



Children planting seeds at Blackley Forest

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## Friends of the forest go green for future generations

A FUN and sociable seed gathering event was enjoyed by volunteers from the Friends of Blackley Forest.

Both locals and members of the Friends enjoyed a walk through the forest, learning about the work that is taking place to preserve and enhance the beauty spot, as well as gathering hundreds of seeds from oak and beech trees.

After the seeds were gathered they were then potted and will be cared for until next year, when they will be planted in Blackley Forest during National Tree Week.

The event was part of the

Tree Council's national Seed Gathering Season and was organised by the Red Rose Forest organisation, which also hosted a similar day at Heaton Park.

Hilary Wood, Irk Valley Project Officer, was one of the hard workers who ensured the day went well.

She said: "This has been an important day, introducing local residents to this wonderful forest and giving people an opportunity to contribute to the future sustainability of the site.

"The trees we grow from these seeds will be planted back into the forest next year, ensuring that future generations will enjoy the forest as much as we do."

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