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Photo opportunities: Launch of “Nature on Track” Project

- **Date:** Saturday 29 May only

Venues: Perth, Carnoustie, Arbroath and Montrose railway stations – and on board various trains (see timetable below)

- **Date –** Sunday 30 May only

Venue: Montrose Basin Visitor Centre, 11.00am and 1.00pm

Bee Amazed, Bee Amused, Bee Buzzing!

Press release for immediate use

A leaflet “Nature on Track” which highlights the vast array of wildlife that can be seen from trains travelling from Perth to Montrose will be officially launched in a unique and fun way this weekend (29th and 30th May).

That wildlife ranges from deer and buzzards to seals and even white-tailed sea eagles.

BigBuzz performer Anneliese Emmans Dean - and internationally-acclaimed viola player John Rayson - will entertain people of all ages at stations and on trains where there will activity packs, bookmarks and pencils available.

“Buzzing” is a multi-media event celebrating our garden creepy crawlies. Anneliese, against a backdrop of photographs, will perform short poems to introduce the tiny creatures that live in our gardens. She will also encourage children and adults alike to make up small “haiku” poems to express their own thoughts about wildlife.

This will be a rare showing of the BigBuzz team in Scotland, kept busy with work throughout England. Anneliese stressed: “After one of our performances, your garden will never seem the same again!”

A spokesman for ScotRail, whose trains will be involved in the launch, said: “The railways are a rich and valued haven for wildlife. The number of creatures of all shapes and sizes which can be seen from many of our trains is extraordinary. The leaflet underpins that variety across the stations involved.”

The timetable for events under the Tayside Biodiversity Festival banner include:

SATURDAY 29th MAY

Location	Time	Event
Perth Station Platform 2	10.15am (20 minute show)	Buzzing! poetry and music event
Perth Station	Train leaves 10.36am	Buzzing on the train!
Carnoustie Station environs	20 minute shows at 11.10am and 12.50pm	Carnoustie Station - Buzzing! poetry and music event
Carnoustie Station	Train leaves 1.12pm	Buzzing on the train!
Arbroath Station environs	15 minute shows at 1.20pm and 1.40pm	Buzzing! poetry and music event
Arbroath Station	Train leaves 1.53pm	Buzzing on the train!
Montrose Station environs	20 minute show at 2.10pm	Buzzing! poetry and music event

SUNDAY 30th MAY

There will be two multi-media Buzzing! Shows at the Scottish Wildlife Trust’s Montrose Basin Visitor Centre - 11.00am and 1.00pm - all welcome.

Location	Time	Event
Montrose	Train leaves 2.07pm	Buzzing on the train all the way to Perth!

Catherine Lloyd, the Tayside Biodiversity Co-ordinator, said: “This unusual event will be a very fitting culmination to the month-long Tayside Biodiversity Festival.”

She added: “Held to celebrate wildlife and the diversity of landscape across the region in the International Year of Biodiversity, the festival has offered a huge array of events from walks, talks, workshops and tours, to the eco-comedy by the Perth Youth Theatre Collective “The Tree” which has been touring many Perth & Kinross parks.

“Dundee has been enjoying its BBC Breathing Places Wild Day Out events at Dundee Sensation – and this Sunday afternoon (30th May – from 1pm) the Dundee BioBlitz at Trottick Ponds.

The Angus Ranger Service has been extremely busy offering a variety of events – many of them linking to the garden wildlife theme being celebrated with this unusual two-day travelling event on the trains between Perth and Montrose.”

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Notes to Editor

*TAYSIDE BIODIVERSITY FESTIVAL: 1ST TO 31ST MAY
140+ events throughout the region: Dundee, Angus Council, Perth & Kinross – something for everyone!*

Programme available on www.taysidebiodiversity.co.uk

“biodiversity means the ‘variety of life’, i.e. trees, insects, plants and birds – as well as people”.

Further details about the BigBuzz – www.bigbuzz.biz. Or e-mail info@thebigbuzz.biz.