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## **TREEMENDOUS RETIREMENT TRIBUTE**

What better way to sign off from a long and distinguished career than to have a lasting green tribute planted in your honour by your former colleagues?

This was the perfect retirement gift received by David Scott, former partner of environmental consultancy TEP, based in Warrington, when TEP staff rolled up their sleeves to plant trees to create Scott's Copse. The two acre tree tribute is located in Griffin Wood, a brand new community woodland being developed by The Mersey Forest in south St Helens. The location of the Copse is a fitting one for Mr Scott, who is currently chair of the Mersey Forest Trust.

"I am looking forward to seeing the woodland become established so that we and future generations can enjoy it," said Mr Scott.

The tree planting day also has a further meaning for TEP as it marks the first in a series of 10 special events planned for 2007 to celebrate a decade in business for the company.

Paul Nolan, Director of The Mersey Forest, said: "David has made a huge contribution to improving the environment over many years, and we're delighted to have been able to help his staff pay tribute to him."

To find out more about Griffin Wood visit the woodland's website at [www.griffinwood.blogspot.com](http://www.griffinwood.blogspot.com).

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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 420 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.