

TREES ALONG THE MERSEY

Planting began in the winter of 1983/4 with Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*), which were later removed except for one near the footbridge, followed by three Alder (*Alnus* sp.) During 1984/5 planting began in earnest with Lime (*Tilia platyphyllos*), Oak (*Quercus robur*), Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), Poplar (*Populus alba*) and Elm (*Ulmus* sp.)

This winter there have been plantings of Birch (*Betula* sp.), Whitebeam (*Sorbus aria*), Rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*), more Alder (*Alder glutinosa*) and Poplar, plus some shrubs, Hazel (*Corylus avellana*), Elder (*Sambucus nigra*), Field Maple (*Acer campestre*), Honeysuckle (*Lonicera periclymenum*), Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), Guelder Rose (*Viburnum opulus*), plus some mistletoe berries (*Visum album*) which have been pressed into the bark of a mature Poplar and Sycamore. Although some of the plantings may seem close together they will be thinned out as they mature.

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