

Greener Golf Network

Guidance for setting up new groups

Beginnings

Started life in Leicestershire 2021

- see website for account of development
- Home page
- About tab

Growing

- now includes other counties under umbrella
- website sections for other counties
- All counties welcome
- subject to principles and values as per Home page of website

GGN offers to New Counties

- Use of company logo
- Use of publicity material
- Sharing of website
 - Own section
 - Newsletter section
- Sharing of case studies, library documents
 - Welcomes case studies from all
- Support from Directors by phone or email

What GGN is about:

- Sustainability in all aspects
 - Biodiversity
 - Energy conservation
 - Education
 - Water conservation
 - Reduction of pollution
 - Supporting the community
- Forging links with agencies, e.g.:
 - Wildlife Trusts
 - Ecology consultants
 - County Council Environment Team
 - Hawk and Owl Trust
 - Butterfly Conservation
- Sourcing of Funds:
 - Charitable foundations
 - Private sponsors
 - Each county to source own funds

WHAT GGN DO

Programme of events through the year:

- Annual conference with invited guest speakers
- Seminars - such as on Biodiversity Net Gain BGN

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- Forums
- Course visits

Tips to Set up a New County Group

❖ Start group at home club

- Seek support at management level
 - golf manager
 - Head greenkeeper
 - Committee level
 - sustainability manager/director
 - Support with a donation/budget

- Seek support from Members

- Via newsletter
- Voluntary donations e.g. plants, rocks
- Noticeboard

- Arrange meetings with members

- Organise schedule of tasks for the year (3 years if possible)
- Organise task groups

❖ Develop links with other clubs in the county

- Produce an email list of contacts

- Call clubs by phone - it is always an advantage to develop a personal connection
- Update above list to best contact

- Arrange a county meeting of contacts

- Create a steering group or Forum to initiate contacts between clubs
- Share news, ideas, practices between clubs
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❖ Next Steps

- Future Planning
- Conference/seminars/site visits etc.