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## NESBiP Update - December 2024

Dear Biodiversity Hero,

I hope you have all thawed out from the snow and ice we had at the end of November ❄️. As a December child, I love snow and ice but I know it isn't for everyone - especially those who love being out in their garden!

Don't forget we have a community of wildlife gardeners on Facebook where you can share your experiences, ask for advice or even find some new friends. You can find the link to join at the bottom of the page.

Happy reading 📖,  
Abbie Ferrar  
NESBiP Biodiversity Coordinator

### Save the Date - NESBiP Spring Seminar

Date: Friday 7th March  
Location: TBC

Mark your calendar for our Spring Seminar in March to **explore biodiversity and climate adaptation**. **Climate change** is altering Scotland's ecosystems, impacting habitats and wildlife. Restoring these ecosystems is crucial. More details coming soon.

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### New native hedges help improve biodiversity at Aden Country Park

This November, in collaboration with several Aberdeenshire Council departments, we embarked on an exciting journey to enhance Aden Park's natural beauty by planting over 1,800 trees, and creating a thriving hedgerow habitat.

Learn more here: [Aden Park Tree Planting](#).

Watch our latest reel on how to plant a hedgerow: [Hints and tips on hedgerow planting](#).



## **Species Identification Workshops**

NESBReC has been busy with species identification workshops over the summer and autumn. Eight sessions have been held in conjunction with various partners, covering bumblebees, lichen, fungi, plants and camera trapping.

Read how they went and how you can get involved with NESBReC here: [Species Identification Workshops](#).

## **Banff & Buchan Schools Creating Pollinator Habitats - Guest Blog**

Read our latest blog to learn how the Aberdeenshire Council Ranger Service and Banff and Buchan schools are collaborating and creating wildlife habitat networks for pollinators.

[👉 Banff & Buchan Schools Creating Wildlife Habitats for Pollinators – Guest Blog](#)



## Meadow-in-a-Box goes regional!

Launched in 2022 at 30 Aberdeen City schools, this pollinator project now spans Aberdeenshire and Moray. Native wildflower planters are being delivered to 20 NHS sites and several primary schools across Grampian. By spring and summer 2025, these will transform into vibrant wildflower areas, enhancing local beauty and supporting pollinators.

More information about this initiative [🔗 Meadow-in-a-box | Scottish pollinators](#)



## Scottish Biodiversity Strategy is out!

The long-awaited Scottish Biodiversity Strategy sets out a clear ambition for Scotland to be Nature Positive by 2023.

Read CIEEM's summary [👉 CIEEM Scottish Biodiversity Summary](#)

Read the delivery plan [👉 Delivery Plan 2024 - 2030](#)

## 🎄 Christmas Shutdown 🎄

The NESBiP team is taking a well deserved break from Tuesday 24th December to Monday 6th January. During this time, you can still explore a wealth of information on our website and connect with fellow nature enthusiasts in our Wildlife Gardening Group.

We can't wait to hear about all the exciting biodiversity projects you have planned for 2025!

📅 Upcoming Events 📅

- [Plant a Tree in Ellon's McDonald Woods](#) - Saturday 7th December, 9:00 - 13:00
- [Community Litter Pick at Tullos Hill](#) - Thursday 12th December, 11:00 - 14:00
- [Community Litter Pick at Hazelhead Woods](#) - Friday 10th January, 11:00 - 14:00
- **Save the date! NESBiP Spring Seminar - Friday 7th March**



### Other updates:

- 🎧 Aberdeen City Council Countryside Ranger Jack was interviewed as part of the Festival of the Sea: Harbour Voices Podcast 🖱️ <https://shorturl.at/7CyN>
- 🐦 Seabird Monitoring Report is out 🖱️ [www.bto.org/smp-publications](http://www.bto.org/smp-publications)
- 🐾 Join the North East Mammal Group for free until March 2025 🖱️ [nesmatnet@gmail.com](mailto:nesmatnet@gmail.com).

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