



School launch for biodiversity month

A COMMUNITY in Perth celebrated biodiversity at the weekend with an eco exhibition and activity day to launch Tayside biodiversity month and the Tulloch Lade 800 project.

Tulloch primary school hosted the event, which was opened by minister for the environment, Roseanna Cunningham MSP.

Visitors to the initiative were able to visit a number of stalls manned by representatives from Tulloch Net, Tayside Biodiversity Partnership, the Scottish Wildlife Trust and Perth Red Squirrel Group, to name but a few.

A range of activities are also on offer to make learning about the environment fun, with a ranger service guided walk, apple crushing and a medieval re-enactment by Atholl Clan just some of the things enjoyed by participants.

Provost of Perth and Kinross, Dr John Hulbert was on hand to perform the official opening ceremony of the community's new orchard at Mayfield playing field.

● Ms Cunningham has a look at some of the

messages and poems left on the tree by Tulloch children in their appeal to preserve the Lade. She is accompanied by—from left—Dennis Dick, chairman of Tayside Biodiversity Group, Richard Higginbottom, community development officer, Hugh

O'Brien, chairman of Tulloch Net, Councillor Callum Gillies, Peter Mackie, chairman of Lade 800, Catriona Menzies, Tulloch Primary School head teacher, Niall Lobley, senior countryside ranger, Sam Davidson of Perth and District Pipe Band, and Eircann Lannetta-Mackay of Mackenzie Caledonia Pipe Band.