

63159 Tree Planting in 2024/25

How many trees did you plant in the 2024/25 season (circa October 2024-March 2025)?

We have planted approximately 1,200 trees during this period. The broader 'Edinburgh Million Tree City' programme that the Council leads includes trees planted by volunteer organisations, community groups, and others across the local authority area. During the 2024/25 season the overall programme saw 24,038 trees planted.

How many survived?

The Council does not hold data on tree survival rates for this planting season. Survival is not currently tracked as a discrete metric across the programme. Monitoring to date has focused on a net increase in planting numbers rather than post-planting establishment outcomes. The 'Edinburgh Million Tree City' programme includes some elements of private land and maintenance in these cases is not taken forward by the Council directly.

What was the maintenance regime for newly planted trees?

Newly planted trees, falling on land managed by the Council, are watered on a target basis of at least once per week between April and October. Actual delivery against this target is subject to weather conditions and available resource and may not be met consistently across all sites each season.

What caused the trees that died to perish?

The Council does not hold records identifying cause of death for individual trees, as mortality and cause are not currently logged as part of the programme's monitoring. In general terms, common causes of establishment failure in newly planted urban trees include drought stress/insufficient watering, physical damage (e.g. vandalism, strimmer, or mower damage), and establishment stress. No site-specific or tree-specific records exist to confirm cause in individual cases.