
GreenSpace Yorkshire and Humber exists to champion quality and sustainable green spaces throughout the region that improve the quality of life for our residents and enhance visitor experience.

GreenSpace Yorkshire and Humber Forum Update

The Forum continues to gain support, with last year's members renewing and new ones coming on board, so the GSYH Forum is growing. One benefit of being a regional member is more frequent updates via the GSYH Members Update items may have been supplied to members on a previous occasion – **sometimes up to 3 months ago**. Don't miss out on the chance to hear the latest news and be up to date with all the latest policies – join GSYH now!

We're constantly adding new contacts to our email list. As well as development officers and the guys on the ground in whatever guise it may be these days we would like to have a representative mix of planners, designers, policy officers, Heads of... on our email list. Structures are still changing within many organisations so if you could advise us of changes and any new names to add to our contact list it would be appreciated so we can keep them informed receiving GSYH News & Information.

Without support the Forum wouldn't be able to run our events or maintain a dedicated manager to get information and knowledge out to you. By signing up for membership as well as receiving the latest news you are helping to raise the profile of the importance of our parks and green spaces and influence the direction of policy.

To join GreenSpace Yorkshire and Humber please contact me at carolines@gsyh.org.uk or Sue Spencer on 0118 946 9069 (email sues@green-space.org.uk)

GSYH Steering Group meeting – was held 6th July and 6th Oct. Items under discussion are covered below:

- **Diary Date! – the next GSYH Open Meeting will be held in Leeds – the date is looking like 7th December pending confirmation of speakers** (previously advertised as 30th Nov) – with the afternoon session concentrating on the Green Flag Award and the morning session on all the latest government papers eg community right to buy etc. More details will be supplied over the next few weeks – if you would like to reserve your place please [get in touch](#).
- **Our last Open Meeting was held 27 June 2011** – all the presentations from the day are now available to be viewed online at <http://www.green-space.org.uk/yorkshirehumber/resources/publications.php> or ctrl+click on the links below.
 - [GreenSpace Yorkshire and Humber forum update](#) Martin Page & Caroline Schofield
 - [Comprehensive Spending Review - impact survey](#) Simon Chapman, GreenSpace
 - [The Forestry Commission in Yorkshire and Humber](#) Vince Carter, Forestry Commission
 - [The English Woodland Grant Scheme](#) Iwan Downey, Forestry Commission
 - [Securing buy-in for investment in Green Infrastructure](#) James Walsh & Ingo Schuder, Natural England
 - [Getting added value from the voluntary and community sector](#) Waldemar Kripp & Julianne Tate, Groundwork

- [Community Networking Project – interim main findings](#) Lucy Fowler, GreenSpace
- [Update from BOSF / NFPGS and the benefits of city-wide park forums](#) Sarah Royal, Chair of NFPGS
- **Performance Focus Group** - Thanks to those of you who replied to our request for feedback on the performance indicators we are developing. We're now taking into account your feedback and discussing matters with the GSYH Steering group, who strongly believe that having a set of measures which demonstrate the worth of the service/provision of parks and green spaces is vital in these current times. Over the next few months we will have another meeting and begin trialling the data gathering - if you wish to hear more or be involved please [get in touch](#).
- **Skills Focus Group** - David Winn from Lantra attended in July and you should all have seen the request for information in respect of apprenticeship schemes, the plan is to conduct a larger skills survey to understand the current state of play and the needs of both practitioners and the voluntary sector within Yorkshire and Humber. A team has been set up to progress this and will be meeting Nov 17th in Sheffield. If you have some time available and would like to be involved with this group please [let me know](#).

Forum Development - To aid in gathering information to inform members, promote awareness of the Forum and develop links within the region over the last quarter I have held meetings with LA's and major players such as Woodland Trust, Natural England, Forestry Commission, BTCV, Yorkshire Play and Groundwork - all aiding in providing an improved service to members and updating the Forum of topics of interest. If you would like a meeting with me I'll happily travel to your area.

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Regards



GSYH network queries

Composting Waste: Hull City Council raised the issue that they were interested in guidance on composting waste. If you have any experience you could share please contact Andrew Wilson at andrew.wilson@hullcc.gov.uk

→ In response to this I have already been advised The Community Composting Network may be able to help. They are a membership organisation which supports and provides information on the community management and use of waste bio-degradable resources. Its projects range in scale from individuals or small groups working on allotment sites or promoting home composting, to social enterprises with local authority contracts providing kerbside collection services. Find out more at <http://www.communitycompost.org/>

Allotment fees/Income generation: Sheffield City Council, like many of you are also reviewing their revenue generation. As such they are consulting their allotment holders. If you have gone through something similar and have any recent experience/advice please contact Chris Heeley at Christopher.Heeley@sheffield.gov.uk

Barbeques: Okay the summer is over but Sheffield City Council are interested in learning other Local Authority attitudes/policy to BBQ's within their parks/green. If you can help please contact David Cooper at David.Cooper@sheffield.gov.uk

Events strategies/Income generation: Sheffield City Council, like many of you are also reviewing their events strategy. They are interested in learning what events/event strategies you are developing to aid income generation. If you can help please contact Chris Heeley at Christopher.Heeley@sheffield.gov.uk

NE Lincolnshire maintenance benchmarking exercise – any information you can provide would be most appreciated. Please email Teresa.James@Nelincs.gov.uk Costs can be attributed as an hour rate, per park or open space or per hectare. They are interested in any of the following areas:

- Cost of hedge trimming
- Cost of grass cutting (amenities, sports pitches, athletic tracks)
- Cost of edging (grass verges/flower beds)
- Cost of weed spraying
- Cost of shrub and rose bed maintenance
- Cost of weeding and pruning including general pruning
- Cost of tree works
- Cost of herbaceous, rockery and flower bed maintenance
- Cost of leaf clearance

Don't forget GSYH in partnership with Lantra are interested in hearing about any **apprentice schemes** you are running. Contact Caroline by Oct 24th with any info if you haven't already replied to the email sent 11th August.

Woodland Trust would like an opportunity to discuss their **Jubilee wood celebrations** with you, if you haven't already been in touch with them for more information please contact:

Nick Sandford nicksandford@woodlandtrust.org.uk or telephone 08452 935 564

Sheffield are really taking advantage of the network questions. Don't miss out on the opportunity to get feedback from around the region. If you would like to pose a question or for GSYH to collate the answers to share/and or upload to the web; please send questions/responses through to me at carolines@gsyh.org.uk .

Consultations...

Consultations Closing 17th October!!!

Defra consultation on reform to the town or village greens registration system to achieve an improved regulatory balance between protecting high quality green space valued by local communities and enabling the right development to occur in the right place at the right time.

Download consultation assessment, letter and form at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/consult/2011/07/25/town-village-greens/>

DCLG have published the draft National Planning Policy Framework for consultation. This is a key part of the reforms to the planning system and as such DCLG are keen to hear views from all interested parties on the draft and how it might be improved. Consultation will close on **17 October 2011**

Download the consultation and related documents at

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/planningsystem/planningpolicy/planningpolicyframework/>

Linked to the NPPF:

Sector concern at draft planning document - GreenSpace, The National Trust and other organisations have [expressed concern](#) over a government paper which appears to prioritise economic potential over the needs of local people and places.

The draft planning policy framework offers protection to designated sites. However, the default position appears to allow development on other areas such as green spaces, irrespective of local opinion, due to a focus on economic growth.

Listen again to the debate on the Today Programme

http://news.bbc.co.uk/today/hi/today/newsid_9548000/9548464.stm

GreenSpace policy response Please see our initial response to DCLG's committee inquiry into the National Planning Policy Framework – a full response to the NPPF consultation is planned for October and will be delivered via GreenLINK. <http://www.green-space.org.uk/downloads/PolicyResponses/GreenSpace%20response%20to%20NPPF%20.pdf>

Planning reforms: fee threat to village greens

Communities would have to pay up to £1,000 to apply to save their green spaces from the developers' bulldozers under plans to speed up the planning process, The Daily Telegraph can disclose. Read more at <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/earth/hands-off-our-land/8751228/Planning-reforms-fee-threat-to-village-greens.html>

Big Lottery Fund - Consultation on proposed policy directions

The Government wishes to consult on proposed policy directions for the Big Lottery Fund.

Deadline 18th Nov 2011

The consultation invites views from a wide range of stakeholders which include the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector and other government departments. The Office for Civil Society in the Cabinet Office will work closely with the Devolved Administrations particularly where policy directions are UK wide. Read more at

<http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/big-lottery-fund-consultation-proposed-policy-directions>

GreenSpace Update

Nationally GreenSpace continues to work with government departments and other organisations making sure that the benefits of our parks and green spaces are understood. This can be seen through various activities including the National Forum and GreenLINK.

GreenSpace National Forum

The GreenSpace National Forum meeting was held in Birmingham on 3rd Aug where representatives gathered from the various GreenSpace regions as well as Natural England, NFPGS, Lantra, West Midlands Parks Forum, DCLG, Design Council and DEFRA to share information.

Love Parks Week 2011 - Thanks for helping make 2011 our most successful year ever. With your help, **one million people** enjoyed the benefits of their local green space during Love Parks Week. At the final count, councils, charities, volunteers and countless other lovely people around the country put on a total of **1,243 events**, beating our record from last year by an eyebrow-raising 400! The campaign received a wide range of national and regional media coverage

Green Flag 2011/12 – 1,288 winners have now been announced with the number of winning sites increasing by 7% nationally. The number of sites winning a Green Flag Community Award has increased by 13%. Recent trips to Australia and New Zealand with regards to Green Flag have been successful.

Design Council/CABE advised 20 staff from CABE Space moved over to work at the Design Council following the merging of the two organisations on 1st April. The Design Council are currently looking at what they can deliver. The Design Council recently launched their Neighbourhood Projects Grants programme and received over 120 proposals which was much higher than anticipated.

Natural England advised the organisation has experienced some major changes and consequently 400 staff have been lost. The Access and Engagement team and the People and Partnerships team are the main teams to contact with any green space related topics. A Business Review of the organisation is currently underway and is due to be completed by December 2011.

The main focuses for the organisation is on accreditation and Green Flag and the 2nd round of MENE results have now been published. Two projects that are currently on-going; work surrounding LNR's and the green space mapping project there is some general information and links available on the Natural England website: <http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/> Natural England are also consulting on ANGST and there is the potential for a full review.

Lantra will become a self-funded organisation by March 2012. The Investors in People Centre has been launched over the last few months and Lantra have been given funding to set up CPD systems. Funding of up to £600 is still available through the Women and Work scheme.

There were three presentations:

- **Natural Environment White Paper** – Ian Barrett, DEFRA
key points from the presentation included:
 - An overview of the White Paper
 - Measuring success and Local Nature Partnerships
 - National Character Areas
 - Working with communities
- **Big Society and the GreenSpace Sector** - Big Society Context, Jackie Jowett
The presentation focused on:
 - What does decentralisation, localism and the Big Society mean
 - How is power going to be decentralised to the local level
 - What are local people and communities going to be able to do.
- **Volunteering Opportunities in Chelmsford's Parks and Green Spaces** – Paul Van Damme, Chelmsford Borough Council & Jane Allnutt, Friends of Marconi Ponds
The presentation focused on:
 - Participation and Volunteering
 - What difference does this make
 - Marconi Ponds Nature Reserve

You can view any presentations that were featured at the National Forum via the online link <http://www.green-space.org.uk/regions/nationalforum.php> – to see the presentations click the link under the image and then click view all.

GreenLINK brings together, at a national level, organisations that are active in the parks and green space sector. Participating organisations include charities and trusts, social enterprises and other non-governmental bodies. It provides an open forum where knowledge can be shared, duplication of work can be avoided and robust and effective responses to challenges that impact on the sector can be jointly developed; the latest being advocacy, reporting on green spaces benefits aimed at the latest Government cuts.

Members active in the green space sector are encouraged to join and work together. Government Agencies and non-departmental public bodies are regular and welcome observers and contributors, expanding access to information and resources and making useful connections across different government departments, agendas and initiatives.

Membership is steadily growing and a meeting with Andrew Stunell MP was fairly successful. An official report covering what was discussed will be produced and GreenLINK will be discussing the meeting. Follow up meetings will also be scheduled.

GreenSpace Policy responses – available online now:

- [National Planning Policy Framework](#), DCLG, Sept 2011
- [Independent Panel on Forestry](#), Defra, July 2011
- [Natural Environment White Paper](#), Defra, June 2011
- [Review of Design Council CABE](#), Design Council, June 2011
- [Best value](#): new draft statutory guidance, DCLG, June 2011
- [A New Era for the Waterways](#) - A consultation on the Government's proposals for moving inland waterways into a new charity in England and Wales, Defra, June 2011
- Proposals to introduce a [Community Right to Challenge](#), DCLG, May 2011
- Proposals to introduce a [Community Right to Buy](#) – Assets of Community Value, DCLG, May 2011

Amongst others. Follow the link to view and read all the responses

<http://www.green-space.org.uk/resources/library/policyresearch/policyresponses.php>

GreenSpace Blog

Parks and green spaces need your support - As a million people verified their love of green spaces through Love Parks Week. The implicit benefits these precious spaces bring are endorsed by Macmillan Cancer Support, Play England and RICS, GreenSpace appeals for the impetus to persist. Read more on our Our blog on the GreenSpace website <http://blog.green-space.org.uk/2011/08/16/parks-and-green-spaces-need-you>

Hospitals looking to sell green space - An article in the Independent detailing the Department of Health's proposal to sell-off up to 10% of 'under-used' land for housing development provoked a strong rebuke from GreenSpace.

Our response, which can be read in full on the [GreenSpace blog](#), highlights the disconnection between government's strategy and approach.

GreenSpace Community network - The Community Network has seen a substantial growth from 1,000 to just fewer than 1,500 contacts and the NFPGS held their first conference for friends and community groups in Birmingham on 17th September. The report for the Community Networking Project 2011 is still on-going and should be available in the next few months – the main statistics are available on request, please contact lucyf@green-space.org.uk for further information.

Play

The Nature of Play conference, 8th June Leeds

Organised by GreenSpace in partnership with Play England and IPGS and held at Shine, Leeds the conference focused on the importance of natural play areas in public space provision.

There was surprisingly little presence from our regional LA's as only Kirklees, Bradford and Leeds had someone representing them at the event. Yorkshire Play were in attendance so they could feed information out to their contacts.

In the current economic environment play services are highly vulnerable to cuts. It is therefore more critical than ever that play provision in parks and green spaces is protected and developed. In response the Nature of Play conference explored numerous aspects of natural play including:

- the challenges and opportunities for the play sector,
- highlighting the importance of connecting children with the outside world whether it be for play or learning
- the request that children be allowed to be children and be given permission to play in the natural environment.

The event encouraged debate of elements such as risk and how to view play in a different way eg.
- when you see a huge rock pile with an open bole do you see a hidden dark space that anything could be inside or a space to be explored?

- a large tree with branches near to the ground do you see a space to put a swing or climb or simply avoid it because a child may fall?

The conference notes are now available to non-delegates for a small fee. Contact [Caroline Carsey](#) if you wish to know more.

Play England ...

...takes another step towards independence

At the Members' meeting on 14 June 2011, members of the Play England council voted unanimously to take the next steps towards setting up an independent Play England charity. [Read more in their update](#)

...New direction

Adrian Voce, who has been Director of Play England for over seven years and was Chair of the Council before that, is to step down from his post... [Read more](#)

Map of play spaces launched - Play England have launched an interactive map sharing safe local outdoor playing spaces. <http://www.playengland.org.uk/nature-play-map.aspx>

Only one play area for every 692 children - A recent survey of over 300 local authority play areas has revealed that there is just one for every 692 children in England.

The results, from Fair Play for Children, show that there are 16,134 playgrounds in England serving an estimated 11.2 million children under 16.

Of these, authorities reported that 4,983 have been constructed or revamped in the past decade.

Read more at

http://www.fairplayforchildren.org/index.php?page=HTML_News&story_id=8825&dm_i=JEZ,HMJ5,2WRVXT,1G3UZ,1

Study reveals new factors that help to increase children's physical activity Physical activity has important benefits for children's physical health and mental well-being but many children do not meet recommended levels. A new study into the factors which motivate children's active play has found that overall physical activity is increased in children who have access to green spaces in their neighbourhood. Read more at <http://bristol.ac.uk/news/2011/7750.html>

Study shows UK children 'trapped in materialistic culture'

UNICEF research shows children's happiness depends on time with their family – and playing outside. New research by Ipsos MORI for UNICEF UK has shown that children in the UK feel trapped in a 'materialistic culture' and don't spend enough time with their families. Following on from UNICEF's pioneering report in 2007, which ranked the UK bottom in child well-being compared to other industrialised nations, the new research gives an in-depth comparison of over 250 children's experiences across three developed countries: the UK, Sweden and Spain. Children in all three countries told researchers that their happiness is dependent on having time with a stable family and plenty of things to do, especially outdoors, rather than on owning technology or branded clothes.

http://www.unicef.org.uk/Documents/Publications/IPROS_UNICEF_ChildWellBeingreport.pdf

Risk and challenge in the playground

Several articles in the press discussed the benefits of risk and challenge in children's playgrounds, commenting on recent research on learning about risk through play and a recent High Court ruling that is believed to greatly reduce the prospect of legal action in the event of injuries in play areas. In South Somerset the council revised its play strategy to reintroduce some traditional and more challenging play equipment. Adrian Moore, the council's play and youth facilities officer, told the Sunday Times: 'Playgrounds are the nursery slopes for real life. If we don't help children differentiate between acceptable and unacceptable risk, we are failing them'. (Daily Mail and Sunday Times, 4 September 2011; Daily Telegraph 5 September 2011).

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/family/8740494/Playgrounds-to-revive-potential-dangers.html>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2033623/Councils-told-playgrounds-bring-danger-years-softened-compensation-culture.html>

Yorkshire Play have now become members of the Forum. They are a not for profit organisation that has been set up to support Play and Playwork with the aim to promote access to excellent play opportunities for all children and young people in Yorkshire and The Humber region. If you wish to hear more visit www.yorkshireplay.org.uk

Community & Big Society

The Department for Communities and Local Government has published an '**Inspiring Communities toolkit**'.

Read more <http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/communities/pdf/19234911.pdf>

Online Maps covering volunteering and a love of green space – 3 mapping tools are now available...

- The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) has launched the first-ever, easy-to-use web page for people looking to get involved in community gardening activities www.rhs.org.uk/getinvolved,
- BTCV have a similar map that allows individuals to see where they could volunteer with BTCV and/or local community groups. <http://www.btcv.org.uk/volunteer/>
- Groundwork have launched a digital map to share the love of green space - The map - called '**My Urban Oasis**' - contains over 200 green spaces submitted by the public via a smartphone app built by Orange and also details over 1000 other Groundwork green space projects.

Groundwork would love it if people could contribute to the map with their own projects.

The map includes details of wildlife and nature reserves, play areas, parks and community allotments. Find out more at: <http://www.groundwork.org.uk/news--events/urbanoasis/mobile-volunteering/urban-oasis-map.aspx>

Joseph Rowntree have released a **report highlighting the challenges facing community organisations** who wish to own or manage assets. It's fairly lengthy but there is also a 4 page summary available.

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/community-organisations-controlling-assets>

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation has also been running a series of seminars on Community Assets. You can access presentations and reports from the seminars.

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/events/community-assets-seminar-series>

The Big Society Bank, now officially renamed as the Big Society Capital, has taken a step closer to reality with the establishment of two expert boards, a Board of Trustees and The Board of the Big Society Trust, who is responsible for ensuring the group stays true to its mission.

Read more at <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/news/big-society-bank-launched>

Big Society Awards - Celebrate someone from the green spaces sector by nominating them for a Big Society Award. If you would like to nominate someone for a Big Society award, or want more information, visit <http://www.number10.gov.uk/take-part/recognising-others/big-society-awards-2/nomination-guidance-notes/> Anyone, including people who benefit from the group, organisation or individuals' activities, may make a nomination.

Free outdoor education materials - The Field Studies Council's education project 'schools in the parks' has come to a close but they have created lots of learning materials as part of the project that are free to download <http://www.field-studies-council.org/projects/schoolsintheparks>

CVS is organising “**Make a Difference Day**” on 29th October which will be one of the UK’s biggest day of volunteering. To request free resources call freephone 0800 284 533 email difference@cvs.org.uk or visit <http://www.csv.org.uk/campaigns/csv-make-difference-day>

Community woods report released - The Woodland Trust have released the report ‘community ownership for woodland management and creation’. The report has been produced to support and enable an increase in community ownership of woodland.

http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/en/campaigning/our-views-and-policy/woods-for-people/Documents/CommunityOwnershipModels_WT_submission_June2011.pdf

Community Hub launched - Setting up a community group can be empowering but it can also be a challenge. How do you access grants? Does your group require insurance and what about health and safety?

BTCV has just launched a Community Hub to support to prospective, newly formed and existing community groups. The secure online resource enables groups to keep records of their membership, record their activities and communicate with their members at the click of a mouse.

It also enables groups to produce reports of their work and access all important funders. The hub also has a Resource Bank which contains lots of useful documents to help groups flourish. Read more at <http://www2.btcv.org.uk/display/community>

DCLG have released a **summary of responses** to the **Community Right to Buy** consultation.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/localgovernment/pdf/1965426.pdf>

Get the green space you want: How the Government can help This document sets out the full range of measures that the Government has in place to support communities who want to get more involved in their local community and get access to the space they need. Download it at

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/greenspacehelp>

Best Value Statutory Guidance New statutory guidance on the Best Value Duty sets out some reasonable expectations of the way authorities should work with voluntary and community groups and small businesses when facing difficult funding decisions. An Easy Read version is also available. Download it at

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/bestvaluestatguidance>

National Parks – giving local communities greater powers to have their say Local people will have more say in the running of National Parks in their areas, under new Big Society plans announced by Defra.

Anyone who lives in the Lake District and North York Moors will now be eligible to take a parish seat on the National Park Authority. These seats were previously reserved for parish councilors. Read more at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/2011/09/13/power-people-national-parks/>

NVCO – a report about participation There are a numerous ways people choose to get involved in order to make both their local communities and the world better places, according to a new report **Pathways through participation**. Read more at

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/news/civil-society/pathways-through-participation-report-launched>

linked to this

Third Sector magazine; Government encouragement puts people off volunteering:

The public are resistant to the politicisation of participation, according to National Council for Voluntary Organisations report

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/rss/article/1091065/Government-encouragement-deters-people-volunteering>

The Environment & Green Infrastructure

Natural England presented ways of leveraging green infrastructure at our recent open meeting but have advised there is also a section on securing buy-in for Green Infrastructure investment and specific funding streams in [Green Infrastructure best practice signposting: \(315kb\)](#) which also advises of sources of information on the topic.

Natural England have released the **results of the 2010 -2011** Monitor of Engagement with the Natural Environment (**MENE**) survey.

This is the **2nd annual report** which presents the main findings from the second year of the survey (2010-2011). The documents can be found online at

[http://naturalengland.etraderstores.com/NaturalEnglandShop/publications/evidence%20and%20analysis-natural%20england%20commissioned%20reports%20\(necr\)](http://naturalengland.etraderstores.com/NaturalEnglandShop/publications/evidence%20and%20analysis-natural%20england%20commissioned%20reports%20(necr))

The Woodland Trust launched the report **Trees or Turf**, prepared for them by Land Use Consultants. The report looks at the costs of maintaining amenity grassland as compared to new native woodland. Carefully planned and sited **new woodland can actually save money** for local authorities and others who cut large areas of amenity grass, whilst also providing a wide range of other benefits to people and wildlife.

Visit the [trees save money](#) web pages.

The Telegraph has run an article on a new map which reveals all the **different habitats across the UK**. Read more at <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/earth/countryside/8619730/Britain-is-still-a-green-and-pleasant-land-with-just-6-urban-areas.html>

More details about the map can be found on the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology's website – unfortunately it is not free to access. http://www.ceh.ac.uk/news/news_archive/uk-land-cover-map_2011_44.html

The Woodland Trust have published their response to the Independent Panel on Forestry. http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/en/campaigning/our-campaigns/panel/Documents/woodlandtrust_panelsubmission_final.pdf

Biodiversity 2020- A strategy for England's wildlife and ecosystem services has been launched. The document sets out DEFRA's approach to halting the decline in biodiversity over the next decade. This new, ambitious biodiversity strategy for England builds on the Natural Environment White Paper and provides a comprehensive picture of how they are implementing their international and EU commitments. It sets out the strategic direction for biodiversity policy for the

next decade on land (including rivers and lakes) and at sea. It builds on the successful work that has gone before, but also seeks to deliver a real step change. Available at

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/publications/files/pb13583-biodiversity-strategy-2020-110817.pdf>

Alongside 'Biodiversity 2020', Defra has produced a technical discussion paper on a new set of indicators to measure progress on Biodiversity 2020. Read more and download it at

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/consult/2011/08/19/biodiversity-2020/>

Urban nature sites show good return on investment Research published by greenspace scotland, in partnership with Scottish Natural Heritage, shows that every pound invested in activities on urban nature sites returned between £3 and £20 in community benefits. Read more at

<http://gss.cmph.org/o/XAtzFCfgZM2oYfmxClZ8Q>

Defra Confirms commitment to new waterways body

The Government response to a consultation on proposals to move British Waterways from a public corporation to a new charity has been published.

Following a positive response to the initial consultation on the proposals, the Government has confirmed its commitment to the creation of a new waterways charity, subject to parliamentary approval. Read more at

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/2011/09/12/waterways-charity-2/>

Wildlife groups are 'failing to protect nature'

Wildlife in Britain is now without an effective champion and needs a new one, Peter Marren, a leading conservationist said today.

[The Independent](#) (14 September, p.14)

Peter Marren: Our wildlife needs a voice

Radical groups such as Greenpeace have a lot to say about carbon cuts but little on the problems of butterflies or bees. Peter Marren, author of 'Nature Conservation' writes: "At a time when green issues are at the forefront of everyone's lives, we have somehow managed to overlook the greenest issue of all – wildlife." He argues that "the problem with placing human enjoyment at the heart of wildlife policymaking is that 90 per cent of wild species could die out tomorrow and no one would notice. We need to separate biodiversity from "quality of life" issues and reassert the moral right of all species to live on the same soil as ourselves."

[The Independent, Viewpaper](#) (14 September, p.5)

Health and Wellbeing

As part of their '**Move More**' campaign Macmillan reveal evidence showing how important physical activity is to the recovery and long term health of cancer patients. Read more at

http://www.macmillan.org.uk/Aboutus/News/Latest_News/Inactivityriskslongtermhealthof16millioncancersurvivors.aspx

Study reveals new factors that help to increase children's physical activity Physical activity has important benefits for children's physical health and mental well-being but many children do not meet recommended levels. A new study into the factors which motivate children's active play has found that overall physical activity is increased in children who have access to green spaces in their

neighbourhood. <http://bristol.ac.uk/news/2011/7750.html>

Influence your shadow local health and wellbeing board - If you can make the case for green spaces now, you'll be able to make sure that there will be plenty of opportunities for your service to address health issues and raise your services' profile. If you need to provide statistics to prove why a green space in a certain location is vital to local wellbeing, then look at your 2011 Health Profile. There is a separate profile for each local authority, providing a snapshot of the current health status of the area, with tailored commentary, maps and charts. For your local health profile go to the list provided by the Association of Public Health Observatories at <http://www.apho.org.uk/resource/view.aspx?RID=50215®ION=50152&SPEAR=>

Toolkit to create healthy environments - NHS Gloucestershire has launched a pioneering toolkit to help professionals create buildings and natural environments that support people to get more active. And it's full of useful information to show how important well maintained green spaces are for the health services of the future.

See the full report at <http://www.nhsglos.nhs.uk/2011/05/active-planning-toolkit-launched/>

The NHS Forest provides a fantastic opportunity for organisations to enhance their green spaces while providing increased shade, outdoor meeting spaces and landscape through the planting of trees. So far there are a number of Yorkshire Ambulance Forests, one at Rotherham general hospital and Airedale Hospital Trust and Featherstone Health Centre but that's all for Y&H. So take a look and maybe get involved. <http://nhsforest.org/>

Feel better outside: feel better inside - Mind's latest campaign 'Feel better outside: Feel better inside' to promote the benefits of outdoor activity to mental health was launched on 1 August. http://www.mind.org.uk/news/5405_feel_better_outside_feel_better_inside

Green space high on wellbeing consultation - The present and future quality of the local environment is one of the things that matters most to people's happiness, according to [results published](#) by the Office for National Statistics.

The research was carried out to identify ways of measuring and monitoring the nation's wellbeing.

Quotes from the key findings:

'People also told us that what is important is how we spend our time, including the balance we achieve between our work and home lives, the time we spend outdoors (and the availability of green spaces for us to use) and the extent to which we participate in cultural or creative activities.'

'Also, we expected people to talk about the environment, but the majority of comments about this were focussed on the importance of access to good quality local green spaces rather than wider environmental issues.'

Natural England have released '**Who took part in Walking for Health**'. The research report examines the demographics of participants in Natural England's Walking for Health programme between April 2008 and March 2010.

The report can be viewed online at

<http://naturalengland.etraderstores.com/NaturalEnglandShop/product.aspx?ProductID=d84cfadd-dd4b-4810-9548-81657019973f>

The Lancet have published the **research 'Minimum amount of physical activity for reduced mortality and extended life expectancy: a prospective cohort study'**

[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(11\)60749-6/abstract](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(11)60749-6/abstract)

It finds that '15 min a day or 90 min a week of moderate-intensity exercise might be of benefit, even for individuals at risk of cardiovascular disease'.

There was also media coverage of the research on the BBC <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-14526853>

Garden therapy could bear fruit for dementia care - article on benefits of gardening to Alzheimer sufferers <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-tayside-central-14979146>

Benefits and value of parks and green spaces

Scottish Household Survey - greenspace findings

Scotland's People, the Scottish Household Survey (SHS) 2009/2010 Annual Report and results, was published on Wednesday 17 August 2011.

The Survey covers a range of **questions about local services and amenities including a number about local greenspace provision**. In-depth analysis is available at a Local Authority level and where possible greenspace analysis is provided at a 'sub-national' level. The analysis includes: satisfaction with council run parks and open spaces by Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation; availability of safe and pleasant parks or greenspace by self-perception of health; frequency of use of council run parks and open space by gender and age; and, frequency of use and satisfaction with council run parks and open spaces rating by of neighbourhood as a place to live. Key findings can be found at <http://gss.cmph.org/o/oQi8oBErhkWbx8qMwdl41g>

If you want to read more about supporting evidence and the use and benefits that our parks and green spaces provide look at our Blue Sky Green Space document - [Understanding the Contribution Parks and Green Spaces can make to Improving People's Lives](#) - where you can find statements such as:

"The number one ranked issue for good parks and public spaces is that they give a sense of community" (Blue Sky Green Space pg 7 – Cabe Space, 2004)

"Over 50% of us visit a park at least once a week, to improve physical - and mental - health, to enhance our closest relationships, to chill out, to interact with our communities and to have a good time." (Blue Sky Green Space pg 6 – Keep Britain Tidy, 2010)

"and green spaces contribute to all aspects of health and well-being including increasing levels of physical activity which could alleviate pressures on the NHS. Simply being outside in a green space can promote mental well-being, relieve stress, overcome isolation, improve social cohesion and alleviate physical problems so that fewer working days are lost to ill health." (Blue Sky Green Space pg 10 – CABA, 2009)

Don't forget a version of Blue Sky Green Space document in relation to **Climate Change** has been produced - <http://www.green-space.org.uk/resources/GreenLINK/index.php> and

And that GreenSpace are collecting case studies which link into the Blue Sky document.

Please use the template at - <http://www.green-space.org.uk/resources/casestudies/index.php> or contact Michelle Parker at michellep@green-space.org.uk if you want to discuss it further.

Information from the Royal Horticultural Society - **Urban Gardens** highlights the depth and range of benefits that gardens provide in urban areas.

<http://www.rhs.org.uk/Gardening/Sustainable-gardening/pdfs/RHS-urban-greening>

In case you've not come across this, a recent **report from ResPublica / Action for Children** provides a few community development recommendations which also stress the value of parks (see Part 6). Report is available at: <http://www.respublica.org.uk/articles/%E2%80%98big-society%E2%80%99-has-forgotten-children-warns-new-respublica-report>

Funding

Potential funding for community green spaces This document sets out the potential funding available to community and voluntary organisations for community green space initiatives. It identifies the different grant schemes open to local groups, green spaces, allotment organisations or trusts, and also where to go to get help when looking for funding. Download it at <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/greenspacefunding>

NCVO have published a detailed analysis into the **extent of Government funding cuts** to the voluntary and community sector which, using Government's own figures, shows that the sector is set to lose almost £3 billion in cuts over the next five years. [Read the findings and report in full on the NCVO website.](#)

Freeze on European Regional Development Fund Lifted

The Department for Communities and Local Government has reported that the European Commission's suspension of the ERDF Structural Funding programme has now been relaxed.

Local Government Finance Settlement 2012-13 - Information on the forthcoming local government finance settlement for 2012-13. <http://www.info4local.gov.uk/documents/related-links/1958333>

The Nature Improvement Areas (NIAs) Pilot Programme has been launched, with a total funding pot of £7.5 million. It is being managed by **Natural England** on behalf of a consortium of partners: **Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)**, **Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG)**, **Environment Agency (EA)**, **Forestry Commission (FC)** and **Natural England (NE)**.

'Nature Improvement Areas are large, discrete areas that will deliver a step change in nature conservation, where a local partnership has a shared vision for their natural environment. The partnership will plan and deliver significant improvements for wildlife and people through the sustainable use of natural resources, restoring and creating wildlife habitats, connecting local sites and joining up local action.' (Natural England website)

Deadline: Stage 1 Applications was 30 September 2011

Formal partnership agreements should be in place before the deadline of the 2nd stage business plan application, 16 December 2011.

Read more about NIA's at

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/biodiversity/funding/nia/default.aspx>

The Key Fund: offering support packages of between £1,000 and £50,000 to social businesses working in disadvantaged communities in Yorkshire and Humberside. Please follow the link below for more details on the support offered by the [Key Fund Website](#) or their product table <http://www.thekeyfund.co.uk/UserFiles/File/ProductTable.pdf> For more information and to see if you are eligible please call 0845 140 1400 or email: info@keyfundyorks.org.uk

Places, People, Play programme details announced as Sport England wants local communities across the country to be touched by the magic of London 2012 each awarded grant will carry the London 2012 Inspire mark, a permanent celebration of its role in the legacy of the Games. Read more at http://www.sportengland.org/media_centre/press_releases/places_people_play/places_people_play_details.aspx

The Inspired Facilities Fund opened late July 2011 and could help you refurbish or upgrade your sports facility; or convert an existing building into a venue suitable for sport and accessible to the whole community. They will invest in most types of improvement or refurbishment work that will help you develop sport in your local area.

To qualify for a grant; clubs, community and voluntary sector groups and councils will need to:

- Show how your project will keep and, ideally, attract more people to sport
- Demonstrate that it is needed and wanted by the local community
- Explain how it will cover its running costs and remain open for sporting use for years to come

In particular, they are looking for projects or organisations across the country that:

- Have not previously received an individual sports Lottery grant worth £10,000 or more
 - Offer local opportunities to people who do not currently play sport, or
 - Are the only public sports facility in the local community
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Protecting Playing Fields Fund Round 2 will open on 24 October 2011 and close on 12 December 2011 read more at http://www.sportengland.org/funding/protecting_playing_fields.aspx

Investment and Contract Readiness Fund - A £10 million fund is being made available to charities and social enterprises to help them develop the skills and infrastructure to win more capital investment and public service contracts. The [Investment and Contract Readiness Fund](#) is one of the latest in a number of actions paving the way for charities, social enterprises and other civil society organisations to play a bigger role in public service delivery.

Big Society Investment Fund Launched The Big Lottery Fund will administer a new investment programme aimed at social investment intermediary organisations in the UK. The Big Society Investment Fund (BSIF) has been raised from dormant bank accounts while the Big Society Bank is being set up. It will be administered by the Big Lottery Fund. Read more at http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_big_society_investment_fund.htm

Read about **BIG Lottery programmes** at http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/index/funding-uk/new_programmes.htm or search for grant programme at http://www.biglotteryfundgrants.org.uk:8080/grant-search/gs_001.xsql

The Big Lottery Fund in England is investing up to £200 million in 100 – 150 urban and rural neighbourhoods that have been overlooked for funding. The funding is to set up an independent charitable Trust that will support local funding schemes in the targeted neighbourhoods.

Do you cover one of the first Y&H areas listed below that can now apply for £30,000 to **Getting People Involved Round 2**, which opened on 28 July 2011. See all the first [50 areas that have been chosen for investment](#)

Barnsley	Thurnscoe
Kirklees	Dewsbury Moor
Doncaster	Woodlands
Hull	Greatfield Estate
North Lincolnshire	Winterton
Wakefield	Warwick Estate, Knottingley

Administered by the Community Development Foundation these 'start-up' grants will make sure these areas are well placed to get the most out of Big Local. (Big Local is a ten-year programme that proposes to achieve lasting change in 150 areas in England. It will provide a mixture of funding, finance and support so make sure to promote your Parks Friend of Groups for this type of support. Read more at <http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/biglocal>

Please read the Getting People Involved Round 2 guidance here http://www.cdf.org.uk/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=b7d5dbc8-1a90-4f6e-a983-40f353e70ebd&groupId=10128.

Do please get in touch with your community representatives, LSP's, politicians, partners and colleagues to champion green spaces for this fund and make sure your local supporters of parks and green spaces are in the local partnership voicing their green space

The Community Development Foundation has won the bidding process to deliver the government's Community First programme. **Community First** will comprise of a £30m small grants programme for some of the most deprived areas in the country and a national £50m endowment match challenge. Community First is an £80m government-funded programme that will run for four years, until March 2015. It will help communities come together through new and existing community groups, to identify their strengths and local priorities, plan for their future and become more resilient. Read more at <http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/community-first>

HLF releases fundraising guide - The Heritage Lottery Fund has released a guide for organisations looking to raise extra income for their applications.

The document, Fundraising for Heritage Projects, includes tips on how to approach potential donors, and includes case studies from other successful projects.

http://www.hlf.org.uk/GRANTHOLDERS/HERITAGEFOCUS/FUNDRAISING/Pages/Fundraising.aspx?dm_i=JEZ,HMJ5,2WRVXT,1G2O4,1

Another site if you need funding advice for historic buildings is The Funds for Historic Buildings website at <http://www.ffhb.org.uk/>

Other funds

Yorkshire gardens Trust small grants scheme

An overarching objective of the Yorkshire Gardens Trust is to raise awareness of the importance of historic parks and gardens in Yorkshire. The Trust's conservation subcommittee have a breadth of expertise and meet regularly to assist where possible with the conservation and management of this unique asset in our County. They also award small grants and for the current scheme Applications

close on the **30 November 2011**. Download a copy of an application from

<http://www.yorkshiregardenstrust.org.uk/conservation>

Catalyst Fund: £250 to £1,000 for community groups and small local charities. The fund's priorities are: Youth Projects, Community Facilities, and Projects for people with disabilities. For more information contact the York and North Yorkshire Community Foundation on 01759 377400 and visit [their website](#).

Funding for coastal communities - The Government has announced details of a multi-million pound fund which is intended to boost the regeneration of coastal communities.

The Coastal Communities Fund (CCF) is designed to support the economic development of the UK's coastal communities. It will be operational from April 2012. http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/press_86_11.htm

Disability Grants website helps find funding for disabled people www.disability-grants.org

Yapp Charitable Trust makes grants to small registered charities to sustain existing work. Grants are normally for a maximum of £3,000 per year and they can now only offer grants to registered charities with an annual expenditure of less than £40,000 <http://www.yappcharitabletrust.org.uk/>

The **Edgar E Lawley Foundation** supports six areas including children and young people, typical grants are in the region of £1,200 to £2,000. The next deadline for applications is **31 October** <http://www.edgarelawleyfoundation.org.uk/obtaining-grants.htm>

The **Volant Charitable Trust** was set up by the author J K Rowling to support charitable causes. One of its areas of interest is projects that alleviate social deprivation, with a particular emphasis on women's and children's issues. www.volanttrust.com

Women and work –support available The purpose of the project is to promote career progression and new career pathways to 500 women in businesses within certain land-based and environmental sectors, throughout England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland where they are under-represented in leadership, supervisory, management, technical, specialist and professionally skilled positions.

The project will target employed women or volunteers supported by an employer, working full time or part time, who wish to work or progress in non-traditional occupational areas. [More](#)

The Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) has launched a programme of support for non-profit organisations in England restoring listed buildings. The Challenge Fund for Historic Buildings at Risk is provided jointly by the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation and English Heritage, who are each contributing £1million over five years from 2011– 2016.

Tips for Successful Funding Applications that need consideration are:

1. Does your group and proposal meet the eligibility criteria of the funder and have you read the guidance?
2. Can you show that you have thought through our proposal and are addressing a clearly identified need?
3. Do you have strong governance and management?

4. Avoid Poor financial planning
5. What about those outcomes?
6. Speak to a Funding Adviser

Taken from Yorkshire and the Humber Funders Forum. Full top tips document is available for members at <http://www.greenspace.org.uk/yorkshirehumber/members/resources/index.php>

Other helpful links:

- www.fundingcentral.org.uk
- www.governmentfunding.org.uk
- www.lotteryfunding.org.uk
- www.communityfoundations.org.uk
- www.fundinginformation.org
- www.funderfinder.org.uk
- www.grantfinder.co.uk
- www.fundraising.co.uk

Other useful info...

Get ready to find the UK's 205 countries with Walk the World...

Discovering Places has commissioned a project in partnership with the Royal Geographical Society and IBG, that will challenge the public to find UK-based links with every one of the 205 Olympic and Paralympic countries. The project, called Walk the World, will involve a major public call to action to get everyone out looking for links in their neighbourhoods; whether historic, cultural, environmental, sporting or even culinary. [Read more...](#)

National Gardening Week announced - The RHS is excited to announce the launch of National Gardening Week 16-22 April 2012 featuring a host of activities from compost clinics and workshops to career days. Read more at http://www.rhs.org.uk/Gardening/National-gardening-week?utm_campaign=P3%2Bnonmember%252Fmygarden%2Baug%2Bnewsletter%2B&utm_source=emailCampaign&utm_medium=email

Explore a community of **Local Food based projects** and learn more about the BIG Lottery Fund's Local Food programme and the changes it is making to people and their communities.

<http://www.localfoodgrants.org/projects?region=51>

Green space tranquillity toolkit - Researchers at the University of Bradford have developed a toolkit which they say will help urban planners design better parks, and improve existing amenity areas. An area is assigned a tranquillity rating based on factors including the amount of man-made noise, natural features such as water, trees and plants, and man-made features such as historical or traditional buildings. Read more at http://www.bradford.ac.uk/mediacentre/press-releases/Title_49223_en.php?dm_i=JEZ,HMJ5,2WRVXT,1G2O6,1

KIDS have created a suite of **eLearning** which can be used by everyone who has contact with disabled children and young people. With over 45 modules now available the package is flexible enough to cover a range of different requirements – from those who need a simple introduction and overview through to those working with disabled children and young people on a daily basis. For full details visit www.kids.org.uk/elearning or email elarning@kids.org.uk

Would you like to receive occasional free email information about KIDS inclusion, inclusive play and eLearning training, plus new developments such as their open access training?

You can choose to receive training emails by selecting the 'Yes' option and add your details here www.surveymonkey.com/s/ChooseKIDStraining

KIDS will not share your details with any third party, and you may unsubscribe at any time

Views play a vital part of our historic environment in both town and country, whether designed to be seen as a work of art or, as more commonly, a historical composite, the cumulative result of long development. '**Seeing the History in the View**' is English Heritage's guidance for initial baseline analysis of the heritage significance in any selected view, followed by assessment of the impact on that significance of particular development proposals. Read the full document at <http://www.helm.org.uk/upload/pdf/History-in-the-View.pdf>

Run by the charity, Butterfly Conservation, **the Big Butterfly Count** is a nationwide survey to assess the health of the environment which took place 16-31 July, 2011. Members of the public were asked to count and record butterfly sightings and submit the results online.

Butterflies are excellent environmental indicators as they respond rapidly to changes in their habitat. Decline in butterfly populations can be an early warning for other wildlife threats. The count will help to identify trends in species to assist planning to protect butterflies from extinction and understand the effect of climate change on wildlife in general. <http://www.bigbutterflycount.org/>

Greenspace Scotland and Scottish Natural Heritage have produced an **interactive map of the country's urban green space**: <http://www.snh.gov.uk/planning-and-development/advice-for-planners-and-developers/greenspace-and-outdoor-access/open-space-audits-and-strategies/dataset/>

You can read more about the map on Greenspace Scotland's site: <http://www.greenspacescotland.org.uk/default.asp?page=587>

Cities to receive greater powers to increase economic growth

England's biggest cities will be able to make their case for new powers from central government to drive faster growth under new clauses to the Localism Bill which were welcomed by Cities Minister Greg Clark and Chris Murray, Director of the Core Cities Group. Read more at <http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/1987935>

Preparing impact assessments toolkits

Guidance, a toolkit, a summary document and a standard template to help policy-makers prepare impact assessments (IAs) are now available. The Impact Assessment guidance sets out government policy on the scope and process of Impact Assessments. Download the toolkit at <http://www.bis.gov.uk/policies/bre/policy/scrutinising-new-regulations/preparing-impact-assessments>

Centre for Cities – a new report about transport and access to work. This report examines how transport can improve access to work in four case study areas: the wider Milton Keynes area; South Hampshire; Greater Manchester and the Sheffield City Region. The report recommends that as the role transport plays and the appropriateness of specific interventions varies in different places,

making devolution of transport powers and budgets is ever more important.

<http://www.centreforcities.org.uk/access.html>

... from around the world

There's an interesting article about how parks in the **USA are coping with budget cuts** at:

http://www.projo.com/travel/content/TRV-PARKS_06-26-11_3OOC3BK_v14.5b6d1.html

The recently published **German Green City Index**, an urban study commissioned by Siemens from the Economist Intelligence Unit, an independent research institute, ranks German cities as amongst the best in Europe for environmental protection. The twelve German cities assessed showed particularly strong ratings in environmental strategies, water, re-cycling and energy-efficient buildings. Areas for improvement included control of CO2 emissions. Information about other cities worldwide, can be found on the Green City Index, link

<http://www.siemens.com/press/en/events/2011/corporate/2011-06-germany.php>

<http://www.siemens.com/entry/cc/en/greencityindex.htm>

Conferences, Training & Events

Prescribing Green Space - A one-day conference focusing on unlocking the health potential in parks.

With recent evidence highlighting how exercising and spending time outdoors can assist in the physical and psychological recovery of cancer patients, dementia sufferers, those with obesity and a variety of other health conditions, these free and natural resources need to be utilised.

As re-structuring and budget cuts put a strain on public services, park and health professionals can work together to provide a more effective and unified service.

GreenSpace/IPGS members: £150

Non-members: £200

Subsidised places for GreenSpace Community Network members & those in full-time education: £60

*Prices exclude VAT

Book your place now

- **Online:** Complete the online booking form.
- **Post:** Complete the booking form and post to the address provided.
- **Fax:** Complete and fax the conference booking form to 0118 946 90

Planning for Parks

This is a new training programme to help parks, landscape and planning officers - and others with an interest in the subject - get to grips with their green and open space strategy projects.

The courses are being organized and delivered by The Next Field and JPC Strategic Planning and Leisure through their *Big Green Campus* learning partnership, with the fourth course targeting Yorkshire and Humberside authorities to be held at **Norfolk Heritage Park, Sheffield on Wednesday 18th January**.

As an alternative, the course is also running in London (16th November), Birmingham (7th December), and Manchester (February, date tbc)

Course fees are £99 (plus VAT), **reduced to £85 (plus VAT) for GreenSpace, RTPI, LI and IPGS**

members.

For more information and to make a booking, please go to

www.biggreencampus.co.uk

Parks and green space managers might wish to pass this information onto your respective planners.

The Orangery Academy focuses on key issues relating to policy, community involvement, design and the arts in response to the current and future challenges and opportunities of place-making.

The Orangery Academy is recognised CPD by the Institute Economic Development <http://www.ied.co.uk/> and the Royal Town Planning Institute. <http://www.rtpi.org.uk/>

1. Art, Technology and our Public Spaces

Wednesday 26 October 2011 : 3pm – 7.30pm : Meeting Room, York Castle Museum

<http://www.yorkcastlemuseum.org.uk/Page/YorkCastleMuseum.aspx> , York,

- Explore the role that arts combined with technology can play in our public spaces and take part in an exclusive tour around Illuminating York on the opening night of the festival!

2. Funding Options

Wednesday 9th November 2011 : 12.30pm – 4.30pm : The Orangery <http://www.the-orangery.uk.net/> , Wakefield, WF1 2TG

- Explore the latest thinking, approaches and perspectives on the funding available in the context of the new regeneration and economic landscape.

3. Housing, Health and Wellbeing

Wednesday 23 November 2011 : 12.30pm – 4.30pm : The Orangery, Wakefield, WF1 2TG

- Explore the impact that housing design can have on health and wellbeing.

4. Capturing Economic Value in Quality Place making

Wednesday 7th December 2011 : 12.30pm – 4.30pm : The Orangery, Wakefield, WF1 2TG

- Explore the latest thinking in capturing economic value in quality places.

Cost: £65 inc. VAT per workshop

This includes: refreshments and a light buffet plus all delegates will receive access to an online resource pack following each workshop.

Discounts

Discounts are available for multiple event bookings.

A reduced cost of £15 per workshop is available for students and 5 free places for community leaders are available per event.

For more information and to book your place visit: <http://orangeryacademywinter.eventbrite.com/>

Any enquiries please phone 01924 215550 or e-mail ann@beam.uk.net

BTCV's Big Green Weekend Friday 21st - Sunday 23rd October

A new event which encompasses [BTCV Green Heroes](#), showcases their UK and international work and gives them a platform to engage with new people and raise funds. It is supported by Stavros Niarchos Foundation.

Read more at <http://www2.btcv.org.uk/display/biggreenweekend>

Two volunteer events are happening in our region:

- **Victorian Woodland in Hull** The event will follow a general theme of traditional environmental management skills and crafts, with a focus on the importance and

significance of urban woodland and city based green spaces as a resource for recreation and education. For details visit http://www.btcv.org.uk/cgi-bin/office_opps_ind_task.cgi?region=yo&office=485&task=1317038839.3161328&shared=&newoffice=&newregion=

- **Hollybush Conservation Centre in Leeds** There will be environmental activities for the whole family - craft, activity and demonstration stalls, a garden trail, mosaicing, a bicycle-powered smoothie-maker and organic hot food and refreshments. We will also be running three volunteering tasks out in the community each day - perfect as a taster day if you've never tried it or never have the time during the week! Read more at http://www.btcv.org.uk/cgi-bin/office_opps_ind_task.cgi?region=yo&office=85&task=1317034842.401576&shared=&newoffice=&newregion=

Rantrad - Community Regeneration and Neighbourhood Renewal Training

Rantrad is an organisation that promotes good practice in neighbourhood renewal, community cohesion and urban regeneration. They are now launching a new training programme with dates in London on the following topics:

- **Community Engagement Master-class** – 8th December
- **Community Regeneration Master-class** – 6th December
- **Evaluation Master-class** – 7th December
- **Programme Management Master-class** – 8th December
- **Big Society Master-class** – 1st December
- **Public Health Evaluation Master-class** - 5th December

Each training place costs £150 plus VAT and lunch and full training packs are provided. To book your place please email info@rantrad.com with your requirements. If you would like us to deliver the training in house please just let us know your requirements. Details of the training can be found at <http://lgn1303223288.site-fusion.co.uk/rantrad/rantrad-training-dates-2011>

Other dates

12 November 2011 – SGD Conference: What are gardens for? - [More](#)

29 November 2011 - Delivering Productive Public Services – London - [More](#)

15 & 16 December 2011 - Future Cities 2011 - International Symposium – London – [More](#)

I hope you find this newsletter useful and informative in the work you are involved in. If you wish to suggest or have items for inclusion in future issues please [contact me](#).

Kind regards

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