

21/09/22

Dear

ATISN 16614 – Tree Planting

Thank you for your request which I received on 30/08/22.

You asked for information on:

1. How many hectares of woodland were planted in 2021?
2. Since July 2021, how many hectares of woodland have been planted in Wales?
3. Are all five regional community hubs which were established for households to collect trees operating?
4. How many trees have been collected from these community hubs so far by households?

Our response

1. In 2021-22, 580 hectares of new woodland was planted in Wales.
2. Forestry statistics are produced on an annual basis so we do not hold figures for all new woodland created since July 2021. However, 710.33 hectares of woodland have been planted under the Welsh Government's Glastir Woodland Creation scheme since July 2021.
3. During the pilot phase of the 'My Tree, Our Forest' campaign, the five regional hubs were open in March 2022 for households to collect trees. The tree hubs are not open at the moment as it is not a suitable time for planting trees (the tree planting season runs from November through to March annually). The plan is to open the hubs again in November 2022 when the main part of the 'My Tree, Our Forest' campaign gets under way.
4. In March 2022, 3,764 trees were collected from the five regional hubs by individual households and around 600 trees were given to other bodies to be planted in communities.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely