

Doorstep Greens

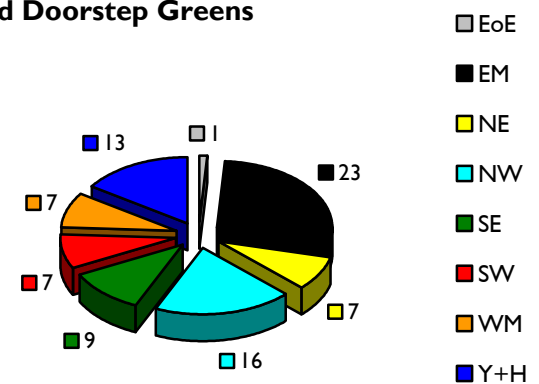


Monthly Report: December 2005

1. Completed Projects

- 83 Doorstep Greens are now fully complete*.
- See table below (right) 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 December:

Site	Location
Glasney Valley Doorstep Green	Cornwall
Pyramid Park	Stockton on Tees

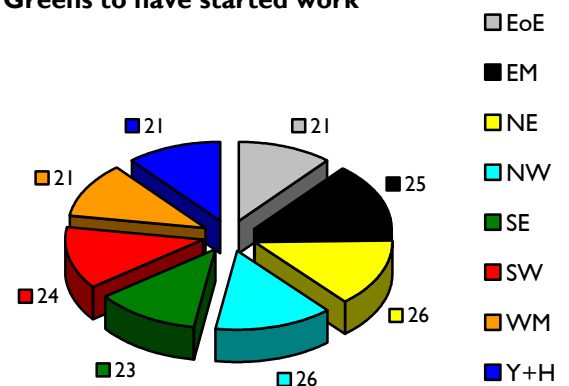
The following greens completed site works in December:

Site	Location
Jubilee Park Doorstep Green	East Riding of Lincolnshire

2. Progress of Projects

- 187* Doorstep Greens have started work on site to date
- Two new Doorstep Green projects started work during December

Doorstep Greens to have started work (by region)



*Apologies for an error in last month's report showing more sites to be started and complete than this month!

3. Doorstep Greens Monitor

Pete Johnstone, Programme Manager, Doorstep Greens

I visited three Bradford Doorstep Greens recently to look at how the projects had progressed since their Doorstep Green creation grant had been awarded. All three of the projects were managed by Bradford Trident, (the New Deal For Communities Partnership for Bradford).

The first was Springmill Street Doorstep Green, situated in the centre of the inner city residential area of West Bowling. The green is surrounded by a mixture of back to back dwellings, social housing and 1930s semi detached properties. It is located in Little Horton ward, which is one of the most deprived wards in the Yorkshire and Humber region. The site itself was a former property - demolished in the 1970s and since used as an informal car park. As part of the consultation residents wanted to create an area where people of all ages could sit and relax in a safe environment. It is a small area with seating, newly sown grass and trees. It complements the new play area across the road and I was pleased to see traffic calming measures installed on the road between the two areas.

Burnett Avenue Doorstep Green was on an even smaller site, again a previously demolished property situated in a largely south Asian community. On this green, across the road from the local Mosque there was far more local character incorporated into the design of the green with brightly coloured mosaics and stone carved Islamic statues dotted around the site.

The third green was Parkside Park in a residential area about a mile from the city centre and by far the biggest of all the city's three Doorstep Greens. Formally disused allotments, this nearly one-hectare site had been partially seeded in the past and some low key play equipment installed. The full creation work is now completed and is impressive. A large play area for younger children has also been installed. The most striking feature on site is the climbing wall (see below), which had been built of a polystyrene type material sprayed with concrete. There were good paths crossing the green, one of which connected to the new neighbourhood centre being built with Bradford Trident funding. Installation of a multi-use games area and planting to encourage wildlife will be part of the second phase of works. The works to date on Parkside Park is in the region of £300,000 with £50,000 coming from Doorstep Greens.



Programme manager for Bradford Trident, Judith Atkinson said that the need for community consultation through the Project Preparation Plans was one of the best elements of Doorstep Greens, that and the ability of the grant to lever in other funds. This site and the related works typify that 'levering' effect.

4. Photo of the month

Parkside Park, Bradford.

A climbing wall shows how the 'play' brief can be interpreted differently in public open space. Formerly allotments which fell into disuse a considerable time ago, the site is now a welcoming space the whole community can enjoy.

Spearheaded by a partnership of local residents and Bradford Trident, improvements include additional planting, new pathways and play provision for younger children. A new multi use games area on an adjoining site completes the improved facilities.



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

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6. Networking

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