

## A LOCAL PLAN FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

For Tayside's biodiversity to be safeguarded and enhanced it is hoped everyone – residents and visitors alike – will take an active role.

### Education

There is massive scope to include biodiversity in both formal and informal learning – from nursery schools to higher education and out into our communities. Tayside has one of the best concentrations of eco-schools in Scotland and many more schools are looking to improve their environmental credentials. There are many opportunities to develop school and college grounds and for young people, their parents and teachers to become more involved in specific biodiversity projects.

Nationally, links are being made with the 5 –14 curriculum which provides innovative opportunities for learning through academic and practical projects. Lifelong learning can involve people in conserving their local biodiversity and show its relevance to them.

### Community Involvement

Local involvement is vital for the success of the Plan and on-going commitment is essential to protect our priority habitats and species. We all rely on biodiversity, so everyone has a role to play in looking after it for this generation and those that follow.

Innovative partnerships are being forged to set up a vast array of new projects to tackle specific actions listed in the Tayside Biodiversity Action Plan.

These include:

- riverbank and burn improvements;
- footpath and cycleway verges managed for wildlife;
- the planting of native trees and new hedges;
- wildlife gardens in the workplace and in school grounds;
- species surveys which lead to action on the ground.

Tayside's Local Patch Project (Discover the Wildlife on your Doorstep) was launched in 2002. The project encourages people from all walks of life to help survey both commonplace and rarer species anywhere outdoors, be it their garden, local park, workplace or golf course.

Scottish Biodiversity Week, in May, focuses links between the many environmental organisations and statutory bodies in a week's celebration of the local biodiversity around us. A number of colourful displays are touring the area's libraries, ranger centres and council offices and participation continues apace in a very wide range of events throughout the year.



WALK IN THE PARK

GEORGE LOGAN/SH



CRAIG BURN CLEAN UP

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

### Tayside Biodiversity Partnership

