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### **BAT WALK AT CLINKHAM WOOD**

St.Helens nature-lovers are invited to an unusual treat next week with a free bat walk taking place at Clinkham Wood. All those keen to learn more about these fascinating creatures are welcome to attend, with the walk starting at 7pm on Wednesday 26th September with no booking required.

The walk will begin from The Mission on Moss Bank Road and will be led by a local bat expert. Attendees will also be provided with hand-held bat detectors to tune in to the frequency of the bats and hear their amazing calls.

The event is organised by the Friends of Clinkham Wood, the woodland's community group that is supported by environmental regeneration initiative The Mersey Forest.

Mac Carding of The Mersey Forest Team said: "Bat evenings like this are always great fun for all the family. It's shaping up to be an exciting event and the group and I would be delighted to see as many people as possible come along."

Those joining the walk are advised to bring a torch and to wear a waterproof, walking shoes and warm clothing.

For further information, please pick up the bat phone and call The Mersey Forest Offices on 01925 816 217.

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### **Editors Notes:**

#### **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 465 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.