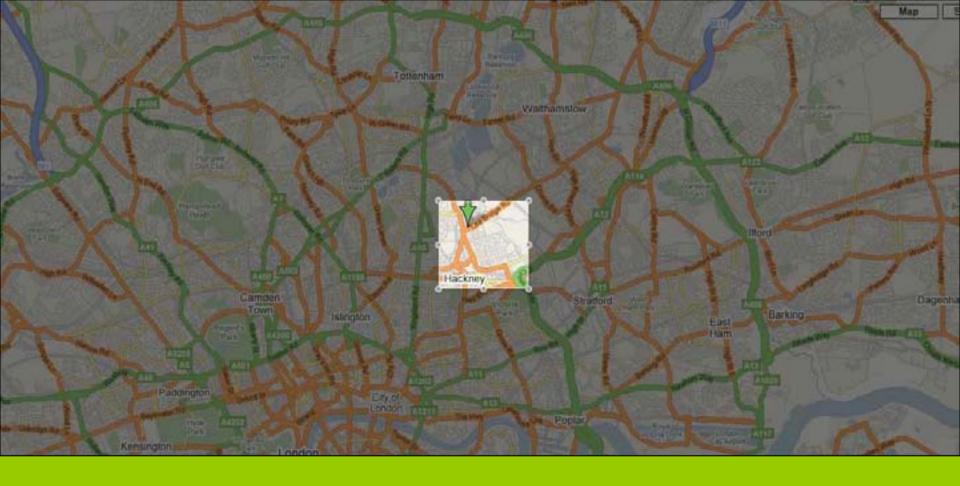






John little the Grass roof company



- •Its an estate of around 1200 properties mostly lease hold.
- •includes 120 separate green spaces.
- •the estate has been run by residents under a tenants management scheme since 1994
- •we won the contract for the green space maintenance in July 2002
- signed new 5 year contract March 2008



- •Why T.M.O's are important?
- •What do residents want?
- •Formal links; The board of residents Management team
- •Informal links. Meets with individual blocks Green days Chats during work-the most important link Community Schools/nurseries/allotments Cleaning staff/security staff
- Delivering what the residents want



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Welcome to the second issue of Open, brought to you by the Housing Corporation, the government agency that funds new affordable housing and regulates the work of housing associations in England.

In this issue, we focus on the latest green developments in housing. We show how housing associations are upping environmental standards of both new homes and existing buildings, and how greening the spaces in between homes is helping to improve the quality of residents' lives. And at the back you'll find a directory of research and guidance published by the Housing Corporation and others, which will help you find the expertise you're looking for on this subject.

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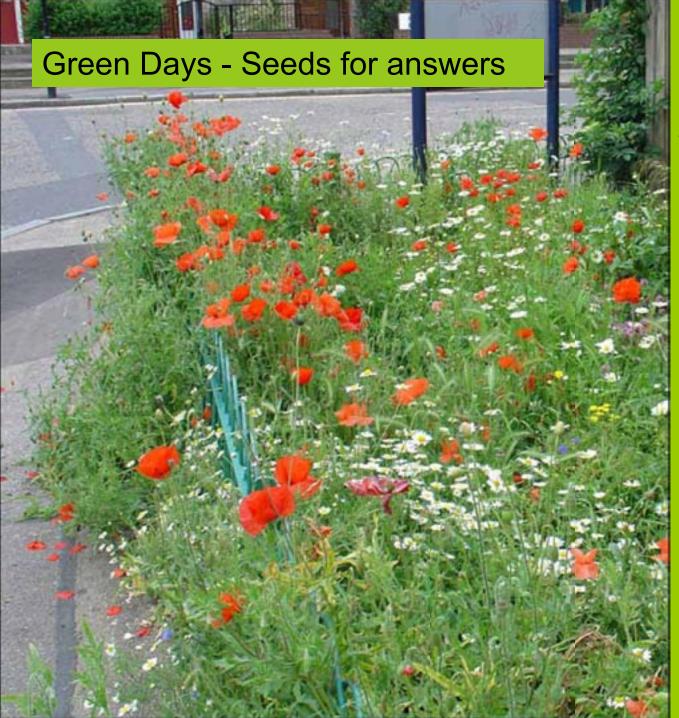


## Why TMO's are so important to us as contractors

Gives direct and regular contact with the residents

Allows smaller companies the chance to work in urban green space maintenance

Much more open to change



"I would like to see more green space filled with flowers. It makes the site more beautiful and clean. I would also like to see it kept clean and nice at all time"

"To crunched up together"

"It's not Milton Keynes. Help people to do their gardens. More green areas for children to play"

"Grow things that can eat"

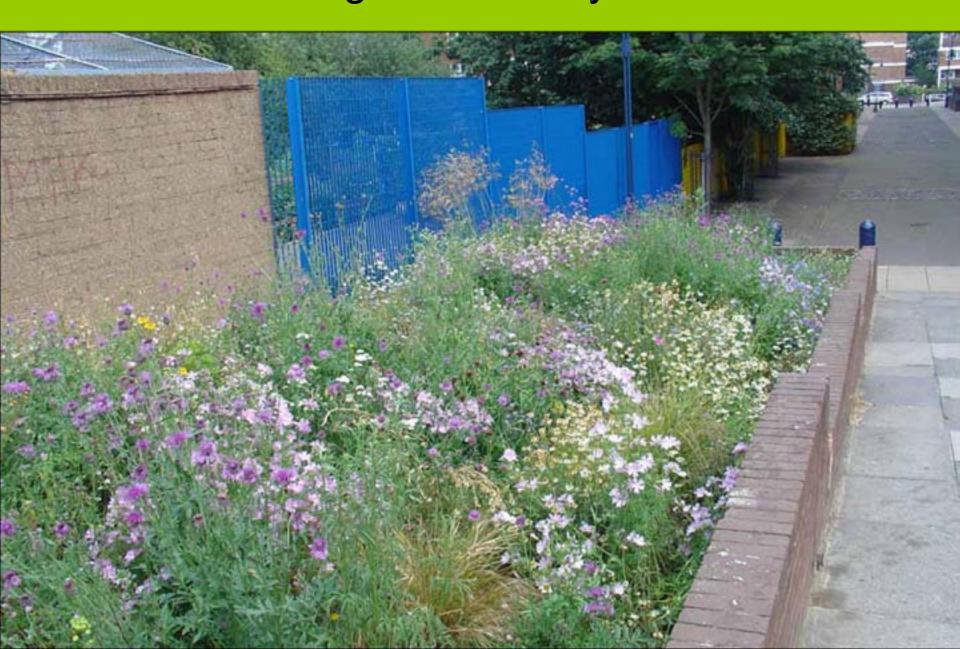
"Keep up the good work it really beautiful"

"If you need any voluntary help I'm willing, can't do double digging because a horse fell on me! But pruning, planting etc. Can't remember mobile no but knock – I'm in every afternoon. Good work"





## Links with cleaning and security teams

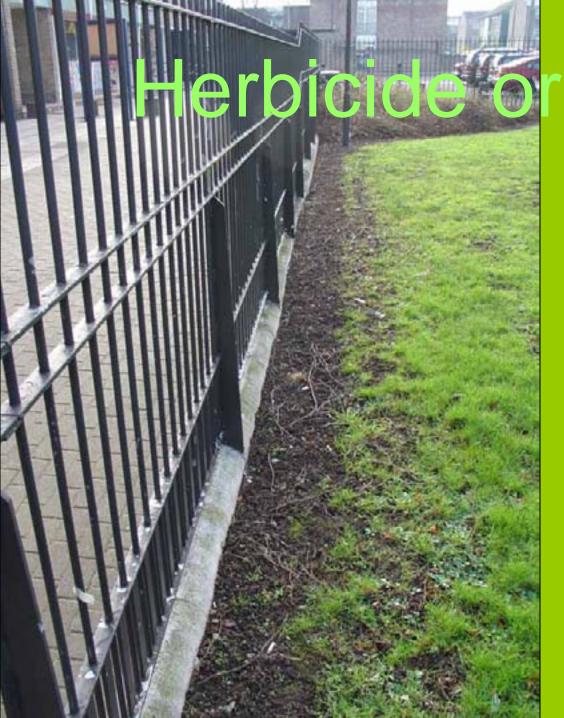












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Maureen, chair of the TMO, I'm sure she likes what we do?













Wild flower turf edge a more sustainable approach?





## Mid October still acceptable?

















# Estate food

Allotments, Orchards and herb beds



Bringing communities together













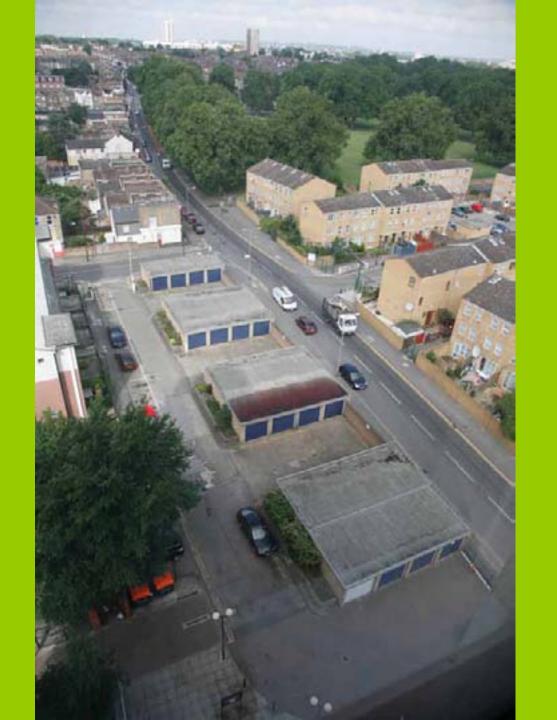




## Green roofs/brown roofs



























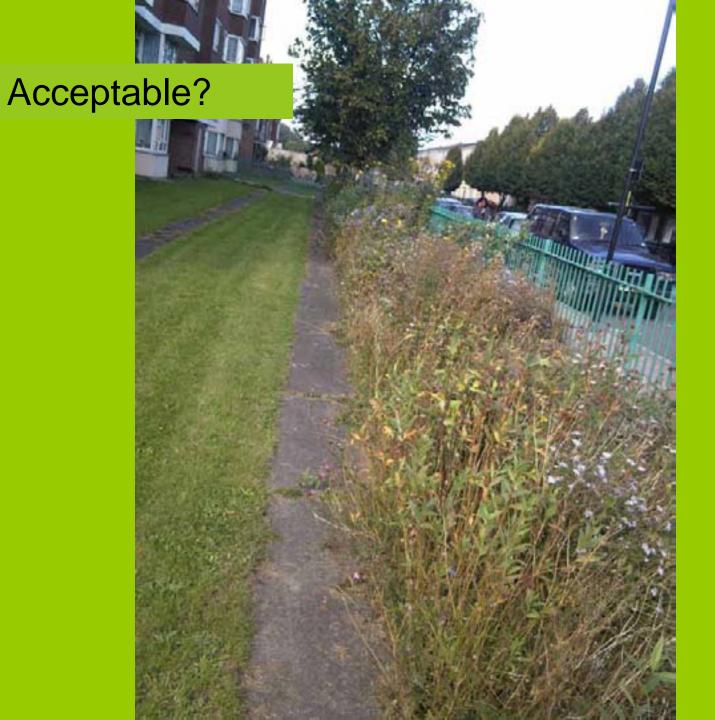












## Colour and biodiversity without water

























## Disguising biodiversity?















## What went wrong?

Middle class views

Not enough complaints

Naturalistic/neat balance

Getting residents outside

Not enough links with local council

The basics

Need more links with wildlife groups

Not enough formal surveys



## What works?

Food growing

Colour

Growing from seed

Native and fruit tree planting



External funding







Green days.....part of the maintenance contract?



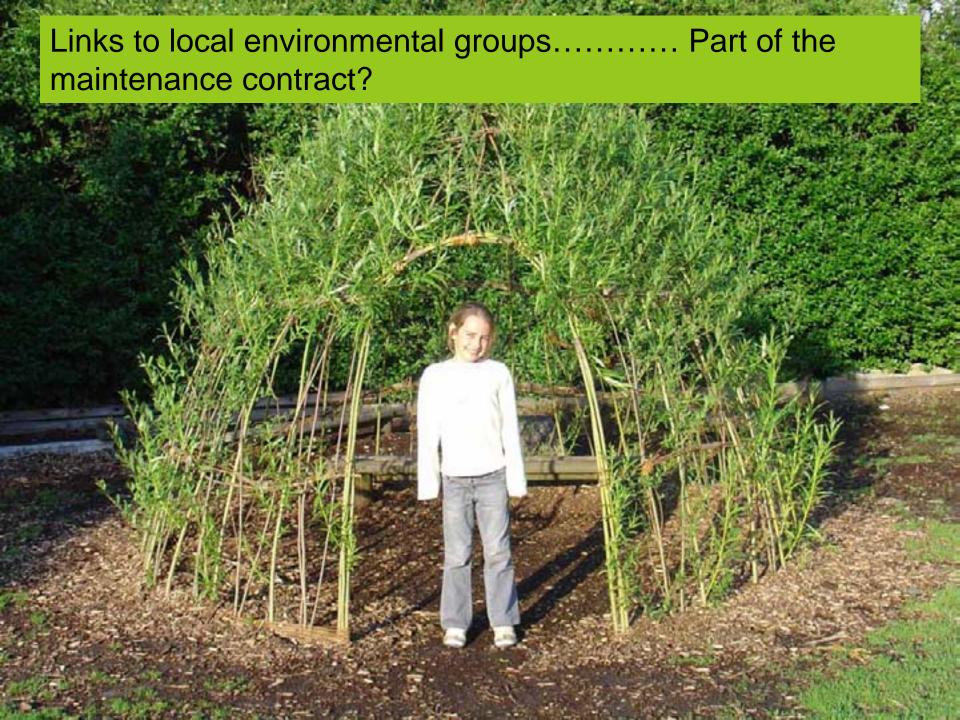
Encouraging bike storage .....part of the maintenance contract?





Possibilities ...... Part of the maintenance contract?







Creative thinking ......Part of the maintenance contract?



Advice and enthusiasm ......Should be part of every maintenance contract



