

Dainewell *Woods*



Woodlands for the Community created
by Shell Chemicals U.K. Limited
as part of Red Rose Forest



What are Dainewell Woods?

Dainewell Woods are a cluster of new broadleaved woodlands, planted on Dainewell Farm, Carrington, in Trafford district. Dainewell Farm is a mixed arable farm, growing cereal and vegetable crops on good quality land. It is farmed by a tenant farmer and owned by Shell Chemicals U.K. Limited.

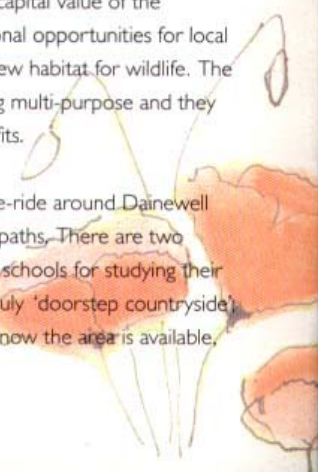


Over 40 hectares of woodland, equivalent to about 40 football pitches, interspersed with open meadow areas and linked by a network of footpaths, bridle and cycle ways, is growing on land that was identified as being surplus to the requirements of the farm business.



The new woods increase the attractiveness of the farm's landscape setting, will provide shelter for crops, in what was a very wind-exposed landscape, are a growing asset in terms of timber for on-farm use or sale and will enhance the capital value of the property. They also provide recreational opportunities for local people, as well as being a valuable new habitat for wildlife. The woodlands were conceived as being multi-purpose and they are already providing multiple benefits.

Local people can walk, cycle or horse-ride around Dainewell Woods following the clearly marked paths. There are two wetland areas which are used by local schools for studying their specialist wildlife. Dainewell Woods is truly 'doorstep countryside', formerly out of bounds to local people, now the area is available, well used and appreciated.





One regular local visitor, summed up her feelings about Dainewell Woods in one word: **“Wonderful”**

She went on to say:

“To have this area within easy walking distance of home is great, my children love it and it gives me space to breathe, if you know what I mean; when I’m out here it feels like I really am in the countryside not 10 minutes from home.”

Helen Williams, Woodhouses, Sale.



Red Rose Forest

Dainewell Woods have been developed as part of Red Rose Forest. Red Rose Forest is an initiative to create well-wooded landscapes across 292 square miles of Greater Manchester; providing a green and attractive setting for existing and new land uses.

Red Rose Forest is the largest, most radical environmental improvement initiative happening in Greater Manchester today. It is far reaching and either directly or indirectly, will benefit the lives of the 1.5 million plus people living within the Forest area.

Why is Shell Involved in Red Rose Forest?

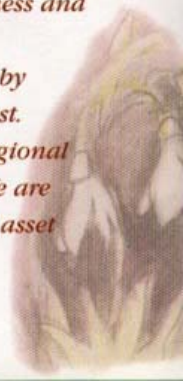
Trees are good news. Trees help to improve the quality of the very air we breathe, by producing oxygen and absorbing carbon dioxide, also by acting as giant air filters scrubbing out soot, dust and other air-borne pollutants. Trees are the largest living things on the planet, their often awe-inspiring size, ever changing colours, ability to cool them an attractive and valuable and furious, ever changing permanence. To plant a tree affirmation of our faith in the the air and calm the soul, make addition to any setting. In a fast world, trees provide a sense of is a selfless act and a positive future.



Red Rose Forest is good news. millions of trees over the next its development is positive and Community Forest for Greater Shell Chemicals U.K. Ltd. are very aware that involvement with the initiative makes for good public relations, as well as providing beneficial business opportunities. Dainewell Woods are living proof of the company’s commitment to its local area, to local people and to the future.

Bill Colquhoun Vice President Shell Chemicals Europe Ltd., insists:-

“An attractive, healthy environment is good for business and good business will sustain an attractive, healthy environment. Shell at Carrington, is playing its part by developing Dainewell Woods as part of Red Rose Forest. Involvement with Red Rose Forest, an initiative of regional importance, adds much value to our local project. We are proud to be involved and proud to be developing an asset that will benefit local people for generations.”



Technical Information

Hectarage: Approximately 40 hectares (ha) of new planting spread across eleven compartments varying in size from 0.5ha to over 12ha. All planting was undertaken in the 1994/95 season.

Fencing: Where boundary fences were not already present, simple post and wire, or electric fences, have been erected to delineate the new planting and exclude horses.

Ground Preparation: The drier sites have been direct planted. The wetter sites have been plough dolloped at 2 metre centres (see photo below). Drainage work has been undertaken as required and two large scrapes have been created on wet areas.



Planting: 30-45 cm bare root stock.

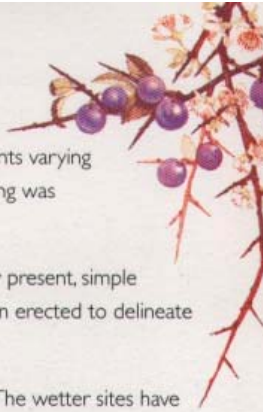
Species: Species mixtures vary from compartment to compartment, according to ground conditions and local factors. The following species and percentages have been employed. Mixed broad-leaves: Silver Birch 15%, Cherry 5%, Oak 25%, Poplar 5%, Sycamore 25%, Willow 10%; other broad-leaves are Alder, Lime, Field Maple and Rowan. Mixed conifers: Corsican Pine 45%, Hybrid Larch 5%, Western Hemlock 5%, and Scots Pine 45%. Woody shrubs: Blackthorn 20%, Guelder Rose 5%, Hawthorn 30%, Hazel 15%, Holly 10%, Dog Rose 10%, and Snowberry 10%.

Weeding: Spot application of an approved herbicide around each tree for three years post planting.

Protection: Rabbits and hares are not present in sufficient numbers to constitute a threat. Damage levels are monitored and protection/control measures taken as necessary.

Management: Contracted to the forestry division of Bell Ingram Rural Ltd. (01565 654914), a specialist land management company, the woodlands will be managed to achieve high forest. The woodland edge will be developed to maximise structural diversity and wildlife value.

Grant Aid: The planting and its maintenance is grant aided through the Forestry Authority's Woodland Grant Scheme and Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food's Farm Woodland Premium Scheme.



Benefits to the Trafford area

Dainewell Woods are a key part of an ever broadening community forest landscape developing across this part of Trafford.



The cumulative benefit of the Dainewell Woods development reaches beyond the immediate boundaries of the scheme. The attractiveness of the local landscape is increased, wildlife benefits from new habitat provision, local people have a large, easily accessed countryside facility available to them. This will certainly make the area a more desirable place in which to live. The knock on effects of attracting new people to the area will benefit Trafford as a whole.

Councillor David Acton Leader of Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council, describes Dainewell Woods as

and stated that ***“an immense local asset”***
“similar schemes across the Borough, will without a doubt make Trafford a greener, healthier place in which to live and do business, to the benefit of all Trafford residents.”

How you can become involved

Red Rose Forest is a partnership initiative spearheaded by the Countryside Commission, Forestry Commission and the Local Authorities of Trafford, Manchester, Salford, Wigan, Bolton and Bury, working in conjunction with many other public, private, and voluntary sector organisations.

A multi-organisational partnership approach is essential to produce the necessary resources to achieve the Forest. Dainewell Woods show how a business can contribute towards the creation of the Community Forest by committing land for new woodland. The business community can also get involved as:

- **advice givers**, sharing expertise;
- **advocates**, helping to spread the good news about the Forest;
- **financiers** and **sponsors** - the opportunities are great, from linking tree planting to product sales, to supporting wider community involvement;
- **enablers**, providing support in kind; and
- **implementers**, undertaking action on the ground to create the Forest.

All are vital to success.

If you are interested in exploring the tremendous range of opportunities for involvement, **not only in terms of how you could help Red Rose Forest but also how Red Rose Forest could help you,** please contact the Forest Director (see details overleaf).





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