a long process though; it took several years of legal complications, fund raising and community development.

But they succeeded and the land is now their own. Last week the regional Doorstep Greens team and I went to the open day - it was a great day out.

The village have made very good use of the natural setting with good access for people, exciting areas for kids to play and explore - no formal play equipment - but a local craftsman had carved a large snake for kids to play on. This and a new kick-about area was attracting quite a bit of interest.

A new copse and hedgerows will in time add landscape and wildlife value to the Doorstep Green. The village has even got a WI group undertaking a *Local Heritage Initiative* project that investigates the history of the area that will track the changing landscape of the village and surrounding countryside over the coming years.

To me this is a good example of both local people improving their quality of life and funding bodies working together - with funding and enabling support coming from the Big Lottery Fund, ODPM's Living Spaces and Suffolk County Council and St Edmondsbury District Council.

So it maybe a truism, but by working together we really can **and do** make a difference.

4. Photo of the month

Bloomin' marvellous!

It's amazing what a bit of colour can do to transform a view. These wildflowers were sown as seed earlier this year on Phoenix Doorstep Green in Wigton, Cumbria, and are now providing a riot of different hues. The site used to be a waste tip and over the past months has been moulded, mounded, covered in soil, had footpaths laid and benches sited for all to sit on and enjoy the town's new green space.

See more photos of Doorstep Greens on the 'Resources' are of our website:

www.countryside.gov.uk/doorstepgreens



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6. Networking

Communicate online and get all the latest news – not just for Doorstep Greens, but across the whole parks and green spaces scene.

www.greenspace.net.countryside.gov.uk