

26th July

Crieff Swift Walk, meet in James Square PH7 3EY at 8.30pm - join us for a guided swift walk to find out how we can all help these amazing birds, whose numbers have dropped by over 60% in the past 20 years. More events are planned in Crieff so please contact us for more information.

Note the Date! Saturday 21st March 2020 - Tayside Recorders' Day, Perth Museum. A full day's programme of presentations on a wide variety of species surveys. A great place for networking too. Free, but booking essential as limited places. Contact caglloyd@pkc.gov.uk

What have we missed? Let us know what events you would like us to run:

caglloyd@pkc.gov.uk and DMuir@taysideswifts.co.uk

If you know of any local business which could sponsor a future Programme of Events or would like to contribute to our Swift Nestbox Trial, please contact Catherine at caglloyd@pkc.gov.uk

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR Tayside Swifts!

Membership of Tayside Swifts is free of charge. We are keen to set up areas of survey work where one volunteer acts as a Co-ordinator to keep others up to date with survey forms, collecting information and being part of the larger Tayside "dots on map" project. We will collate all the data to share with the local authority planning department which will help safeguard swift nest sites.

If you would like to get involved, please contact

DMuir@taysideswifts.co.uk

We also aim to offer a swift t-shirt during 2019 so please let us know if this is of interest. Contact Catherine Lloyd at caglloyd@pkc.gov.uk.



Tayside Swift Business Champion



Programme of Events 2019

Can you adopt a street or area to help survey for swifts? We can provide maps and advice – and training



Can you also suggest a local space where we can set up either our two Tayside Swift banners or an information table as shown above?

Keep in touch via Facebook or Website

<https://www.facebook.com/TaysideSwifts>

www.taysidebiodiversity.co.uk

Thursday 25th April

Swift Dots on Maps, Pitlochry Library: drop in between 5pm and 7pm to map where you have seen swifts in and around Pitlochry - and adopt a street to survey over the summer!

We are working with the Junior Rangers at Pitlochry High School to carry out a Swift Twinning Project with a school in Uganda – more details soon!

Saturday 27th April

Swift Dots on Maps, Crieff Library: drop in from 11am to map where you have seen swifts in and around Crieff - and adopt a street to survey over the summer!

10th to 12th May

Swift Race 2019 (Highland Perthshire and Angus Glens – i.e. anywhere within CNPA/Tayside boundary) – Friday 10th May (9am) until Sunday 12th May (9pm) – keep a look out for our returning swifts! Let us know where and when you spot any at: <http://www.taysidebiodiversity.co.uk/tayside-biodiversity-surveys/tayside-biodiversity-survey-swifts/>

Friday 10th - 7.30pm at Kirrie Connections, **Kirriemuir** – Join us for a Swift talk, followed by a guided walk around the town to spot swifts and their nest sites.

Saturday 11th - 7.30pm at The Birks Cinema, **Aberfeldy** – Join us for a Swift talk, followed by a guided walk around the town to spot swifts and their nest sites.

Sunday, 26th May

Kinross Discovery Day – come and meet us in the main marquee at Kirkgate, Kinross. Let us know where you have seen swifts and help us add “dots on the map” for the area.

7th June

World Swift Day at Blair

Atholl – meet at the car park for Atholl Estates Visitor Centre at 8.30pm. Blair Atholl is a Swift Hotspot so we should see screaming parties and swifts zooming into their nest sites. Find out how to carry out your own survey to help swift conservation – it's very simple!



22nd to 30th June

UK Swift Awareness Week

Visit our RSPB Loch Leven Vane Farm Nature Centre information desk

- Swift Advisory Afternoon Surgeries on Saturday 22nd, Tuesday 25th and Sunday 30th.



22nd June: **Pitlochry Swift Walk, meet at Pitlochry library at 8.30pm** – join us for a guided walk to see how we are helping re-build the swift population in the area.

27th June: **Muthill Swift Walk, meet by the Primary School, Station Road, Muthill, PH5 2AR** at 8.30pm – every welcome to join us to search for swifts

28th June: **Super Swifts of Kinross! Meet at Kirkgate Park at 8.30pm** – join us for a guided swift walk at one of the area's top swift feeding sites.

Find out where UK Swift Awareness Week events are taking place outwith Tayside – check the map here:

<http://actionforswifts.blogspot.com/p/2019-swift-awareness-week.html>

See overleaf for more events!