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Planting for a cleaner, greener Merton

Clarion Housing, PRP and Sustainable Merton were joined by staff from Metro Bank in Wimbledon for a day of tree planting at Morden Recreation Ground.

On Thursday 4 October 14 young trees were planted in Morden Recreational Park on Faversham Road. The trees will remain there to mature over the next few years before being replanted on High Path to create a healthy natural environment for the regenerated neighbourhood.

High Path in South Wimbledon, along with Ravensbury and Eastfields in Mitcham form Clarion Housing's Merton Regeneration Project. The landscape approach to regeneration is based on wanting to create new places where people want to live, play and visit.

Tim Sargeant, Head of Merton Regeneration at Clarion, said: "This enhancement of the local ecology forms part of our £1bn investment in Merton. Over the next 12 years we aim to build 2,800 new energy-efficient homes on High Path, Eastfields and Ravensbury as well as creating two new parks and planting hundreds of trees.

"It was very encouraging to see local people and businesses give their time and come together for a worthwhile cause. The day was a real community effort, with the timber and nails being

donated free of charge by Champion Timber. Everyone's huge effort will contribute towards beautiful landscaped streets for all to enjoy."

Diana Sterck, Interim CEO of Sustainable Merton, said: "We are so pleased to be involved in a project that involves volunteers and involvement from both local people and businesses. Planting trees that we know will bring long term benefits to our borough was a privilege".

Angeli Ganoo-Fletcher, Director of PRP Landscape, said: "Trees bring real benefits to our surroundings, our cities and our health and wellbeing. We are delighted to be part of this fantastic project and to see how many volunteers have come together to help achieve the planting of trees for the neighbourhood to enjoy."

In March 2018 Merton Council approved plans for around 2,800 new homes across High Path, Eastfields and Ravensbury. Clarion Housing's Merton Regeneration Project aims to enhance the community by building 100% lifetime homes, retaining all affordable homes and providing space for new start ups. Construction on the first new homes will begin in early 2019.

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Notes to editors

Clarion Housing Group comprises the country's largest housing association; a property development company, a charitable foundation and a maintenance contractor.

The Group's housing association, Clarion Housing, is committed to providing good customer service to all its residents and to maintaining its homes to a good standard - investing significantly in improving them each year.

Its development target is to build 50,000 new homes over 10 years and the Group will invest £13 billion on meeting and delivering on this target. Two thirds of the programme will be affordable and developed by Clarion Housing, while homes for private sale are delivered and marketed through development company Latimer by Clarion Housing Group. The proceeds from sales are invested in our social purpose.

The charitable foundation, Clarion Futures, will invest £150 million over ten years to deliver one of the largest social investment programmes in the country. Priorities are work and training; money management and young people.

The Merton Regeneration Project is an opportunity to deliver new, well-designed, energy-efficient homes and support wider ambitions for the London borough. We have agreed [10 Commitments](#) jointly with Merton Council for the regeneration of Eastfields, Ravensbury and High Path. The [Residents Offer](#) sets out the package of options, compensation and support for tenants, resident homeowners and non-resident homeowners. www.mertonregen.org.uk