

Work starts on community forest scheme



● ABOVE: Work starts to prepare the land off Hall Lane for the planting of thousands of trees to create Griffin Wood.

A COMMUNITY woodland is starting to take shape, grown from the ideas suggested by green-fingered neighbours who are helping re-develop old farm land.

Work is starting on Griffin Wood - situated at the bottom of Hall Lane, between Sutton Leach, Clock Face and Burtonwood - thanks to the help of environmental regeneration organisation, Mersey Forest.

Last autumn residents visited the area and submitted sketches and ideas as to how they would like to see the project develop.

Paul Nolan, director of Mersey Forest explained that the name Griffin Wood head-

ed a short-list suggested by members of the public. A griffin also features on St Helens' coat of arms, he pointed out.

Work has begun to prepare the ground for sowing the wild flower meadows and planting trees. The development of the wood will take place over several years, starting with the planting of thousands of trees during February and March.

Anyone interested in getting involved is invited to visit the site between 10.30am and 3.30pm on Wednesday, March 21 and Sunday, March 25.

For further details you can contact the Mersey Forest team on 01925 816217.