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# Red Rose Forest - Greater Manchester's **Community Forest**



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## What is a community Forest?

“Community Forests are inspirational. Created around the edges of twelve cities in England, they are transforming landscapes, regenerating economies, and improving the immediate environment whilst providing accessible green spaces for people and wildlife. Local communities are the driving force behind Community Forests and they all reflect local needs and ambitions.”

[http://www.communityforest.org.uk/resources/ECF\\_GI\\_Report.pdf](http://www.communityforest.org.uk/resources/ECF_GI_Report.pdf)



*The provision of woodland can be a powerful mechanism for improving local environmental quality and can also be a key tool in responding to climate change.*

- ✓ Trees are effective tools for dealing with air pollution.
- ✓ Forests help to deal with surface waters and flooding
- ✓ The cooling impact of woodland is likely to become an increasingly important factor as a result of global climate change.

*“Planners and green space managers must increase vegetation cover in urban areas and provide cooler areas to which people can escape.”* Susannah Gill, ASCCUE, PROJECT RESEARCHER.

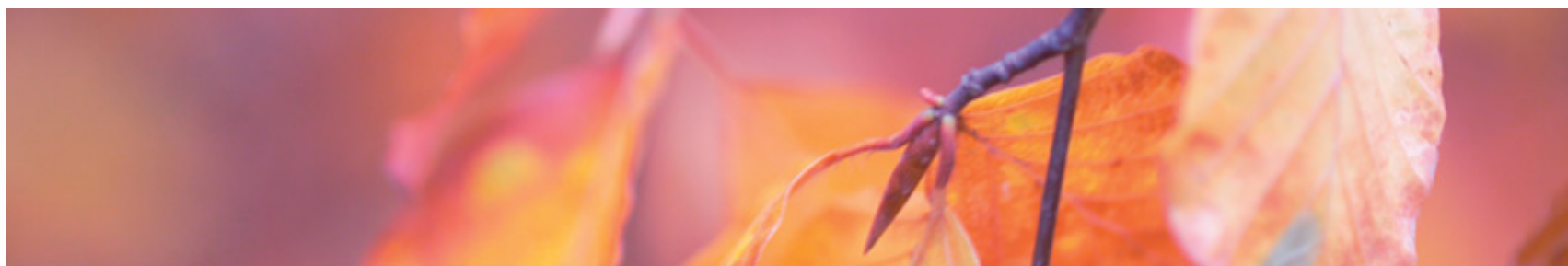
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## With a Northwest partnership

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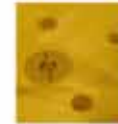
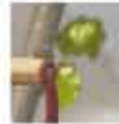
supporting the mersey, red rose and pennine edge forests



Community Forests Northwest is supporting The Red Rose Forest, The Mersey Forest and The Pennine Edge Forest as over 50 million trees are planted in the region over 40 years. CFNW offers businesses and individuals many opportunities to get involved in this valuable project which is transforming and greening the Northwest of England.

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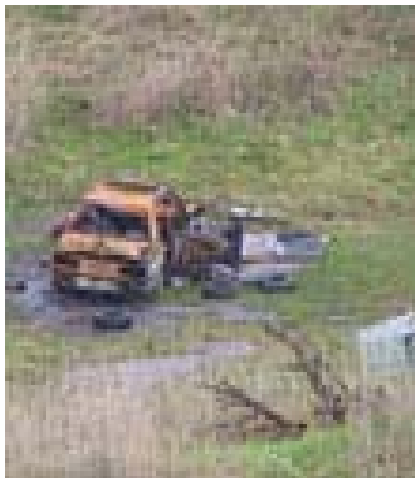


Creating high-quality environments by **revitalising** derelict land,  
Finding planting opportunities requires clever thinking!

## Newlands

<http://www.newlandsproject.co.uk/>

..... tackling some of the worst areas of neglected land in the Northwest  
and transforming them into thriving, durable, community woodlands .....



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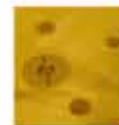


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**new opportunities for leisure, recreation, and cultural activities**

## Green Tips,

The Green Tips project turns closed landfill sites into Community Woodland, which will become a valuable, well-managed asset for the local area increasing **biodiversity** and creating new **leisure** opportunities.

Green Tips is helping local people to get the most out of their new facility. Lots of community consultation and tree planting events, new footpaths and cycle routes and wildflower plantings have helped the Green Tips project to meet the needs of hundreds of local people, whilst contributing towards greening the region!



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## Economic and social regeneration, Proposed Regional Parks.

### Wigan's Greenheart

through the centre and south of the borough linking existing recreation sites such as Pennington Flash as well as incorporating restored areas of derelict land

### The Croal Irwell Regional Park

from the centre of Manchester out to the West Pennine Moors through Central Salford, Bury and Bolton up the Croal and Irwell river valleys. It aims to develop itself as a regional centre for active recreation and become known as

### [Greater Manchester's Urban Playground.](#)

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Transforming landscapes

## Urban street tree planting

### Green Streets

The Green Streets project helps local communities in Manchester, Salford and Trafford to green their neighbourhoods by planting street trees, making hanging baskets, filling planters with flowers, creating community gardens or establishing environmental art works.



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## Green Streets:

Green Streets works closely with residents, helping them to design their scheme, find appropriate funding, consult their neighbours and maintain the planting.



before



after

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## Supporting education and healthy living

**Health Walks; Forest Fever; Green Streets and Community Orchards**, for local people to collect free fruit during harvest time. As well as apple trees there are pear trees, redcurrant bushes, damsons, blackberries, plums and hazelnuts growing for the benefit of local people.



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## Summary

- urban, economic and social regeneration,
  - creating high-quality environments by revitalising derelict land,
- providing new opportunities for leisure, recreation, and cultural activities,
  - enhancing biodiversity,
- preparing for climate change
  - supporting education, healthy living and social and economic development.





## Some walks you might take Community Woodlands

### Glazebrook Timberland Trail:

an 18km route that meanders follows the path of the River Glaze as it travels from Pennington Flash in Wigan to Cadishead in Salford.

### Pennington Flash Country Park

A firm favourite with all those keen on bird watching, Pennington.

### Bedford Moss

The area around the Moss is dominated by tall herbs, wild angelica and reed canary grass, which are rich in butterflies in the summer.

### Woolden Wood

an area of mature woodland .... and others...

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Visit the website

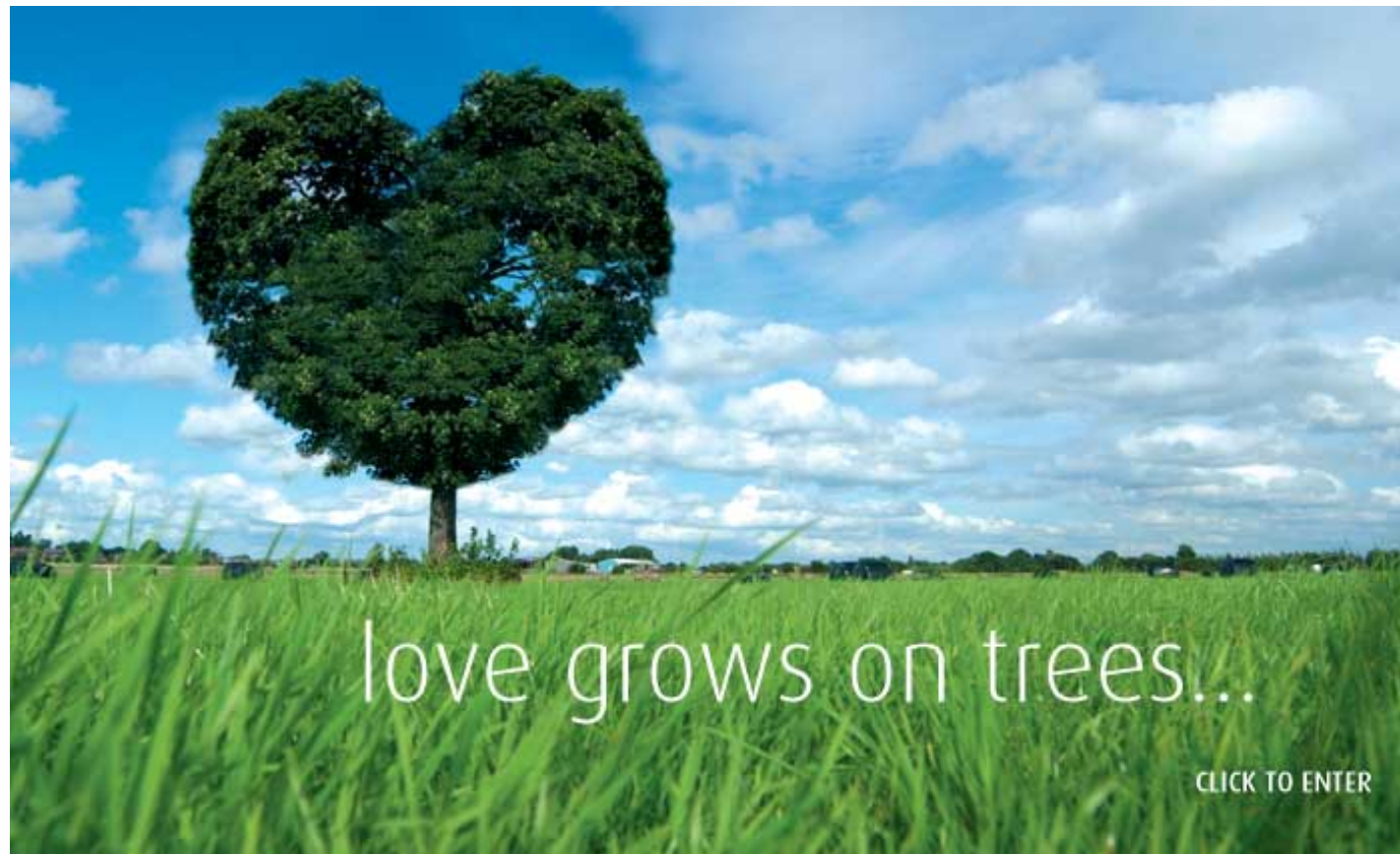
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Or...dedicate a tree when you want to celebrate.....



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