

GreenSpace to identify resources and abilities of community groups across the UK

GreenSpace is about to embark on identifying the resources and abilities of community-based groups involved with parks and green spaces across the UK. In addition to capturing resource and skills the questionnaire will also gather thoughts, ideas and needs; helping GreenSpace to shape their offering and continue advocating for these important groups who are contributing so much.

Approximately 4,000 community groups with a membership exceeding 500,000 are actively and regularly contributing to the management and maintenance of their local green spaces. In addition to this, thousands of city farms, community gardens and allotment sites operating on a self-managed basis and many thousands of groups are getting involved in green space in a less formal, more casual and occasional basis. Their contribution has helped to improve, protect and enrich at least 15,000 green spaces of various types.

Paul Bramhill, Chief Executive of GreenSpace said: “The data gathered from this questionnaire is vital to raise awareness of what our community groups have and are accomplishing, it’s important that we, as the sectors leading supporter, listen and understand our community groups needs and vision, to focus ours and others services.”

The Community Networking Project questionnaire was originally completed in 2003 when over 1000 responses were received, helping GreenSpace to quantify the level and value of involvement and identify requirements for the groups in the future, the report was widely publicised and seen as a benchmark study within the sector.

It is vital that as many groups and individuals complete this questionnaire and GreenSpace request that groups and organisations distribute and publicise.

Survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CommunityNetworkingProject2011>

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Notes to Editors

GreenSpace is a registered charity which works to improve parks and green spaces by raising awareness, involving communities and creating skilled professionals. For more information please go to www.green-space.org.uk.

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