

NESBiP November 2025 Update

NESBiP's on Holiday



Our Biodiversity Coordinator is now on holiday (19th November) and will return on the 1st December. Please note, the social media, emails or website will not be monitored during this time.

Our **Wildlife Gardening Facebook Group** is a fantastic place to ask any questions. **Our website** also has a search function to help find your biodiversity query.

If neither of those are able to answer your question, Abbie will get back to as soon as she can upon her return.

AI Advances in Seal Research: Turning Challenges into Opportunities – Guest Blog

AI meets the seals of North-East Scotland!
At Newburgh Seal Beach, Claire Stainfield is using drones and AI to study seal colonies like never before.

What once took hours of manual counting now happens in minutes — helping us protect these incredible animals faster and smarter.

[Read our latest guest blog here](#)



Moray's Living Lawns



Ten football pitches of wildflowers? Yes please!

Moray Council's living lawns are now thriving across 46 sites — helping nature bloom and buzz across the region.

[Find out more](#)



Community Guide to green social prescribing



Hear from people running nature-based activities in local green spaces to support better health and wellbeing.

Read about the case study from Nature Towns and Cities.

Do you run Green Social Prescribing in North East Scotland? **Get in touch** and let us know.

UK is Among the Least Nature-Connected Nations

A recent study reveals the UK is falling behind in nature connection — a reminder of how important it is to tackle biodiversity loss and raise awareness. We are in the bottom 10!



“Detachment from nature is contributing to the environmental crisis and reversing this trend requires detailed monitoring and targeted interventions to reconnect people to nature.”

Read more about the study



Save the Date! - Spring Seminar 2026

Mark your calendar and save the date for NESBiP and NESCAN Hub's Spring Seminar!
This years theme Nature Connections.

 Friday 6th March 2026
 The James Hutton Institute, Aberdeen

More information to follow soon



NESBiP Available for Talks

With our wildflower and scything workshops now over, we are offering online or indoor talks to community groups and organisations.

If you would like to learn more, please get in touch.

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National Tree Week

22nd November - 30th November

National Tree Week, brought to you by The Tree Council and partners, brings together the conservation sector, volunteers and tree-lovers to mark the start of the annual tree planting season by planting thousands of trees and hedgerows and celebrating these magnificent mainstays of our landscapes.

Find out more and check out some of the events happening



Hedgehogs in Autumn - NES Mammal Blog



Autumn is a crucial time of year for hedgehogs as the hibernation period approaches. The Hedgehogs of Portlethen (and the surrounding areas) wrote an excellent blog for the NES Mammal Network with some advice on how you can help them.

Read the blog about one of NESBiP's Big 5 here



Funding

SEED Fund (Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire)

The Seed Fund is designed for small community projects. Any local not-for-profit community-led organisation, with an annual income under £50,000 that is based in Aberdeen City or Aberdeenshire can apply. In some cases, we can accept applications from individuals on behalf of informal groups.

Apply for grants up to £500.

Have your say!



Draft Moray Council Biodiversity Strategy -

Extended deadline to 4th January

All public bodies in Scotland have a duty to take positive action and decisions around nature as they carry out their responsibilities. The draft Biodiversity Strategy brings together the many areas of work which Moray Council impacts on, influences, or benefits from nature

Proposed Moray Nature Network

Moray Council's draft Biodiversity Strategy incorporates the proposed Moray Nature Network; a strategic plan to connect and restore nature across Moray that is relevant to anyone interested in nature, or who may impact it through their activities.

Interactive mapping can be viewed in the **Proposed Moray Nature Network** story map.



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Upcoming Events

- New Arc Wildlife Rescue Webinar, Online. Wednesday 19th November. 19:30. [👉](#)
Book your place
- Three Words for Forest - Screening and Discussion, The James Hutton Institute. Thursday 27th November. 10:00 - 14:00 [👉](#) **Book your place**
- Wildlife Gardening Talks at Aberdeenshire Libraries [👉](#) **Find out more**
- Aberdeenshire Council Countryside Rangers [👉](#) **Upcoming Events**
- Aberdeen City Council Countryside Rangers [👉](#) **Upcoming Events**
- NESBReC [👉](#) **Upcoming Events.**
- A brand new film club in Peterhead, and it's free to attend! [👉](#) **Friends of the Earth Reel Change**

Other Updates

- Join NESBiP's Camera Trap Loan scheme, borrow a camera trap for up to 3 months with us. Pop us an email to find out more.
- Join the NES Mammal Network [👉](#) **FREE membership registration**
- Join the Nature-Friendly Farming Network [👉](#) **More information**
- **NESBiP Big 5:** Learn how to take action and protect Hedgehog, Swift, Northern Damsel, Mixed Native Hedgerow Species and Native Willow Species.
- Wild About Your Garden booklets [👉](#) **You can download a copy here.**
- NESBiP is on Instagram [👉](#) **Follow us, tag us in your biodiversity photos and share our posts**
- Did you miss our previous newsletter and would like to catch up? Find them on our website [👉](#) **NESBiP Monthly Newsletter**
- Are you a school or community group? Join our free camera trap project! [👉](#) **More information**



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