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Dear Andrew

I am now able to provide a substantive response to the Written Question you tabled in relation to planting hedgerows – *‘Will the Minister outline how many hedgerows have been planted in Wales in 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21?’*

Over that period approximately 7,500 hedges have been planted resulting in over 1,100km of either new hedges planted or restored through a combination of coppicing and planting. These have largely been provided through the Glastir Small Grants and Glastir Advanced schemes and can be broken down as follows:

Financial Year	Number planted through Glastir Small Grants	Length (km)	Number planted through Glastir Advanced	Length (km)
2016/17	191	28	1195	174
2017/18	315	43	1476	223
2018/19	353	48	1367	203
2019/20	225	32	1052	157
2020/21	482	66	682	103

An additional 33km of hedges have also been planted through the Sustainable Management Scheme over the five year period, with further hedges planted under the Enabling Natural Resources and Well-being and the Landfill Disposals Tax Community schemes.

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Hedgerows provide an important role in connecting habitats so species can thrive. As well as benefits for biodiversity they are critical in helping tackle both the nature and climate emergencies by slowing down water, capturing carbon as well as providing landscape and agricultural benefits. I am therefore keen to ensure we continue to support these important landscape features.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie James". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Y Gweinidog Newid Hinsawdd  
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