

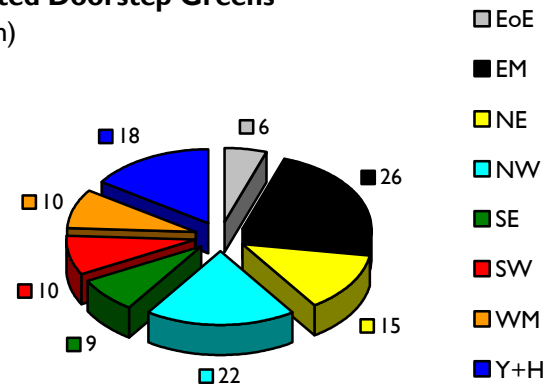
# Doorstep Greens

## Monthly Report: July 2006

### 1. Completed Projects

- 116 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)



Hawkesbury Village Green

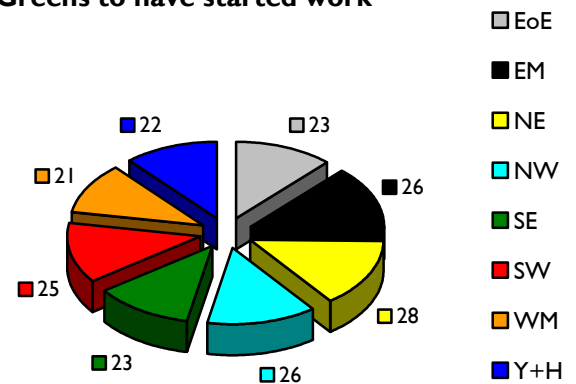
The following Doorstep Green project was completed during July

Project title	Location
Hawkesbury Village Green	Coventry
Fairstead Doorstep Green	Norfolk
Lound Doorstep Green	Suffolk
Haregate Community Green	Staffordshire
St Benedicts Community Garden	Northumberland

### 2. Progress of Projects

- 193 Doorstep Greens have started work on site to date (please note this amendment from last month's report which showed 194).
- The target number of Doorstep Greens was between 180 and 220.

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



### 3. Doorstep Greens Monitor - Dave Haygarth DG Communications Adviser.

Picture the scene.... It's the hottest day of the year, about 1pm, and I'm land-locked at the Rother Valley country park on Sheffield's rural-urban fringe. It's utterly boiling. Luckily, I'm at work, and the alternative to this is sitting in the glass-encased office. This heat related discomfort seems to have affected everyone. At least I've got the type of job where I can get out and about from time to time!

The visit to Sheffield was a bit of a watershed for myself and other Doorstep Greens staff who came along. We were joining up with some people from English Nature and from the Rural Development Service who will be our colleagues on 1<sup>st</sup> October when Natural England is born. The 25 delegates all have an interest in urban green spaces, and coming together to share knowledge and compare notes is an important step to helping the new environmental body hit the ground running in the autumn.

The sites we looked at also included a wetland area and a Doorstep Green. Seeing the DG in the context of other urban green space projects gave me a real buzz.

The Four Greens DG was about as vibrant and uplifting as they come – particularly as this one is getting on for two years on from completion. Worries that all DG organisers have about whether the green will maintain its momentum within the community seem to have vanished – the project continues to develop and gain a really firm hold in the area. Tales of people involved in the project taking on further challenges in the community abound. There was a real sense of 'can do' that didn't seem to be there before the DG.



Seeing a DG as a beacon of good practice should not be a surprise, given how used I am to seeing their achievements around the country, but visiting this site with future Natural England colleagues gave me an even deeper sense of pride. Hats off to all involved in the Four Greens DG project – though sunhats could stay off only temporarily on that hottest day of 2006.

### 4. Photo of the month

#### Long Hot Summer



*A local band provide entertainment for the rather hot opening of Holywell Orchard DG in Gloucestershire*

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

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### 6. Networking

Communicate online and get all the latest news – not just for Doorstep Greens, but almost 1,000 members across the whole parks and green spaces scene.

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