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NESBiP Update - January 2025 🎉 🌱

Dear Biodiversity Hero,

A very Happy 2025 to you all. As for many of us, January is always a tough time for me, the excitement of Christmas is gone and often it's too icy to get out for walks. I'm very thankful that this year I have a garden so I can watch birds feed and have a chat with the Herring Gull that is eagerly awaiting for me to go back inside. But not everyone is lucky to have a garden, making urban green spaces incredibly important.

If you haven't already, please add your local or favourite green space to the Butterfly Conservation's [Wild Spaces website](#) so others can enjoy it.

Happy reading 📖,
Abbie Ferrar
NESBiP Biodiversity Coordinator

You're invited - NESBiP Spring Seminar
Supporting Local Biodiversity using the Climate Adaption Route Map!

Date: Friday 7th March

Time: 10:00 - 16:00

Location: Garioch Heritage Centre

Join NESBiP and NESCAN Hub for a day of learning and discussion on how we can support our local biodiversity with the use of the Climate Adaptation Route Map. This event will bring together experts in the field to share their knowledge and insights on how we can protect and preserve our natural environment. Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals and make a difference in your community. See you there!

The event is free to attend, with refreshments and lunch included, but booking is essential. **Please book by Monday 24th February.** The use of public transport and car-sharing is strongly encouraged.

Book your spot 🖱️ [Supporting Local Biodiversity using the Climate Adaption Route Map](#)

Beldorney Estate call for volunteers

Join the Beldorney Estate team by helping to improve biodiversity and accessibility to nature.

Most of the volunteering will require a level of fitness that allows walking on uneven terrain but there may be other opportunities or those unable to participate in these.


Find out more information by contacting Louise at Louise.McLaren@highlandsrewilding.co.uk






RGU and The Habitat People need your help

Following the launch of the RGU Waterside Farm reserve, there is a focus on partnering with local organisations to strategies the eradication of Himalayan balsam.

 Date: Wednesday 26th February

 Time: 16:00 - 18:00

 Location: Ishbel Gordon Building, RGU

 Email: david@habitatpeople.co.uk

📅 Upcoming Events 📅

- **Save the date! NESBiP Spring Seminar - Friday 7th March**
 - **Big Garden Birdwatch** - Friday 24th - Saturday 26th January
 - **Wintering Wild & Well Webinar** - Various dates from 29th January to 26th February
 - **Offshore Renewable Energy in Scotland** - Tuesday 4th February, 12:00 - 13:00
 - **DiversiTree - Diversifying our Woodlands to Increase Resilience** - Wednesday 5th March, 13:00 - 14:00
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Other updates:

- Inspiring Aberdeenshire Nominations are open. Is there someone where you live or work who makes life that bit more special for everyone?
👉 www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/inspiring
- Thinking of starting your wildlife garden journey but don't know where to start? Check out this handy guide written by CuramFyvie 👉 [Growing local wildflowers in NE Scotland seed collecting and sowing](#)
- Help the decline in swift populations by signing this petition asking the Scottish Government to make swift nesting bricks a requirement for all new builds in Scotland
👉 <https://petitions.parliament.scot/petitions/PE2134>
- Applications are open for funding applications for the Climate School 180 project 👉 [Apply for Climate School 180 in 2025](#)

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