

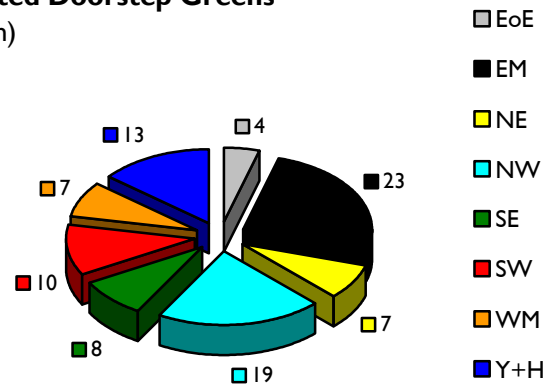
# Doorstep Greens

## Monthly Report: March 2006

### 1. Completed Projects

- 92 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](http://www.countryside.gov.uk/doorstepgreens)

**Completed Doorstep Greens**  
(by region)



Work Started on the following Doorstep Green projects during March

Project title	Location
<i>(none this month)</i>	

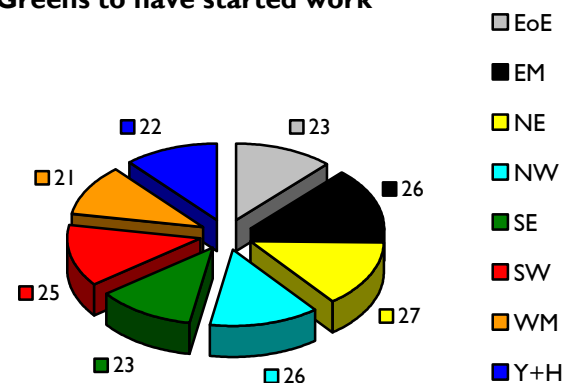
The following Doorstep Green projects were completed during March

Project title	Location
Longtown Riverside Doorstep Green	Cumbria
Sturry Road Community Garden DG	Kent
New England Doorstep Green	Cambridgeshire
Jaywick Doorstep Green	Essex
Lewsey Farm Doorstep Green	Bedfordshire
Hedley Villas Doorstep Green	Nottinghamshire

### 2. Progress of Projects

- 193 Doorstep Greens have started work on site to date.
- The target number of Doorstep Greens was between 180 and 220. Only one more DG is due to start work on site now, bringing the eventual expected total number of greens to 194.

**Doorstep Greens to have started work**  
(by region)



### 3. Doorstep Greens Monitor - Kim Grogan, DG National Casework Assistant.

#### Site Visits in the South West

We left Bristol on a misty Tuesday morning with the aim of visiting six South West DG sites, spread over Somerset, Devon and Cornwall. The first site visited was **Donyatt** Doorstep Green in Somerset. This site was formerly a neglected grazing meadow. The Doorstep Green funding enabled the community to acquire the land and create an accessible recreation area. Native species have been planted to regenerate the hedge-line, also apple trees from which the fruits will be used to produce chutney and cider for village events and fundraising.

After leaving Donyatt we set off towards **Sunnigmead** Doorstep Green in Tiverton, Devon. Some of the features already finished on site include the building of a cob shelter constructed out of straw bales covered in a mix of earth, straw, sand and water. This eco-friendly construction makes a real impact when you enter the site. At the far end of the site the ground slopes away dramatically creating a sheltered corner, where an orchard is to be planted.

The first Cornish port of call was **the Spinney** Doorstep Green in Camborne, Cornwall. The site hosts a number of magnificent mature trees, giving a feeling of entering a woodland glade. Eye-catching artistic features include an iron fence and entrance arch, which details flowers, insects, leaves & snails amongst a multitude of other creatures. A huge mosaic snakes across the main pathway, which is flanked by benches hand carved into the shape of giant leaves. The site is also home to a series of sculptures depicting the four seasons.

At **Treloggon**, before the creation of the Doorstep Green the site had become an overgrown dumping area. A small stream had become clogged up with debris. With the aid of DG funding the site was cleared and pathways laid, seating installed and a boardwalk positioned alongside the now free running stream.

**Connor Downs** in Hayle, Cornwall was a neglected playing field before the residents association took control of the now welcoming site. There are raised beds made from reclaimed railway sleepers, seating, litterbins, a bicycle rack and children's play area. The local constabulary funded the installation of the multi-use games area. Solar powered lighting also illuminates the green.

Our final visit was **Glasney Valley**, which is situated in a stream valley in Penryn, Falmouth. A historic feature of the site is the imposing viaduct, which arches dramatically overhead, whilst below the Doorstep Green's creation phase is nearly complete. Some of the other site features include a managed wild bog area, creation of pathways, vegetation clearance and a woodpile.

It was wonderful to visit such a variety of projects and to see how different each site's character can be, dependant upon the requirements of the community, design, topography, planting and the interesting art features. I was especially pleased to see the use of reclaimed timbers, solar power, the use of native species and other sustainable and exciting installations.

#### 4. Photo of the month

##### *Treloggon Doorstep Green, Cornwall..*



Photo by Tim Quinton. See story above.

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

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#### 6. Networking

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