



# About GreenSpace

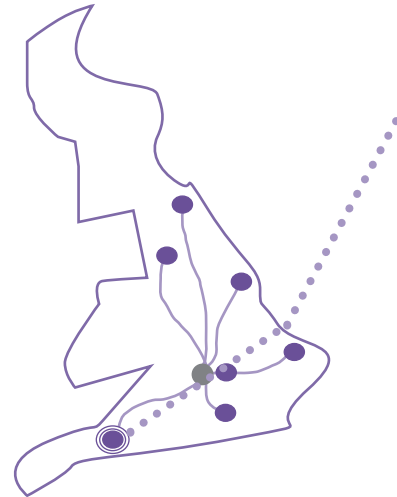
GreenSpace is the only national registered parks charity working to improve parks and green spaces by raising awareness, involving communities and creating skilled professionals.

Our mission is to achieve a network of easily accessible, safe, attractive and welcoming parks, gardens and green spaces which meet the needs of everyone and which contribute to the economic, social and environmental well-being of people and places, now and for future generations.

## The GreenSpace network

The GreenSpace head office is based in Reading, Berkshire. A small and dynamic team focus on delivering national awareness including events and training, policy and research, the community network and business development. The team looks after the GreenSpace products: GreenSTAT, Green Places, events and the Institute of Parks and Green Spaces (IPGS).

The seven Regional Forums setup across the country simply ensure a local approach, providing access to local knowledge, events and networks. Each Regional Forum is connected to GreenSpace head office, ensuring a complete mix of national and regional knowledge and benefits, providing the opportunity for you to shape national green space policy.





# GreenSpace South West

The forum covers the counties of Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset, Gloucestershire, and Wiltshire as well as the cities of Bristol, Bath, Plymouth and Exeter. Partners include district and unitary councils, town councils, grounds management contractors and locally based green space consultants.

Many of the partner organisations have been with the Forum since its inception in 2006 and make good use of the services offered.

Natural England is a key partner in the South West, enabling delivery of a free communities conference in 2010 which will be repeated in 2012. This has created a network for community groups to post questions and requests for help and advice on the GreenSpace website.



**GreenSpace South West is managed by Karen Hughes, based near Taunton.**

Karen has substantial sector experience with achievements including successful Lottery applications for parks restorations and the provision of services in parks; management of the development of strategies for allotments, parks, play, sport, community halls and green infrastructure; working with and supporting the start-up and development of community groups; negotiating for new green spaces to be provided by developers; organising major outdoor events. Karen is also a Green Flag Award judge and a volunteer at her local National Trust Property.

**“We’ve found that being part of the Forum has helped us enormously. We are able to talk to our peers and find out if they have had similar issues to ourselves. If there’s no meeting coming up we can also circulate our queries around the whole region or country. We use this service several times every year, it can save us time and is like having a small army of expert consultants at your fingertips.”**

Michael Rowland, Parks  
Policy Manager at Bournemouth  
Borough Council



# The benefits of partnership

Any organisation that manages or plans to manage a green space can become a GreenSpace South West partner including housing associations, health authorities, trusts and charities.

The GreenSpace South West partnership consists of a wide variety of benefits covering **services, knowledge & networks and products.**

**“By joining your regional forum you are becoming part of the GreenSpace national movement, contributing to our advocacy work for the sector.”**

Paul Bramhill, CEO GreenSpace

## Services

Ask the expert - email service on subjects such as advocacy and lobbying, policy and research, events and marketing and best practice guidance.

Free promotion of your events, case studies and good practice through the regional network and GreenSpace products.

Advertising of jobs on GreenSpace national (discounted) and regional (free) websites.

Support for friends/community groups.

Discounted advertising within newsletters, magazine and website.

**“I was amazed at the speed of the returns and information received. Your network is very impressive.”**

Doug Bamsey, Director Sedgemoor District Council

## Knowledge & networks

Free regional open meetings.

Discounted regional workshops & roadshows.

Discounted places for registered staff at all GreenSpace national conferences and events.

Opportunity to shape direction of regional forum and to influence policy and direction of GreenSpace.

Access to member only area on website.

Opportunity to meet other green space managers from around the region.

Opportunity to share successes and ask advice with other forum members.

Access to responses on the implications of national policy proposals for the sector.

## Products

Green Places - monthly subscription to the only magazine dedicated to planning, designing & maintaining green spaces.

The Bench - 12 issues of our national e-newsletter to all your registered staff.

Regional e-briefing - covering local news and issues to all your registered staff.

Community update - 12 issues of our e-newsletter for your community/friends groups.

E-Quality Manual - annually updated.

GreenSTAT; the online visitor satisfaction system. Free registration for local authorities, telephone briefing with a significant discount on services.



# How much does it cost?

## Local Authorities

<i>Population</i>	<i>Price</i>
Over 150,000	£1,000
Over 100,000	£750
Under 100,000	£500

## Town & Parish Council

<i>Population</i>	<i>Price</i>
Under 1000	£150
1000-10,000	£200
Above 10,000	£250

## Commercial / Consultants

<i>Turnover</i>	<i>Price</i>
Under £100,000	£250
£100,000-£500,000	£500
£500,000-£1m	£1,000
Over £1m	£2,000

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District Council



## How do I join?

If you are interested in becoming a partner you can attend a Forum meeting free of charge. This will enable you to talk to Karen (Regional Manager) about the benefits and meet the current partners of the Forum.

Karen Hughes, Regional Manager

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### **What will I gain from becoming a partner?**

Access to a supportive network of people working at a variety of levels in the sector and to professionals at GreenSpace main office and local Forum manager. See the full list of benefits on page two.

### **Who is the partnership aimed at?**

Any organisation that manages or plans to manage a green space. Local authorities, town and parish councils, housings associations, NGO's, contractors, consultants, regional organisations.

### **What next?**

Contact Karen Hughes directly for an informal discussion and application form.

