

March 2007 Information and News Items

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IMPROVEMENT –

News

[New GreenSpace Web Site:](#)

Please visit our new web site where you can find information about the Community Network, the Institute of Parks and Green Spaces, Conferences and Training, Resources and other related information. You will see that it includes information on Regional Forums. Links to an East Midlands site are under development and this should be available in the not too distant future.

[Northamptonshire:](#) Direct provision of the Country Park and Open Space Services by the County Council will continue. A tender process thoroughly tested the market, but did not result in any final offers. The hyper link will take you to a copy of the relevant Committee report.

[Derby reaps £85,000 Government reward for cycling success:](#) The announcement came as Cycling England launched a national competition to find another 10 Cycling Towns and one major City to follow Derby's revolutionary work. The winners will share £47million to encourage people onto their bikes, part of the £140million announced by Transport Secretary Ruth Kelly in January.

APSE Annual Service Awards 2008 (Supported by the MJ)

Please note that the deadline for registering interest making a submission for the above awards is 14 March, 2008. If your organisation might consider making a submission, see the letter contained in the file below.



Awards 2008
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[Prime Minister announces East Midlands Youth Climate Change Champion](#)

The nine young winners of the search for regional Climate Change Champions were announced by Prime Minister Gordon Brown and Minister for Climate Change Joan Ruddock today.

The East Midlands Champion is Pippa Stone, 17, from Ashby Parva, Leicestershire, who successfully demonstrated how she would encourage behavioural change and tackle climate change in the region.

[Funding:](#)

[£225 million for play facilities](#) - 65 local authorities invited to bid.

Children and young people will get new adventure playgrounds and exciting and innovative play areas if their local authorities succeed in becoming part of the first year of the government's national £225 million play investment programme.

[Low Carbon Buildings Programme: Phase 2](#) is a scheme to help fund specific measures to address reduction of carbon production in buildings.

It supports the installation of microgeneration technologies for organisations in the UK public and not-for-profit sectors. Grants are available for the purchase and installation of: solar thermal hot water, solar photovoltaics, wind turbines, ground source heat pumps, automated wood pellet stoves and wood fuelled boiler systems. The LCBP grants are managed by Building Research Establishment Ltd (BRE) on behalf of the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (BERR).

[Policy and Research:](#)

National Performance Indicators: See the word file below that provides some guidance from CLG to Government Offices on National Indicator 5 which you might find helpful. It isn't being sent out directly to Local Authorities as it is understood that CLG do not want to be prescriptive at this stage as to how the indicators are interpreted.

It does however give an interpretation of the indicator that firmly puts greenspace within NI 5.



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The [Trees in Towns II](#) report assesses the effectiveness of tree management in urban areas in England. It identifies changes since earlier surveys, including Trees in Towns published in 1993. The executive summary of the report includes information on the quality and quantity of trees; local authority resources and practices in managing urban trees; and the recruitment and skills of local authority tree managers. [Government plants seeds for greener, leafier communities](#)

Trees: Information on amenity trees, including research projects, good practice and tree preservation orders.

Designing good health:

NICE has issued new guidance on promoting and creating built or natural environments that encourage and support physical activity. This highlights the importance of good planning and design for improving local health and wellbeing.

[“Promoting and creating built or natural environments that encourage and support physical activity”](#) is the report containing this information.

How towns are redesigned as gyms

East Midlands regional sustainable development indicators factsheet pulls together already published statistics to enable comparisons to be made between regions and with progress nationally.



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East Midlands Development Agency (emda) has published a study which highlights the impact that improved public areas have on the East Midlands' economy.

Available on the emda website, the report called “[Economic Impact of the Public Realm](#),” shows how investment in public spaces can help increase land and property value, boost tourism and visitor numbers, enhance an area’s image, improve business productivity and attract investment.

[Places of Woe: Places of Possibility](#) exhibition about play.

Newsletters:

[International Federation of Parks and Recreation Administration](#)

[The Leisure Review](#)

[Volunteer Work Supplement](#) - Countryside Jobs Service

[‘Young People in the Countryside’](#) – Countryside Recreation

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Hyperlinks used in this report:

<http://www.green-space.org.uk/index.php>

<http://cmis.northamptonshire.gov.uk/CmisWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=2848>

<http://www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=354214&NewsAreaID=2>

<http://www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=354184&NewsAreaID=2>

<http://www.green-space.org.uk/resources/fundraising/>

http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2008_0035

<http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk/VCSSearch.aspx?WCI=htmSchemeView&WCU=DSCODE=DSCLIVEGF,SCHEMEID=12-S119,SEARCH=DS=DSCLIVEGF>

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/treesintownsii?version=1>

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<http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/core/page.do?pagelId=7889998>

<http://www.nice.org.uk/nicemedia/pdf/PH008GuidanceWordv2.doc>

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/magazine/7250574.stm>

<http://www.emda.org.uk/news/newsreturn.asp?fileno=3325>

<http://www.freeplaynetwork.org.uk/playlink/exhibition/woepossibility/index.html>

http://www.ifpra.org/newsletters/february_08.htm

<http://www.theleisurereview.co.uk/>

http://www.countryside-jobs.com/Special_Editions/Current.htm

<http://www.countrysidecreation.org.uk/journal/>