

## TAYSIDE BIODIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

- c900 entries put on Tayside Swift Survey base - this includes nest sites and colony sightings (mostly the latter). Has identified gaps where future surveys can be focussed.
- Working with Angus and Perth & Kinross Councils to put information on their Planning GIS (hopefully Dundee City Council will follow).
- Clare was invited to a well-attended meeting/workshop in Dundee City Council (hosted by the Architects Dept): summer 2008. There was much interest.
- CD and CL both gave presentations in 2008 to the Scottish Sustainable Construction Forum (in Linlithgow).
- Ongoing Swift Survey into 2009 with Freepost survey form and online survey form available.
- T-shirts designed and printed by Broughty Ferry Environmental Project; funding from SITA Tayside Biodiversity Action Fund (Promotions) has ensured that all Tayside Swift Interest Group members, Perth Youth Theatre players, and the "top 10 Surveyors" have received and a free gift.
- All surveyors taking part in the 2008 survey received a small information pack consisting of a "thank you" letter, Swift Newsletter, RSPB swift pin-badge and a Broughty Ferry Eco Poets booklet (which includes the Swift poem replicated on the t-shirt); this will be repeated in 2009 whilst funds permit.
- Edward Mayer, London Swifts, will be running a practical afternoon workshop in Dundee on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2009.
- Edward Mayer will then be part of the Greenspace & Biodiversity Seminar hosted by Angus Council on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2009.
- A 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of the Tayside Swift Newsletter is proposed in time for the 2009 swift season - if there are sufficient contributors. Deadline 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009. Brief updates from areas outwith Tayside very welcome for the back page.
- Tayside Biodiversity Festival: 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2009. Opportunities for other events during Scottish Biodiversity Week: 16<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May 2009.
- Swift Get-together, Scone, Perth - proposed 6<sup>th</sup> May for the public. Presentations and general information to be available in the hope that volunteer surveys step forward and offer 1 to 2 hour survey time in June/July
- Other public meetings/swift walks proposed in Dundee and Forfar - yet to be confirmed.