



Amphibian ladder making workshop © D Muir



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Programme of Events **2025-26**

Volunteers are always welcome – we need help with gullypot checks, toad patrols, amphibian ladder making, installation and monitoring; pond clearance tasks, setting up exhibitions, etc.

If you would like to help with our easy Graveyard Amphibian Survey or other pond/amphibian surveys, just contact us via taysidepondsproject@gmail.com and keep an eye on our TayARG Facebook page too for the latest news!

If your company offers an annual day's "corporate volunteering" please get in touch with us to see if we can offer you a local TayARG experience

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR TayARG!

Membership of TayARG is still free of charge. We have a T-Shirt with embroidered logo available for £15 which includes post and packing.
To order - please contact Catherine Lloyd at cagllloyd@pkc.gov.uk.

Tayside Recorders' Bulletin

The 2025 bulletin is now available to download - [Tayside Recorders' Bulletin 2025 – Tayside Biodiversity](#)

What have we missed? Let us know what events you would like us to run or if you would like to arrange a presentation or a training day: taysidepondsproject@gmail.com

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Tayside Biodiversity Partnership
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Friday 24th October and Friday 31st October 2025 (1pm to 4pm)

Murthly – Join us to help the local wildlife

We will be collecting wildlife and plants from the pond before we have a digger in to remove the bulrushes. We then need help to plant native wildflowers for pollinators, amphibians and dragonflies! You are welcome along for one afternoon or both. Pre-booking essential - contact Daniele Muir.

Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd November 2025 (10am to 3pm)

Pond Management Day, Elm Drive, Blairgowrie

We are happy to be returning to Elm Drive to continue clearing the SuDS of weeds and planting wetland wildflowers. Pre-booking essential - contact Daniele.

Friday 28th and Saturday 29th November 2025 (10am to 3pm)

Pond Management Day, Westpark Ponds (by Lidl), Blairgowrie

We have another opportunity to return to this great site so we hope to welcome as many volunteers as possible. Pre-booking essential - contact Daniele.

Date to be confirmed (10am to 3pm)

Pond Management Day, Huntingtower, Perth

We may have another opportunity to return to this large SuDS site once a digger has cleared some of the pond: we will need help with planting wildflowers (and possibly other tasks). Everyone welcome - please contact Daniele.

Saturday, 14th February (10am to 3.30pm)

Amphibian Ladder Making Workshop, Kirkmichael Hall, Kirkmichael

This is a completely new site for us and we are really looking forward to working with volunteers to create a series of amphibian ladders. No previous experience needed: we will show you what to do! There will be a session in the afternoon to show how the ladders are fitted into gullypots to help amphibians escape. Please contact Daniele to confirm your interest in being part of this. All equipment will be provided.

Saturday, 21st February (10am to 3pm)

Amphibian Ladder Making Workshop, Alyth Town Hall (Lesser Hall)

We need as many people as possible to help us make a series of amphibian ladders. As at Kirkmichael, no previous experience is needed. There will again be a session in the afternoon to show how the ladders are fitted into gullypots to help amphibians escape. Please contact Daniele to book a free place. All equipment will be provided.

Date to be confirmed – March 2026 (5pm to 8pm)

Toads on Roads Rescue Workshop, Fortingall and one other site tbc

We are looking for toad patrol volunteers and co-ordinators in Fortingall; we are planning a second site (please contact us if you can suggest one). Late afternoon/evening training sessions will help identify amphibians and include a practical rescue session. If you would like to be involved in these Toad Patrols please contact Daniele.

Thursday, 5th March 2026 (time to be confirmed) North Inch SuDS, Perth

We are looking forward to welcoming a volunteer team from the Perth & Kinross Council's Biodiversity Ambassadors for a pond clearance session. If you work for PKC and would like further details, please check the Biodiversity Ambassadors page. We hope to arrange a half day session with Bertha Park students too – any queries please Daniele.

Thursday, 12th and Friday, 13th March (10am to 3pm)

Pond Management Day, Inchture

Inchture is becoming a Biodiversity Village: there will be an opportunity to become part of a local volunteer group enhancing one of the SuDS ponds. Please contact Daniele.

Saturday 14th March 2026 (10am to 3pm) Pond Management Day, Abernethy

We might be returning to the Brandywell Road SuDS site which so many local people have helped improve over the last two years. However it might be possible to visit an alternative SuDS pond in the village – we will confirm the details in the New Year. Everyone welcome. Pre-booking essential – please contact Daniele.

Please contact Daniele Muir to book a place on any of these events –
taysidepondsproject@gmail.com

For all events running between 10am and 3pm, please bring your own refreshments and packed lunch: we will provide the biscuits!

These Pond Management Days are being kindly funded by the PKC Nature Restoration Fund. Other volunteer events are planned, so please keep in touch or check the TayARG Facebook page to see what we add.

Please make sure you are on our TayARG mailing list to keep in touch – contact either Daniele at taysidepondsproject@gmail.com or Catherine at cagllloyd@pkc.gov.uk.