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Wood allotment launches at Spud Wood

Warrington residents are being invited to cut their own wood from a woodland in Lymm.

A wood allotment has been set up in Spud Wood, Lymm, to enable people to harvest their own woodfuel.

The wood allotments scheme enables people to cut cheap or free logs from local woodlands with the agreement of the landowner. In return, the felling helps to maintain the woodland.

The project at Spud Wood is being organised by Low Carbon Lymm, The Mersey Forest and Woodland Trust, following a successful pilot in Cheshire.

Residents are being asked to undertake tree-felling sessions run by the Conservation Volunteers, First Aid training, and sign up as a volunteer for the Woodland Trust before being allocated trees within the wood allotment.

Paul Nolan, Director at The Mersey Forest, said: "We're really excited that one of the first wood allotments in the country is now being run in Warrington.

"Wood allotments are a great way to sustainably manage woodlands and we're hoping to roll out the concept nationally this year."

For more information about wood allotments and to register your interest in a woodland, please visit www.woodallotments.com

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The Mersey Forest

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The Forest is one of the leading environmental regeneration initiatives in the North West. Through community and partnership working, we have planted more than 8 million trees - equivalent to five new trees for every person living within the Forest area.

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