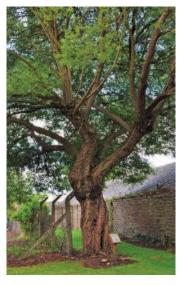
Tayside Biodiversity Partnership







Could You be Our New Chair or Vice-Chair?



Background Information

We are celebrating our 20th anniversary throughout 2019, having enjoyed a celebratory seminar at Battleby in December 2018 where three previous Chairs joined us. The Partnership was one of the very first biodiversity partnerships set up in Scotland and we are still going strong.

There are some 70 projects underway, some being run wholly by individual partners, others as a joint initiative bringing partners together, or simply funded and run by the TBP itself. We work with many groups to publicise these projects - for instance TayARG is affiliated to the Amphibian & Reptile Group UK and we run the Scottish Small Blue Week with **Butterfly Conservation** Scotland: we also contribute to the UK Swift Awareness Week.

We have a very good standing in community-based projects, advising many across Tayside on how to integrate biodiversity into their existing or proposed new projects. Our Working Groups and Species Interest Groups also include a large number of organisations, individuals and groups, many of them volunteers.

Since 2004 the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership has had an independent Chair. The search is now on for a new Hon. Chair and Hon. Vice-Chair. Could you be the person we need to help lead the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership over the next few years? We are flexible - and happy to discuss any ideas; here's an idea on how you could be involved:

Chairing the TBP Management Team meeting 3 times a year in either Perth or Forfar

- Acting as chair/key TBP representative at occasional events such as seminars, working group meetings, and meetings with MSPs, Ministers, etc.
- Discussing the management of biodiversity projects across Tayside, especially their priority with regard the 2nd Edition 2016-2026 Tayside Biodiversity Action Plan
- Taking a general interest in biodiversity issues across Tayside and Scotland as a whole
- Allowing around an hour a week to respond to emails from the Co-ordinator and, if required, occasional meetings with the Co-ordinator

We would ask for a 3 to 4 year commitment but this is flexible. There is potential to introduce a new Vice-Chair to shadow the above tasks, thus reducing the Chair's overall commitments and possible term to 2 or 3 years.

There is a small budget retained for the Chair to attend occasional seminars and conferences in Scotland if desired and all travel expenses will also be reimbursed.

Please contact Catherine: <u>caglloyd@pkc.gov.uk</u> or Peter Marshall (<u>PJMarshall@pkc.gov.uk</u>) if you would like to apply for either honorary post – or if you would like to propose someone.















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