

## Post- Industrial Landscape of St Helens

In the last 35 years, the most significant changes affecting wildlife include the restoration of large areas of former dereliction through a programme called Wasteland to Woodland. The Borough now has large areas of young woodland, a dynamic and evolving habitat. Key sites include Colliers Moss Common, a former colliery and power station waste tip on mossland that has been sympathetically restored and now contains heathland, grassland, mossland, woodland and wetland habitat with particular importance for dragonflies.

Other reclaimed sites include Sutton Manor, home of the Dream Sculpture, Clock Face Colliery Waste tips and the former Ibstock Brickworks site. Mosaics of habitats have developed providing space for a range of species including water vole, bats, roe deer and great crested newts.

The Council and a partnership including The Mersey Forest and the Forestry Commission are working to develop [Bold Forest Park](#) in and around these sites.

