

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Questions to Portfolio Holders

Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel
Monday 17 October 2022

Question received from Councillor Hart:

Q1. "How many community orchard trees are still alive after the summer drought?"

Response from Councillor Porter – Portfolio Holder for Climate Change:

According to Tree Talk, up to 30% of newly planted trees can die within the first year of planting. This summer was particularly warm with long periods without significant rain, which made it even more difficult for new trees. We will need to see which trees come back to leaf next spring before knowing for sure how many have been lost. However, provisional figures from Cheadle suggest that out of the 118 trees that were planted, 80 appear to have survived, which would be a 32% loss rate.