

News in brief

Swift action comes to end

A project aimed at supporting migrating birds in part of Perthshire has concluded.

The Carse of Gowrie Swift Conservation Project was run as a partnership project between the Carse of Gowrie Sustainability Group, Tayside Biodiversity Partnership and Tayside Swifts.

The partnership saw nestboxes erected to boost swifts' fortunes in setting up temporary home and was boosted by the generosity of local firms, including the hire of a cherrypicker to install them.

Perth-based Street Lighting Partnership and a driver called Charlie assisted.

Daniele Muir, Swift Conservation Project Officer, said: "It was very kind of

the Street Lighting Partnership to help us out with the hire of the cherrypicker. We managed to get lots of swift nestboxes erected on people's homes as well as bat boxes in Carse graveyards on October 9.

"The project has now come to an end but it's been a great success with hundreds of people involved in many ways, Schools' Swift Twinning Projects setup, training sessions and guided walks carried out, and we have managed to provide lots of new homes for swifts.

"Hopefully many of the new nest boxes will be used by young swifts when they return from Africa in May next year."

More details at www.taysidebiodiversity.co.uk.