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NEW WOODLAND VOLUNTEER GROUP FOR GRIFFIN WOOD

Following a successful pair of community tree planting days at emerging Bold beauty spot Griffin Wood, budding nature enthusiasts are now being offered the chance to join a green volunteer group to help develop the woodland further.

The tree planting days last month saw local volunteers from Sutton and Bold and youngsters from 14th Clock Face Scout group roll up their sleeves to plant a mixture of oak, ash and hawthorn trees at the site.

Now a pair of meetings are being held in the area for those interested in the proposed woodland group. The group will be supported by environmental regeneration initiative The Mersey Forest and will meet to carry out conservation work and to plan development work at Griffin Wood and at other woodlands near to Sutton Leach and Clock Face. To find out how you can get involved, come along to Chester Lane Community Centre, Fouracre Lane, Sutton Manor on Monday 16th April at 7.30pm or on Thursday 26th April at 7.30pm.

Another new opportunity to make a difference at Griffin Wood is through Community Forests Northwest's Dedicate a Tree scheme which is now offering the chance to celebrate a special occasion or treat a loved one by dedicating a tree at the developing woodland. Prices begin at £10 and include a certificate, personalised with a chosen message to mark the dedication, along with a map to guide the recipient to the woodland.

To dedicate a tree or find out more call Ruth Puttick on 0161 872 1660 or visit www.cfnw.org.

For more information on Griffin Wood and to see more photos from the tree planting days, visit the woodland online at www.griffinwood.blogspot.com.

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The Mersey Forest:

The Mersey Forest is the leading environmental regeneration initiative in the North West and the largest of England's 12 Community Forests. The Mersey Forest is not restricted to a single site, rather it is being created across a 420 square mile area of Merseyside and North Cheshire as networks of woodlands and other habitat between and within our cities, towns and villages for - and with the involvement of - local communities. The regeneration of The Forest is driven by The Mersey Forest Partnership, which includes the Forestry Commission, Natural England and nine local authorities – Cheshire, Liverpool, Ellesmere Port and Neston, Halton, Knowsley, St Helens, Sefton, Vale Royal and Warrington. The Mersey Forest is the key driver for investment into and for the development of a green infrastructure for the North West, reclaiming over 8000 hectares of land, home to 1.6million people, over a 30-year period to bring revolutionary economic, social and environmental benefit to the region.