

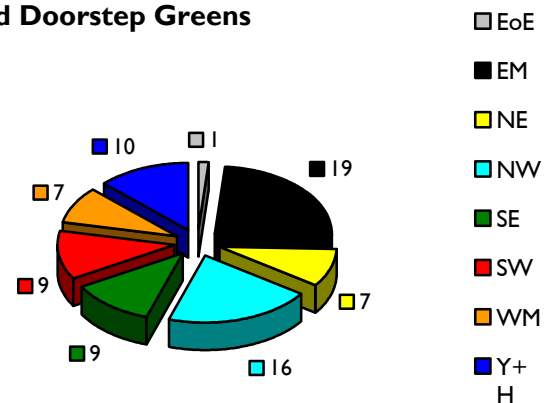
Doorstep Greens

Monthly Report: September 2005

1. Completed Projects

- 79 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 (by region)



The following greens started work in September:

Site	Location
(none during September)	

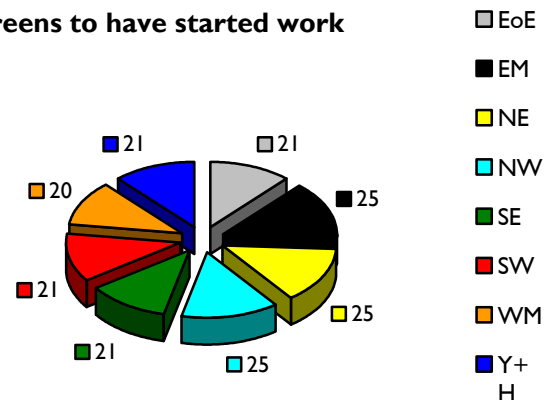
The following greens completed site works in September:

Site	Location
Healey Wood Doorstep Green	Burnley

2. Progress of Projects

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

Doorstep Greens to have started work (by region)



3. Doorstep Greens Monitor

Sue Forsyth, DG Adviser, South East region



The red carpet was laid out for Doorstep Green groups in the south east on Saturday 24 September.

Representatives from about half of the Doorstep Greens in

the region attended an event organised by the south east team (Sue Forsyth, Nicola Trafford and Sally Luoto) as a celebration of what the groups have achieved on their sites. The event was held at the impressive St Andrews Court House by Holborn Circus. The Court House stands in the courtyard adjacent to Sir Christopher Wren's St Andrew's Church, a fabulous baroque-style church that has survived fire and war.

The day started with the groups putting up pictures of their Doorstep Greens around the room. This sparked off many a lively discussion about their projects and what they have learned from this experience, which continued throughout the day. Jenna Hegarty from the Civic Trust gave a very interesting talk on the Green Flag and Green Pennant Award schemes. Jenna was able to help clarify the differences between the two schemes and how each award applies to different types of open space. A number of Doorstep Greens in the south east will be nominated for both of these awards and the team pledged their support in helping with the creation of management plans if required.

A quick tour of the church and the crypt was followed by a fabulous lunch, largely sourced from the Home Counties. English sparkling wine was provided by the award winning Ridgeview vineyard located at the foot of the South Downs in Ditchling, East Sussex. It is said that the well drained, chalky soils help to make sparkling wines that beat many champagne producers in wine competitions. We felt that that we wanted to celebrate the groups achievements in a way that would help to support our producers in the south east. A number of community artists had been invited to exhibit their work at this event and throughout lunch many of the groups discussed the subject of community art on their sites. Liz De Ath, mosaic artist and Lucy Quinnell, ironwork artist, gave very inspiring talks on their work, how their art fits into public open spaces and the important part artwork plays within local communities.

The whole day was enjoyed by the south east Doorstep Green team, the community groups and the artists and we're all looking forward to the next event, likely to be located near to some Doorstep Greens for site visits. The groups commented on how useful it is to network with people from other sites and the audience were reminded that the Greenspace Learning Network is there to help groups communicate about their sites.

For further information on the event or on Doorstep Greens in the south east contact Su on 0207 932 5911 or email sue.forsyth@countryside.gov.uk.

4. Photo of the month

The opening of Wharf Green in Jacksdale, Nottinghamshire was a colourful opening event. Local children enjoyed the new play sculpture, and the site had the first [known] occurrence of a Hurdy Gurdy man (inset) on a Doorstep Green. Let me know if you spot any more!

Aside from the timber play sculpture, there are two wildflower meadow areas, a path, a picnic area, seats, mown grass events area, hedgerow planting, timber play animals and a wildlife garden.

Rescue horses formerly grazed the site, these remain on a piece of land which is hedged off along the line of a neglected hedge and not publicly accessible.

See more photos of Doorstep Greens on the 'Resources' are of our [website](#).



5. Further information:

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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