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Northern Forest: More than 300,000 benefit from new trees, trust finds

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The report, commissioned by the Northern Forest Partnership and conducted by Liverpool John Moores University, found enough trees had been planted to fill more than 4,000 football pitches.

It also found 19,000 tonnes of carbon had been "locked up" by trees planted through the scheme and there had been 7.5 million more visits to woodland each year.





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"In terms of the Northern Forest, we need new funds committed."

Mr Sellwood added that while there was still some way to go to reach the 50 million target of tree planting, the results so far had been remarkable.

Paul Nolan, chairman of England's Community Forests and director of The Mersey Forest, said the project was "vital to help the North adapt to a changing climate, whilst improving people's health and wellbeing and our economies".

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