

# The Mersey Forest

## Northern Forest programme



## Standard Trees Offer and Guidance on Grant Funding

Council Officers, residents, friends of, and community groups; Town and Parish Councils can take advantage of considerable funding and technical support towards the planting of standard trees until March 2025 through the Northern Forest Grow Back Greener programme.



Residents in Liverpool plant their own trees using Mersey Forest support

Volunteers in Sefton plant trees

Community groups planting trees

The Mersey Forest can offer organisations in Liverpool City Region and Cheshire support and funding to plant trees in grass verges, streets, schools

and greenspaces. This offer is supplementary to the Northern Forest offer for woodland creation schemes.

### Where can I plant a tree?

Northern Forest are looking for locations where small groups of trees or avenues can be located at least 1.5m away from roadsides unless in the highway where adequate match funding is available to create a tree pit.

### How many trees can I plant?

There is no restriction on the numbers of trees planted but they must be adequately spaced. We recommend 12m spacing to allow for healthy crown growth

As well as allowing light and air between canopies.

### How much funding can I get?

There is up to £413 per tree available towards the planting of standard trees of a substantial size supported by stakes and guarded to prevent intentional damage

and to establish the tree over a 3-year period.

### **Do I need to provide match funding?**

No - but you'd only need to provide a letter stating that you have funds in place amounting to 100% match that could be used to replace any trees that fail or are damaged and that you will maintain the trees in good health for 3 years.

### **What support can I expect?**

The Mersey Forest has a wealth of experience in delivering successful schemes across the forest area working in communities.

We can offer assistance in specifying and sourcing materials and trees, implementation design, and delivery from enquiry through to planting and beyond.

### **What type of trees can be planted?**

Trees should be planted so that the right tree is planted in the right place. We recommend a range of suitable species that can have an exciting display of amazing flower, fruit, leaf colour and shape, autumn and spring foliage and types. Trees grow to a wide range of sizes and shapes.

### **Why are trees important in my local environment?**

Trees mark the seasons for the above reasons and contribute to our efforts to address climate change. Trees shape our natural and complement our built environment and contribute to our daily wellbeing.

### **How do I get in touch?**

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