



GREEN STREETS®

CASE STUDY: SUTTON MANOR

Part of the Local Sustainable Transport Fund

Promoting walking and cycling by making local routes greener and more attractive.

ROUTES GREENED 2 KM SO FAR

LOCATION ST.HELENS, MERSEYSIDE

PROGRAMME LSTF / SETTING THE SCENE FOR GROWTH



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THE STORY SO FAR



BACKGROUND

Four Acre and Sutton Manor are located in south St.Helens. The area was once the location of several large collieries, which closed over the last 20 years. The semi rural area remains largely the subject of social and economic deprivation.

While recent green space improvements have been delivered in the area, with involvement of The Forestry Commission and The Mersey Forest – including the installation of public art work, including the Dream sculpture, the creation of a cluster of community woodlands and green spaces known as Bold Forest Park, the residential areas in Four Acres and Sutton Manor still lacked street trees.

WHAT WE DID

The Mersey Forest team planted 171 trees in the Four Acre and Sutton Manor districts of St.Helens in 2011. Focusing on a three phase delivery the project delivered trees on key transport routes, residential streets and across local park spaces.

Consultation events were held at the beginning of the project to raise awareness of the project. The Mersey Forest team also carried out door-to-door community consultation to get feedback about residents' perceptions of the area and to enable residents to choose the species of trees that were planted on their streets.

WHO WE WORKED WITH

The Mersey Forest worked with St.Helens Council, Bold Ward Committee, Helena Partnerships and Re:new St.Helens to deliver this project.

OUR IMPACT

The Mersey Forest's work at Four Acre and Sutton Manor has brought attractive greenery to an area previously lacking trees and high quality green space.

As a result the area has become a more pleasant place for walking and cycling, and new leisure and recreation opportunities have been created through improved green space.

In particular, green routes have improved links with Sutton Manor Community Woodland and Brickfields through King George V playing fields as part of Bold Forest Park.

Improving the local environment has also encouraged more visitors to the area and inward investment in new mixed tenure housing stock by developers and social housing providers. Other economic benefits have been secured, including a raised profile and improved investment outlook for the local Lea Green Industrial Park.

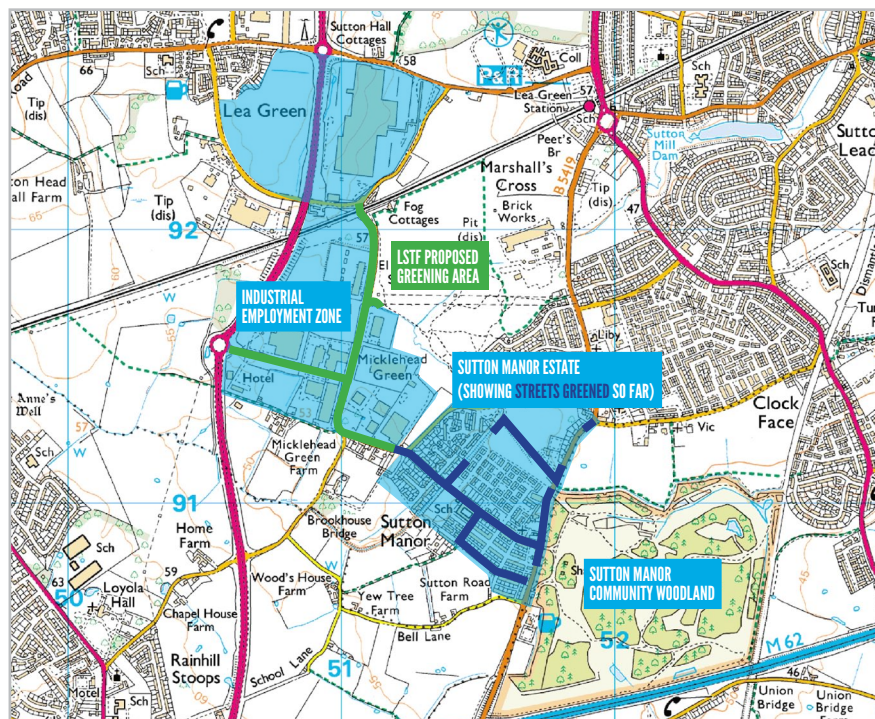
FUNDING

The project was part-funded by the Forestry Commission's Setting the Scene for Growth programme funded by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, with additional funding provided by St.Helens Council, Bold Ward Committee, Re:New St.Helens, Cory Environmental Trust in Britain and the government's Big Tree Plant project.





COMING UP AS PART OF LSTF



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MORE STREET GREENING

Sutton Manor is set to benefit from further street tree planting thanks to its share of the £0.5 million street tree planting programme being delivered by The Mersey Forest which will create more attractive travel routes between areas of high unemployment and places of education, training and work.

Funded by the Department for Transport, the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) 2012-2015 has awarded almost £25 million to Merseyside to deliver sustainable travel solutions that support economic growth while reducing carbon emissions. As part of this, The Mersey Forest has secured funding to plant street trees and other greenery along a total of 22km of "linking routes" in Sutton Manor and four other areas.

Working closely with the project partners, the street tree planting in Sutton Manor will begin in winter 2013/2014 and will contribute to The Mersey Forest's already

successful Green Streets project, which since 2007 has planted more than 1000 street trees in Merseyside and North Cheshire.

CONSULTATION

Local residents and businesses will be put at the heart of the plans thanks to community consultations carried out by The Mersey Forest which will ask local communities which species of trees they would like to see near them and whether they wish to be involved in watering their new trees.

The greening of the routes will complement a raft of other local projects within the wider LSTF programme, such as cycle hire schemes and improved bus services. Together with the street greening work, the projects aims to boost the number of people using sustainable modes of travel including walking, cycling and taking the bus, providing a greener route to work.

BENEFITS

Benefits will include reduced carbon emissions and air pollution, improved physical and mental health, and more people entering training, education and ultimately employment.

LSTF projects are delivered by The Merseyside Transport Partnership consisting of Merseytravel and the five local authorities of Merseyside – Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St. Helens and Wirral, with Sustrans, The Mersey Forest and the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce.