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# **Knowsley park transformed into outdoor education hotspot**

More children are now able to access outdoor education following the completion of a project at Stadt Moers Park in Knowsley.

The project involved improving the existing woodlands at Stadt Moers Park and developing three Forest School areas, which are now being used by Knowsley Council rangers to host outdoor classes and weekend family days.

The woodland now includes clearings with seating and campfire areas, where children can participate in activities ranging from woodland arts and crafts to den building. The improvements have also included litter clearance, and the woodland now features a wildflower meadow and a small orchard of plum and apple trees.

Two Knowsley Council rangers were trained up to be Forest School Leaders as part of the project.

The project was funded by Cory Environmental Trust in Britain (CETB) and coordinated by The Mersey Forest. Volunteers from The Conservation Volunteers were also involved in helping the woodland improvements to take shape.

Angela Haymonds from CETB said: "It's fantastic to have been part of a project which will extend the benefits of natural play to children of all ages in the local neighbourhood."

Photo caption: Angela Haymonds (CETB) digs in with Knowsley Council ranger Gordon Lavender.

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### **Notes to editors:**

#### **The Mersey Forest**

The Mersey Forest is a growing network of woodlands and green spaces spread across Cheshire and Merseyside, which has been creating 'woodlands on your doorstep' for 20 years.

The Forest is one of the leading environmental regeneration initiatives in the North West. Through community and partnership working, we have planted more than 8 million trees - equivalent to five new trees for every person living within the Forest area.

The Forest helps our towns and cities adapt to climate change and has won the Brian Redhead Award for Environmental Sustainability, creates woodlands that 20% of local people visit at least once a week, and by improving the image of our towns and cities sets the scene for growth within the region's £98 billion economy.

We achieve all of this and more through our partnership of local authorities, landowners, the Forestry Commission, Natural England and businesses including United Utilities.

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#### **Cory Environmental Trust in Britain (CETB)**

CETB is an Environmental Trust set up under the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) (formerly known as the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme) under the Landfill Tax Regulations 1996. Its funds are derived as a result of a tax placed on waste that is sent to landfill. CETB funds projects that bring benefit to local communities close to an active landfill site. Since the Trust's inception in 2002 it has funded over 240 community projects with a total value of £9.4 million. For more information visit [www.coryenvironmental.co.uk](http://www.coryenvironmental.co.uk) or contact Angela Haymonds on 01753 582513 or [ahaymonds@cetb.org.uk](mailto:ahaymonds@cetb.org.uk).