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Free trees giveaway at St.Helens pubs

St Helens residents are being given the opportunity to pick up a free tree for their garden or allotment.

The free tree giveaway will be hosted by two South St Helens pubs:

- The Griffin Inn, Bold Heath on Saturday 13 December, between 10:30 and 12:30;
- The Clockface, Clockface Road on Sunday 14 December, between 12:00 and 14:00.

The scheme is being organised by The Mersey Forest as part of the PURE HUBS project and is being supported by the national Big Tree Plant Campaign and the Woodland Trust.

Around 600 silver birch, rowan, crab apple and hazel trees will be available for residents to claim on a first come, first served basis. Residents will also be given information about how to plant and look after the trees.

Jo Sayers, Community Development Officer at The Mersey Forest, said: "This is a great opportunity for St Helens residents to brighten up their gardens or allotments with a free tree and find out more about Bold Forest Park.

"Winter is the perfect time to plant trees, which will begin to grow during the following spring."

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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 more than 20 years.

The Forest is one of the leading environmental regeneration initiatives in the North West. Through community and partnership working, we have planted 9 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, 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, the Environment Agency and businesses.

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The Big Tree Plant

The Big Tree Plant is a national campaign that helps people and communities across England to plant more trees where they live and work. Our target is to plant 1 million additional trees by April 2015.

Details of the campaign can be found at: www.direct.gov.uk/thebigtreeplant

The campaign has the support of major bodies including Defra and the Forestry Commission, environmental charities and other agencies including England's Community Forests and the Woodland Trust

PURE HUBS

This EU Interreg IVB project supports Pioneers in Urban-Rural Entrepreneurship to create vital new hubs, using funding from the European Regional Development Fund.

Find out more: <http://www.purehubs.eu/>