

Community members urged to go and plant the green seed

TREE PLANTING events will take place in Blackley on 8 October as part of the Tree Council's national Seed Gathering Season.

To celebrate the start of autumn, the Red Rose Forest organisation will be holding the seed gathering and sowing sessions to give people the opportunity to collect and plant a seed this year, grow it for a year and then plant it in a 'community woodland' close to where they live.

The events will take place at Heaton Park at 12noon and then at Blackley Vale, Blackley Forest, at 1pm.

Tony Hothersall, director of Red Rose Forest, says that the events will form part of a series of celebrations to welcome in the new season, as well as helping people

to recognise the beauty and benefits of the environment around them.

He said: "We are delighted to be working with the Tree Council and the BBC to help inspire people to get involved in their natural environment through seed sowing and tree planting.

"We want to get more trees planted of the right kind and in the right places and, as we move into autumn, this is the perfect opportunity to engage communities in that activity.

"It will be a wonderful opportunity for people to find out about native species and how they are grown."

For more details of the events in Blackley this weekend, visit www.redrose-forest.co.uk