



**From left: Catherine Lloyd, Dallas Seawright, Giles Laversek, Carol Littlewood and Guy Robins.**

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# Demonstration of countryside art

COUNTRYSIDE enthusiasts in Angus were given an insight into the rural art of hedge laying.

Expert Guy Robins demonstrated the practice at Haughmuir opposite Brechin Castle Centre.

The event was run by Tayside Biodiversity Partnership and Guy — runner-up in this year's UK hedge-laying championships — took participants through every stage of the process.

Partnership coordinator

Catherine Lloyd said: "A well-managed hedge is not only stock-proof but it looks neat and tidy. It is also a wildlife haven."

Barn owls and kestrels use hedges as sight lines for

hunting and bats use them as a wildlife corridor for foraging and roosting.

"Hedgehogs, as their name implies, like to use the tussocky bases of mature hedges to hibernate in," added Caroline.