



One of the major environmental concerns on the East Tullis Industrial Estate is water quality in the burn running through the Estate. The **East Tullis Partnership** involved children from the local primary school in a project to raise awareness of pollution problems on the estate and to label all surface water drains with a recognised symbol. The involvement of the local school and businesses is continuing, with the development of new projects to enhance biodiversity on the estate whilst developing the environmental knowledge of local children.

### ★ Audit and Plan Actions

Carrying out a Business and Biodiversity Audit would identify areas where you could make positive changes for wildlife benefit. Actions may range from creating a wildlife area in your grounds, to contacting your suppliers to establish the sustainability of sources of materials.

The Audit and Action plan can be designed to link into existing management systems, schemes or standards, identifying practical actions that can be taken. This process may also identify opportunities to reduce costs and draw in funds for biodiversity related work. There may be financial assistance available to help.

*The whisky industry has long been aware of the importance of the water supply in the distilling process. Staff at **Royal Lochnagar Distillery** have taken this commitment one step further by designating their own 'nature reserve' in the area around their water supply. It has been surveyed and is now being managed to enhance biodiversity value. Being next to areas of planted coniferous forest the 'nature reserve' provides a valuable area of woodland and has many special features. The staff maintain the 'nature reserve' and information on its flora and fauna is provided in the visitor centre at the Distillery.*

