

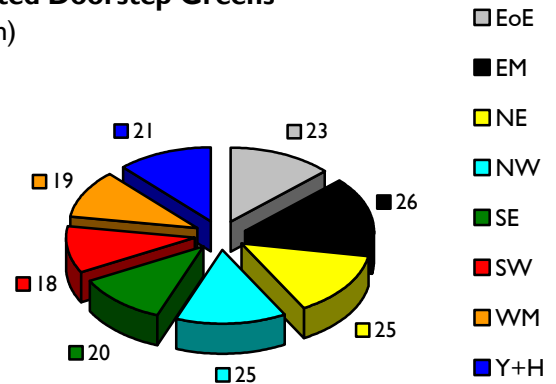
Doorstep Greens

Monthly Report: November 2006

I. Completed Projects

- 177 Doorstep Greens are now complete and open to the public.
- 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 DGs were completed during November

For the purposes of this report, 'complete' means that a site is open and accessible to the public, although some minor works may still need to be carried out before the all the DG grant is fully claimed and paid.

Oakwood Road Community Field	Suffolk	Landseer Gardens	Islington
Kettleburgh Green	Suffolk	Hogsmill Doorstep Green	Surrey
Sea Palling & Waxham Doorstep Green	Norfolk	Shiregreen Brickworks DG	Sheffield
Waverley Park Doorstep Green	Newcastle Upon Tyne	Wickersley Doorstep Green	Rotherham
Bill Forth Memorial Park	County Durham	Snaprails Park Doorstep Green	Berkshire
Spring Meadow (Primsland Way)	Worcestershire	Pitt Street Friendship Garden	Staffordshire
Harding's Pits Doorstep Green	Norfolk	Sholing	Southampton - City of
Cookley Doorstep Green.	Worcestershire	St. Augustine's DG	Suffolk
Rosendale Gardens	Lambeth	Market Weston Village Green	Suffolk
Henry Barber Park	Birmingham	Redlingfield Doorstep Green	Suffolk
Halewood Doorstep Green	Knowsley	Wighton Doorstep Green	Norfolk
Scotland Gate Doorstep Green	Northumberland	Fair Field Green, Hacheston	Suffolk
Jade Green	Redcar & Cleveland	Oxborough Doorstep Green)	Norfolk
Quarry Bank Doorstep Green	Lancashire	Bulmer: Coe's Meadow DG	Suffolk
Cavenham Doorstep Green	Suffolk	Great Cressingham DG	Norfolk
Lambeth Walk	London		

2. Doorstep Greens Monitor - Pete Johnstone, DG Project Manager



The Doorstep Greens initiative is near to completion. Launched in 2001 by the Countryside Agency, it was aimed at helping communities plan, design, create and manage their own multi-purpose green space. Our target was to help 200 communities in both urban and rural areas to create their own space. We also had a focus on disadvantaged communities and those lacking in access to quality open space. The funding for all this to happen came from the New Opportunities Fund's (now Big Lottery Fund) Green Spaces and Sustainable Communities programme.

Now, the focus by our Doorstep Green adviser's is to ensure that all grant claims by groups are submitted for payment by the middle of December. It is a busy time for our staff and the groups concerned, but looking back over the last few years it has been a busy time for green spaces all round.

Since 2001 we have seen a real upsurge of interest in both green space and in the management of it. New government policies relating to green space and new funding such as from Living Spaces has helped enormously. But a boost has also been given

by the new organisations that have arrived on the scene. It is impressive to see what CABE Space has achieved in dramatically raising the profile and value, in human terms, of urban space. Furthermore the work of the Land Restoration Trust and their focus on green and community use of derelict and redundant land is also gathering momentum, as is their research into the need for long term funding solutions to be put in place that have a lasting effect. Both organisations have been able to use the experiences of Doorstep Greens in their policy and guidance work and we thank them for that.

By the time we look back, in the next monthly report, all our regional Doorstep Greens advisers and many of the regional support staff would have moved on the other posts in Natural England. So it is the right time to say thank you to them now for all the effort and resourcefulness they have put into the initiative over the years. It is a fitting tribute to the team in that all the feedback we have received from the Doorstep Green groups is that they have greatly valued the help and support of their adviser. Thank you!

3. Photo of the month

Delivering on the ground

From plan to reality for Clifton Place DG in Bristol



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

4. Further information:

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5. 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.

www.greenspace.net.countryside.gov.uk

