

Case study: Green Streets in Knowsley



Streets trees planted through the Green Streets programme in Northwood, Knowsley, 2013. Photo by McCoy Wynne

Since 2008, The Mersey Forest has planted thousands of street trees through its Green Streets programme. Green Streets works in areas of deprivation, brightening residential areas previously bereft of greenery, making them more wildlife friendly and resilient to climate change. It also boosts health and wellbeing and the use of sustainable transport options, encouraging people to walk or cycle to school and work by greening the links to areas of employment, education and training.

In Knowsley alone, we've worked alongside residents to plant over 300 trees, in the neighbourhoods of Huyton, Halewood, Kirkby and Northwood. To do this, we work with a range of partners, including local businesses, housing associations, funding bodies and local authorities. In 2012, we secured funding from the Local Sustainable Transport Fund, which we will be using to deliver over 4km of greener walking and cycling routes in Kirkby. The funding will see The Mersey Forest plant street trees in St.Helens, the Wirral, Liverpool and Sefton over the coming years, greening a total of 22km of streets.

Partners and funders include:

Knowsley Council	Forestry Commission	Local Sustainable Transport Fund
Knowsley Housing Trust	Newlands programme	(funded by Department for Transport)
ERDF Objective One	EU Objective One	Merseytravel
Neighbourhood Renewal Fund	Natural England	
The Big Tree Plant	Big Lottery Fund	
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