



Supporting Tayside's Tree Sparrows – Phase I

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30 sites
across
Tayside –
10 each in
Angus,
Perthshire &
Kinross



Each site selected as know population of Tree Sparrows

Purpose of project was to secure
these populations of Tree
Sparrows as the UK populations
has shown huge declines



End of phase I was the surveying of uptake of these boxes

Carried out during winter, once frost
had killed parasites.

To be repeated winter 2009 as part
of phase II.



13 out of 30 sites used by
Tree Sparrows

42 out of 360 boxes used
by Tree Sparrows

Only 16 boxes not used
by something





Large number of boxes used for nesting by
Tits.

Some used by small birds for roosting.

Some contained wasp bykes.

One used as acorn store by a mouse.



STTS - Phase II

Purpose of project is to further expand the populations that have been secured through Phase I.

Also includes an aspect of educating primary school pupils about the issues involved in the decline of the species.



P5s from Woodlands Primary, Carnoustie





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SITA TBAF

Angus & Dundee Bird Group

Angus Council Rangers Service

Tay Ringing Group

FWAG Farmers

SNH



The Linnet Link –

*Enhancing the cycle track
from Arbroath to Dundee for
Linnets*



Whole length of cycle track surveyed to identify priority areas for making links to improve habitat for Linnets.



Survey also carried out to see where Linnets were present and so where links would be of most value.



Linnets like habitat such as hedges & shrubs



Linnet survey only found Linnets near hedges or trees, validating the value of linking these habitats along the cycle track where they are broken by the cycle



Planting will be shrubs including:

Hawthorn
Blackthorn
Hazel
Dogwood
Rose spp.





Promotion of the project:

Local press releases

Interpretation on site

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