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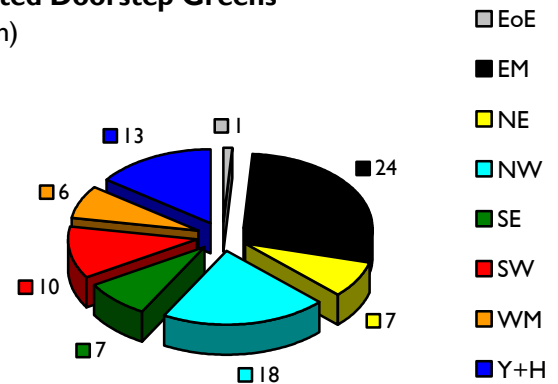
Doorstep Greens

Monthly Report: February 2006

1. Completed Projects

- 86 Doorstep Greens are now fully complete*.
- Previous monthly reports, showing the names of sites already completed are available under the 'Resources' link on: www.countryside.gov.uk/doorstepgreens

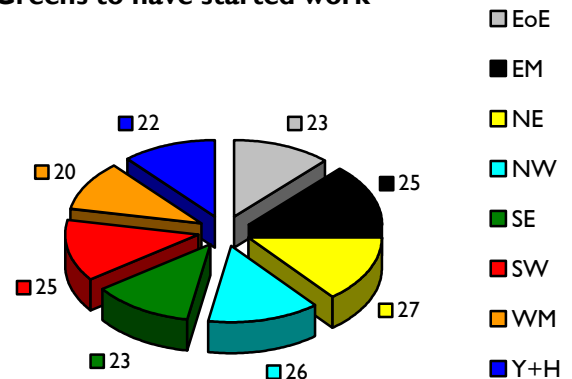
Completed Doorstep Greens
(by region)



2. Progress of Projects

- 191 Doorstep Greens have started work on site to date
- No new Doorstep Green projects started work during February

Doorstep Greens to have started work
(by region)



3. Doorstep Greens Monitor - *Pete Johnstone, DG National Project Manager.*

Business Plan Special!

Our guiding light over the past five years has been the Doorstep Greens Business Plan. A humble document that in spite of a changing world – one we have stuck to pretty much throughout the initiative. Here is a brief summary of a review we recently carried out on how we have fared on meeting our original 2001 targets.

Right from the start we had a strong steer on reaching disadvantaged communities and those lacking access to green space.

An effort was also put on ensuring that the Doorstep Green site and tenure of the land was established for as long as possible. The reasons for seeking a long tenure were to do with value for money and site sustainability. - the argument being that if you spend large sums of public money improving a site you should expect a long tenure. (i.e., 25 years or more).



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Business Plan: the Facts and Figures

Business Plan Target (2001)	Actual to date (February 2006)
200 Greens (target later revised to range between 180 –220)	196 Greens
25 per region (8 CA regions)	20 min – 27 max
£53,000 average creation grant	£53,750 average creation grant
60% urban / 40% rural	59% urban / 41% rural
50% permanent	62% permanent (80 years security or more)
50% non-permanent	38% non permanent

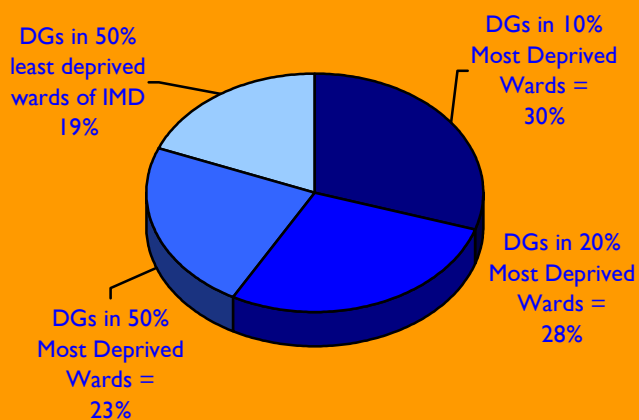
Management Costs and Funding

In the original Doorstep Greens Business Plan of 2001, **management costs were expected to make up 22% of total project costs**. Now that we can analyse actual expenditure and income, that figure has **reduced to 13%**.

Original Business Plan expected total management costs to come to £4,389,984 out of total project costs of £20m = 22%. Actual costs now prove that management costs of £4,029,984 coming out of total project costs of £30,818,621 = 13%

In 2001 we predicted that Doorstep Green groups would raise **£4 million in partnership funding** to match the Doorstep Greens grant. The actual amount of partnership **funding raised to date is £15 million**.

Business Plan: Reaching out to disadvantaged areas



Some care has to be exercised when looking at the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) figures. Some small areas of deprivation were masked by the more affluent nature of the ward as a whole.

Furthermore, lack of access to quality green space at ward level has not been universally mapped. This situation of lack of green space data should be rectified in future as more local authorities produce Green space Strategies for the areas.

Nevertheless, the chart shows a trend of how DGs have reached into areas experiencing disadvantage – another business plan objective.

4. Photo of the month

Cavenham Doorstep Green, near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

Cavenham Village Green, held a volunteer weekend on the 25th and 26th February. Twenty six volunteers, including six children and one Doorstep Green Assistant Adviser, and planted over 30 trees, completed the entrance fencing and resculptured a redundant mound of soil. It all became too much for one young helper late on Sunday morning, as captured by Lucy Waller - treasurer for the group.

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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



See more photos of Doorstep Greens on the 'Resources' are of our [website](http://www.countryside.gov.uk/doorstepgreens).