



Introducing Life for a Life Memorial Forests



Who are Life for a Life?

Established in 1999, 'Life for a Life' is a UK registered charity who's mission is to establish memorial forests, where individual, families and their friends can plant trees in celebration and remembrance of their lost loved ones.

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Orchid in the memorial forest at Griffin Wood in partnership with The Mersey Forest


Charitable Objectives

Plant a memorial tree to -

- Reduce the impact of grief by doing something positive to remember a loved one
- Raise charitable funds for local organisations
- Improve the natural environment, through the creation of memorial forest



Helping Improve access at Sholver, Oldham, Supporting the Sholver Millennium Green Trust



What have we achieved over the last 24 years?

Over 11,000 memorial Trees planted

Over 132,000 People given a place to grieve and help relieve the mental stress of grief and bereavement

Over £1.6 Million pounds donated to other health related charities and organisations

Over 130 organisations helped with either direct grants or 'gift in kind'

60 memorial forests active and under management totaling 140 acres.

Trees with meaning

- Improve mental health and reduce stresses of bereavement
- Planting a lasting memorial
- Celebrating a lost loved ones together
- Connecting with the outdoors
- Covid-19 impact

The Burrows Family after planting a memorial tree at Nab Hill, Anglezarke



Community & Social Benefits

- Donations to health-related organisations
- Supporting local community groups
- Connecting people with the outdoors
- Reduction of antisocial behaviour
- Access to well managed amenity green spaces

Donation to Blossom at Wythenshawe Park
helping fund health activities.



Countess of Chester Country Park -
In partnership with The Land Trust



Community & Social Benefits In Action!

- New community feature inside the park, with the Memorial Forest meeting a local need.
- Long-term funding from Life for a Life, enabling preventative health activities in the park.
- Support for the sites managing partner The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) and the Friends group, helping them maintain the fruit orchards and support them with the long-term loan of equipment, so the park can be maintained to a Green Flag Award Standard.

Environmental Benefits

- Sequestering carbon creating cleaner and cooler air
- Create new and protect existing habitats
- Biodiversity improvements
- Reduce flooding issues
- Create wind barrier



Skipper Butterfly feeding on Knapweed at the Crook o'Lune Community Meadow

Meadow Management - Crook o'Lune Community Meadow, Caton



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Environmental Benefit In Action!

Community led initiative to change the grassland management from a “Green Desert” to a matrix of different habitats, now 8 years on.

- 2.5-acre memorial forest (350 trees on 5m centres).
- 3 acres of restored wildflower meadows.
- 0.5 acres of rough undamaged grassland as a wildlife refuge.
- Continued management without the need for grants.

Landowner Benefits

- Zero cost biodiversity net gain
- No cost to landowner for establishment and maintenance
- Creation of well-managed accessible amenities
- Tree count
- Customer relationship management
- Long-term on site partner
- In Growing Partnership – able to work with and support other charities and organisations
- Memorial Plaques removed after 25 years leaving a natural woodland for everyone to enjoy.
- Dead memorial trees replaced if they do not establish

Community Windfall Orchard planted by Salford Schools at the Wardley Hall Memorial Forest.





Landowner Benefits In Action!

- Woodland management
- New fencing to protect existing woodland stand from encroaching cattle.
- Thinning for re-spacing to make sure mature trees can thrive
- Removal of dead and damaged trees so the area is accessible and safe to the public

Long-Term Management

- Grass cutting and wildflower establishment helping to maintain access and create ground flora.
- Continued customer relationship management.

Community feature at Zero Cost

- New access created into the Farm Woodland and site managed as public open space
- Pathway restoration

In Growing Partnership with





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