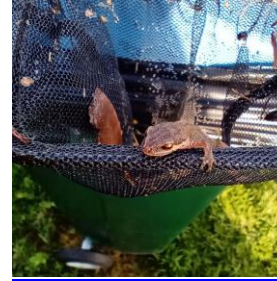




Amphibian ladder making workshop © D Muir



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Programme of Events 2024-25

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 £12.50 which includes post and packing. To order - please contact Catherine Lloyd at cagllloyd@pkc.gov.uk.

Tayside Recorders' Bulletin

The 2024 bulletin is now available to download via the home page of www.taysidebiodiversity.co.uk.

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

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

Are you a citizen scientist? We need help with our Graveyard Amphibian Survey and will be working with others to focus on orchards, allotments, and schools. If you would like to get involved, please contact taysidepondsproject@gmail.com and keep an eye on our TayARG Facebook page too for the latest news!

Stay connected via Facebook or Website

<https://www.facebook.com/TaysideAmphibiansReptileGroup>
<http://groups.arq.uk.org/fah/>
www.taysidebiodiversity.co.uk

Saturday 2nd November 2024 (10am to 3pm)

Pond Management Day, Elm Drive, Blairgowrie

We are returning to Elm Drive to continue what we started in earlier phases of this project, i.e. clearing the SuDS of weeds and planting wetland wildflowers. Pre-booking essential - contact Daniele Muir: taysidepondsproject@gmail.com.

Friday 8th November (10am to 3pm)

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

We have an opportunity to return to this exciting site so we hope to welcome as many volunteers as possible. Pre-booking essential - contact Daniele Muir: taysidepondsproject@gmail.com.

Friday, 14th February 2025 (10am to 3pm)

Pond Management Day, Blairgowrie

Another event in Blairgowrie. Everyone welcome. Pre-booking essential - contact Daniele Muir for further details and to book a free place: taysidepondsproject@gmail.com

Saturday 15th February (5pm to 8pm)

Toads on Roads Rescue Workshop, Murthly

We are looking for toad patrol volunteers and co-ordinators in Murthly, Bankfoot and Stanley. This late afternoon/evening training session in Murthly will help identify amphibians (by ARC – the Amphibian & Reptile Conservation Trust) and include a practical rescue session on Kinclaven Road. Please book your place (with a 'phone number) via taysidepondsproject@gmail.com.

Sunday, 16th February (10am to 3pm)

Pond Management Day, Blairgowrie (see notes opposite for more information)

Our second event this weekend in Blairgowrie. Everyone welcome. Pre-booking essential - please contact Daniele Muir: taysidepondsproject@gmail.com

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

Pond Management Days, Murthly

We are returning to Murthly to continue our pond work here. You are welcome to come along for one day or both. Pre-booking essential - contact Daniele Muir: taysidepondsproject@gmail.com

Saturday 8th March (5pm to 8pm)

Toads on Roads Rescue Workshop, Stanley

Another late afternoon/evening session which will include a practical rescue session. Please book your place (with a 'phone number) via taysidepondsproject@gmail.com. Details about the proposed Bankfoot training will be available soon.

Saturday 15th March (10am to 3pm)

Pond Management Day, Brandywell Road (roundabout) Abernethy

We are hoping to return to this SuDS site which so many local people helped improve last year. Everyone welcome. Pre-booking essential – please contact Daniele Muir: taysidepondsproject@gmail.com

Friday, 21st March (tbc)

Amphibian Ladder Making Workshop, Stanley

We need as many people as possible to help us make 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 via taysidepondsproject@gmail.com to book a free place. Suitable for adults and older teens. All equipment will be provided.

Saturday, 22nd March - British Dragonfly Society Spring Meeting (9.30am to 4pm)

Everyone is welcome to join the UK Spring Meeting online via Zoom. Book your free place via [Spring Meeting 2025 - British Dragonfly Society](https://www.britishdragonflies.org.uk/spring-meeting-2025) (programme also available online). Queries - contact - eleanor.colver@british-dragonflies.org.uk.

Saturday, 5th April - BDS Scottish Conference, Soutar Theatre, A K Bell Library, Perth

Contact daniele.muir@british-dragonflies.org.uk for further information.

NOTE - the Pond Management Days will run between 10am and 3pm and are being funded by the PKC Nature Restoration Fund. They involve clearing out vegetation from overgrown ponds to create more open water, as well as wildflower planting for pollinators. You are welcome to stay for a few hours or the whole day. Please wear wellies and waterproofs. Please also bring your own snack lunch and a hot drink. We will supply the biscuits!

Toads on Roads Patrols are being set up near Murthly, Stanley and Bankfoot to rescue amphibians crossing roads from their hibernation to breeding sites in late winter. The training involves ID, health and safety and a practical rescue session. For more details about the scheme check: <https://www.froglife.org/what-we-do/toads-on-roads/>.

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