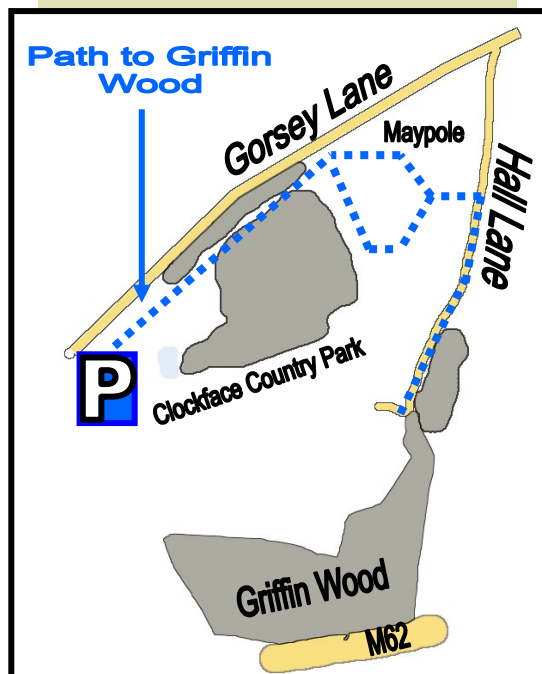


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EVENT AND TASK DAYS

Meeting times

The Friends of Griffin Wood meet for task days on the first Sunday of the Month. See website for details or call The Mersey Forest team on 01925 816217.



Please note, except for task days when we open the gates to Griffin Wood, parking is not permitted on Hall Lane, please park in the car park at Clockface country park (see map). From here you can walk to Griffin Wood (15 min) Thank you

The Friends of Griffin Wood

The Friends of Griffin Wood are a community group of volunteers who work to celebrate and care for Griffin Wood.

The group, formed in April 2007 when the new woodland was planted, works in partnership with the owners, Community Forests North West. So far the group among its many activities have held tree and bulb planting events, helped build the site's bird hide, started a willow tunnel and sown wildflower seeds in our new meadows to create the lovely blooms enjoyed over the past few summers. Future tasks include an orchard, animal and plant surveys and the ever increasing willow tunnel.

New faces are always welcome, so if you fancy coming along to the next event ring for information on 01925 816217, keep an eye on our home page for details or get in touch and sign up to the Griffin Wood mailing list at:- www.merseyforest.org.uk/griffinwood



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Griffin Wood



Griffin Wood is a community woodland in south St.Helens, Merseyside. At its entrance you are greeted by a lovely section of mature woodland which then opens out onto a much wider expanse of new woodland designed and planted with the help of the local community in 2007

Watch our Woods Mature

Or be a part of it



Originally Griffin Wood was a 12 acre agricultural field, with one hectare of mature woodland in the northern corner. The woodland was in poor condition having had little management for the past few decades. Having been acquired by Community Forest North West (CFNW) in

May 2005, a plan was drawn up to reach nearby communities. The name Griffin Wood was chosen from a shortlist suggested by members of the public. The name linked in well with the local area as a griffin features in the legend of how Bold got its name and appears on the St. Helens coat of arms. The design of the woods layout was also decided at this time and this led to the formation of The Friends of Griffin Wood (TFoGW) in 2007. There are three environments,

one sown with shade-loving species and planted with a mix of native trees and shrubs, one with annual and perennial wildflowers and another with wetland wildflower species to complement the series of new and existing ponds spread across the site. After the wildflower



seeding, the site was planted with a mixture of native broadleaf trees in March 2007, with the help of local residents at several community tree planting days. Footpaths were created in 2008 and the existing track into the site was upgraded. This provided a circular route through the mature and new woodland. In April 2010 a sculptured



bench was designed and installed by Julian Taylor who took inspiration for the design from the Broad Buckler ferns that can be found within the mature woodland, as well as linking it back to the coal mining heritage of Clock Face. The presence of fern forests 300 million years ago helped create the rich coal seams that were found in the surrounding area. Julian was able to construct the bench using timber that had been extracted from the mature woodland as part of tree safety works. In May 2010 a sculpture trail was created using five designs from local families at a community Wood works event. Ongoing work will see new orchards, a willow tunnel and a willow dome. So why not come for a walk and watch our woods mature.