



GREEN STREETS®

SUTTON MANOR

Street tree planting to complement and enhance the regeneration of south St. Helens.

TREES PLANTED	171 STREET TREES
LOCATION	ST. HELENS, MERSEYSIDE
PROGRAMME	SETTING THE SCENE FOR GROWTH





BACKGROUND

Four Acre and Sutton Manor are located in south St.Helens. The area was once the location of several large collieries, which closed over the last 20 years. The semi rural area remains largely the subject of social and economic deprivation.

While recent green space improvements have been delivered in the area, with involvement of The Forestry Commission and The Mersey Forest – including the installation of public art work, including the Dream sculpture, and the creation of a cluster of community woodlands and green spaces known as Bold Forest Park – the residential areas in Four Acres and Sutton Manor still lacked street trees.

WHAT WE DID

The Mersey Forest team planted 171 trees in the Four Acre and Sutton Manor districts of St.Helens in 2011. Focusing on a three phase delivery the project delivered trees on key transport routes, residential streets and across local park spaces.

Consultation events were held from the start to raise awareness of the project. The Mersey Forest team also carried out door-to-door community consultation to get feedback about residents' perceptions of the area and

to enable residents to choose the species of trees that were planted on their streets.

WHO WE WORKED WITH

The Mersey Forest worked with St.Helens Council, Bold Ward Committee, Helena Partnerships and Re:new St.Helens to deliver this project.

OUR IMPACT

The Mersey Forest's work at Four Acre and Sutton Manor has brought attractive greenery to an area previously lacking trees and high quality green space.

As a result the area has become a more pleasant place for walking and cycling, and new leisure and recreation opportunities have been created through improved green space.

In particular, green routes have improved links with Sutton Manor Community Woodland and Brickfields through King George V playing fields as part of Bold Forest Park.

Improving the local environment has also encouraged more visitors to the area and inward investment in new mixed tenure housing stock by developers and social housing providers. Other economic benefits

have been secured, including a raised profile and an improved investment outlook for the local Lea Green Industrial Park.

FUNDING

The project was part-funded by the Forestry Commission's Setting the Scene for Growth programme funded by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, with additional funding provided by St.Helens Council, Bold Ward Committee, Re:New St.Helens, Cory Environmental Trust in Britain and the government's Big Tree Plant project.

Building on this investment, additional street greening is now taking place as part of the Local Sustainable Transport Fund, funded by the Department for Transport.

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