

NESBiP August 2026 Update

Can we make the North East of Scotland a biodiversity paradise?



Talks

CAN WE MAKE THE NORTH EAST OF SCOTLAND A BIODIVERSITY PARADISE?

2 PM - 2:50 PM

Abbie, NESBiP & Alex, University of Aberdeen

Talks Tent SEATON PARK

SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2026 1 PM - 6 PM

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Join NESBiP and the University of Aberdeen's Sustainable Development Officer in the Envirolution Talk Tent from 2pm to 3pm to explore how we can help nature thrive across the region.

We'd love to hear your ideas!

 **Envirolution Talk Tent**
 **Saturday 5th September**
 **14:00 - 14:50**

More information about Envirolution

It's that time of year again to mow the Tomintoul Wildflower Meadow

 **Tomintoul Wildflower Meadow (W3W skirting.lend.fury)**
 **Friday 4th September**
 **10:00 - 15:00 - join us all day or drop in!**

This is the 5th time we have scythed this meadow, and it is the 250th anniversary of Tomintoul, so a special one.

All are welcome, whether you have a scythe of your own or not! A great chance to learn a new skill and meet like-minded people.



Climate Week North East Biodiversity & Nature Events



CWNE is almost here. 19th September to 4th October.

Two-weeks of activities, events, walks, talks and more happening across the North East.

Find out more here.

Here are a list of amazing biodiversity and nature related events for you to get involved in. Clicking on the title will take you to find out more about the event.

- **Scything & Wildflowers at Ury Riverside Park with NESBiP**
- **Discover the NESBiP Big 5 – Free Online Talk**
- **Discover the Earthworm Revolution!**
- **RSPB Local Group – Coastal walk at Cairnbulg**
- **Climate-Positive Farming – Taster day at Glensaugh**
- **Guided Walk through Cove Community Woodland**
- **Fungi Identification at House of Dun**
- **Portlethen Moss Meander**
- **Preserve Portlethen Moss Day**
- **Cost of carbon capture: creating a wee forest on a small budget**
- **Pop-up Seal Watch: Forvie National Nature Reserve**
- **Wetland Maintenance at Scotstown Moor**
- **Stepping into a Landscape Story, Seaton Park, Aberdeen.**



Beavers are back in Scotland!



Beavers are one of Scotland's most important native species, helping to create wetlands, improve water quality, boost biodiversity, and increase resilience to flooding. As a keystone species and ecosystem engineer, their return is playing a significant role in nature restoration across Scotland.

At NESBiP, we are passionate about connecting people with the wildlife and habitats that make North East Scotland special. Understanding species such as beavers helps build awareness of the vital role biodiversity plays in healthy ecosystems and resilient communities. Whether you're new to the topic or want to learn more about beaver restoration and management, this helpful guide from NatureScot explains everything you need to know.

[Read more](#)

The Big Picture Conference

If you're passionate about nature recovery, don't miss The Big Picture Conference, SCOTLAND: The Big Picture's flagship rewilding event, on Saturday 19 September at Perth Concert Hall.

Featuring an exciting lineup of leading voices, this year's programme will explore two key themes: 'Rewilding with people and place' and 'Coexistence in rewilded landscapes.' To close the day, panellists will tackle one of the sector's most topical questions: 'Does rewilding have a wildfire problem?'

Join hundreds of people from across the rewilding movement for an informative and inspiring day of presentations, learning opportunities and rewilding discussion.

[Find out more and book your place](#)



Global biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse and national security



This strategic assessment examines the impact of global biodiversity loss and ecosystem collapse on the UK's resilience, security, and prosperity. It highlights how environmental degradation can disrupt essential services like food and water, leading to geopolitical instability. The assessment identifies six key ecosystems for the UK and discusses the potential cascading global effects of their decline.

[Read it here](#)

Climate resilient catchments Linn of Dee update

The Cairngorms 2030 upper Dee river restoration project aims to enhance biodiversity and climate resilience by restoring natural river processes. Key actions include removing rock walls and flood banks, creating wetlands, and adding tree trunks for wildlife habitats. Currently, machinery is being used, leaving visible bare earth.



[Read more about the project](#)

Getting the right cow in the right place



When NFFN farmer and butcher Jock Gibson inherited Edinvale Farm in north-east Scotland, he wished to take a more nature-friendly approach. But he realised their existing cattle breeds were not well-suited to their environment or his butchery business.

He gave up on Aberdeen Angus and experimented with what breeds would work best for his farm and nature.

[Read his story](#)



Volunteer Opportunity: Youth Group Leader Needed



The RSPB is looking for a Volunteer Youth Group Main Leader to support the Aberdeenshire Wildlife Explorer Group.

This rewarding role offers the chance to inspire and engage young people with nature through hands-on wildlife activities, outdoor learning and conservation experiences. It's a fantastic opportunity for anyone passionate about wildlife and helping the next generation develop a connection with the natural world.

Whether you have experience working with young people or simply a love for nature and community engagement, the RSPB would love to hear from you.

Find out more about the role and how to apply

Funding Opportunities

- Rewilding Innovation Fund, deadline 5th September 👉 **More information**
- Projects within Aberdeenshire or Aberdeen City SEED Funding, grants up to £500 👉 **More information**
- Projects within Aberdeen City LEAF Funding, grants up to £3,000 👉 **More information**
- Moray CAN Funding Opportunities 👉 **More information**
- Small Eco Awards, grants between £300 and £20,000 👉 **More information**



Upcoming Events

- Upcoming Wildflower & Scything Workshops 👉 **Upcoming Events.**
- MorayCAN Climate Conference 2026, The Elements of Change. Thursday 24th September 👉 **Book here**
- CIEEM Scotland Conference: Fieldwork Futures: Innovations in Ecological Practice, Glasgow, 29th September, time TBC 👉 **Book here (LinkedIn post)**
- Aberdeenshire Council Countryside Rangers 👉 **Upcoming Events**
- Aberdeen City Council Countryside Rangers 👉 **Upcoming Events**
- NESBReC 👉 **Upcoming Events.**
- Tomintoul village is turning 250 and has lots of events happening. 👉 **Keep up date on whats happening.**

Other Updates

- Swift Nestboxes available for the 2027 nesting season - please contact North East Scotland Swifts - **huntlyswiftgroup@gmail.com**
- **Download our Wild About Garden Booklet** to start your wildlife gardening journey
- **NESBiP Big 5:** Learn how to take action and protect Hedgehog, Swift, Northern Damselfly, Mixed Native Hedgerow Species and Native Willow Species.
- Citizen Science is incredibly important as it helps us have a better idea of how nature is doing 👉 **Learn how to get involved**
- Watch our video on the importance of biological recording in North East Scotland and how you can get involved 👉 **Watch it here**
- Did you miss our previous newsletter and would like to catch up? Find them on our website 👉 **NESBiP Monthly Newsletter**

Abbie's Favourite Photo of the month!

This new addition to the newsletter has been added because Abbie (like many of you) has been struggling with all the wildfires happening. Not just in the Scotland, but further afield too. She decided to add this in as a little positivity. This month, it isn't a photo though, it's a screenshot from a video. **This video** shared by Saving Wildcats.

A group of kayakers came across Sully the wildcat swimming across the River Spey. The first time it's been recorded. How very lucky of this group to see this and I hope it cheers up your week as much as it did mine when I first saw it!

