

Local Biodiversity Action Plan Newsletter

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Thank you to all of you who sent in updates for our second newsletter. I hope this means you found the first one useful. We hope to get this one circulated more widely so are building a distribution list to include all LBAP officers, members of the Scottish Biodiversity Forum and its subgroups, and Scottish Lead Partners. If you have any suggestions for additions to the distribution list please send them in. Over the next two months the Scottish Biodiversity Strategy will be being developed through a series of workshops, we will have four or five LBAP officers at each of these and will have an opportunity to compare notes and discuss our input to the strategy at the next network meeting in September. Thank you to all those who have made time to attend yet more meetings! Deadline for the next newsletter is **Monday 19 August**. Any comments or suggestions for the newsletter very welcome, please e-mail [Vicky Abernethy](#) or [Jo Lenthall](#)

Local Updates

Argyll & Bute Local Biodiversity Partnership.

Lorn Red Squirrel Group:



At a meeting on 6 February 2002, 14 people attended to discuss the starting up a **Red Squirrel Group** in the Oban Area to support the work of the Local Biodiversity Action Plan. Abbie Patterson (Species Officer with the National Trust for Scotland) has agreed to be the group's secretary for the first year. A field trip in March 2002, courtesy of John Little, Tilhill Forestry at Glen Cruachan Wood - Loch Awe-, gave the group training on surveying and monitoring techniques. The role of the group will be to survey within a given area and develop a campaign to raise awareness.

Since the start up of this, Scotland's latest Red Squirrel Group, interest from other areas including Mid-Argyll and Cowal has been shown in starting up a similar group and a series of meetings will be scheduled for these areas in the Autumn. The Argyll & Bute Biodiversity web site will be providing further information on Red Squirrel and the groups activities.

Clackmannanshire

Comments Needed!

The Clackmannanshire Biodiversity Partnership is launching the **Consultation Draft** of the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) this month! Following a small event at Castle Campbell with the Steering Group, copies of the Draft will be available at local libraries, CAPs and directly from Lynn Campbell at Lime Tree House, Alloa. To ensure the final BAP is a success, we need your comments and ideas. All comments will be discussed at the Biodiversity Seminar on 30th August, an event that is open to all interested parties. The closing date for comments is 23 August 2002. For more information or to receive a copy of the draft please contact Lynn on 01259 452 639; lynncampbell@clacks.gov.uk; or Room 49, Lime Tree House, Alloa, FK10 1EX.



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Dumfries and Galloway

Website. At long last the Dumfries & Galloway Biodiversity website has been launched. It has a relatively simple layout, with a few pages of introductory text and the minimum of graphics. Most importantly, it has a news page that will be regularly updated by the Biodiversity Officer, a links page to websites of LBAP partners, and the facility to download all of the published habitat and species plans. It can be accessed through the Council's home page or direct on www.dumgal.gov.uk/biodiversity.

Consultations with other Council departments are increasing, which is good for biodiversity, but very time demanding. Recent consultations include proposals for beach-cleaning, shingle extraction, riverbank management, access facilities, opencast mine restoration, and a proposal to extend a landfill site across a bog, with the likely result of extinction for a local priority species (Bog Bush Cricket) in the region and in Scotland.

Volunteer surveys are underway for several local priority species including Nightjars, Great Crested Newts, Water Voles and farmland passerines.

A **Catchment Management Plan** has been completed by SEPA for the River Annan catchment, and will be launched on July 13th at an Environment Day in Lockerbie.

A funding bid for a **local records centre** has unfortunately failed. A vast amount of data on the biodiversity of Dumfries and Galloway has been collected over the years, but much of it almost impossible to access. LBAP partners are now exploring options to bring this information together.

Habitat creation/restoration projects have been discussed for moorlands and native woodlands. Both are examining the possibility of large scale, long-term projects that will require considerable resources, but both have the potential for major biodiversity gains. Meanwhile, conifers on three of the region's bogs, Moss of Cree, Kirkconnel Flow and Longbridgemuir, are being permanently removed.

A number of **community wildlife projects** are at the planning stage including restoration of a former curling pond, tree planting, wildflower meadow creation, and a wildlife garden. Negotiations are currently in progress with a commercial company, to provide much of the funding for this work.

Wildlife Tourism has risen up the list of priorities for the Tourist Board, partly as a result of the impact of foot and mouth disease in 2001. A dedicated officer is now employed to examine how tourism and the local rural economy can benefit from the region's biodiversity.

East Dunbartonshire BAP update

The **first Partnership** meeting for two years was held on 31.05.02, and attended by 12 people. Partners were invited to contribute a list of sites, habitats and species, which together with information provided two years ago allowed production of tabulated long lists of species, habitats, and sites within East Dunbartonshire, from which priority species and habitats have been selected. This audit will be used as a working document to inform the Partnership through the production of the plan rather than being published.

The Partnership have elected to go for electronic publication of the Biodiversity Action Plan on the Council website and on CD ROM, with links to other relevant sites, and just produce hard copies on request. The format will be a summary document, with habitat and species action plans just being written for a few target habitats and species this year, and others being added as funding becomes available for action. Priority species for this year will include Black Grouse, farmland birds (Grey Partridge, Tree Sparrow, Linnet, Yellowhammer, and Reed Bunting), waders, the pond snail *Lymnaea glabra*, Great Crested Newt, Water Vole,



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Tufted Loosetrife, and Bennett's Pondweed. Actions will be taken for most of these through habitat action plans rather than direct species action plans. Where possible, writing will be kept to a minimum, with positive actions on the ground being promoted and maximised, together with local education and involvement.

Positive **actions** so far include creation of two ponds, nest boxes for Tree Sparrows, selection of species for use in restoration works after construction of local flood defences, responses to four adverse planning developments, and promotion of Biodiversity and site preservation through the Local Plan review.

I would appreciate **copies of any LBAPs** that I haven't yet seen, so anyone who has an LBAP that I haven't yet contacted, could you please send a copy to *Dr Paul Baker, Biodiversity Officer, East Dunbartonshire Council, The Triangle, Kirkintilloch Road, Bishopbriggs, G64 2TR* E-mail: paul.baker@eastdunbarton.gov.uk

Falkirk Area Biodiversity Action Plan Launch

The **launch** of the Falkirk Area Biodiversity Action Plan will take place on Thursday 27th June 2002, at the BP Exhibition Centre in Grangemouth. To celebrate the launch members of the biodiversity partnership and other local interest groups will be getting stuck into some practical conservation – pond management, wildflower planting and wildlife surveying alongside the Union Canal. This will be followed in the afternoon by the official launch of the Biodiversity Action Plan and discussion/workshop sessions to explore how people can get more involved in the process and what local conservation projects people would like to see undertaken. We're hoping for sunshine!

Copies of the Biodiversity Action Plan on CD are available from Anna Perks, or you can find it on the Falkirk Council website (www.falkirk.gov.uk) look for "Biodiversity Action Plan" in the A-Z of contents. Limited paper copies of species and habitat action plans are also available from Anna Perks (Tel: 01324 504863, E-mail: anna.perks@falkirk.gov.uk).

Joined up thinking

The Forth Estuary and Firth of Forth is lucky enough to flow through seven different LBAP areas! All of these LBAPs recognise the need to conserve the diversity of habitats and species associated with the estuary and firth, and many have already developed local action plans to help achieve this.

The estuary (which refuses to be neatly chopped up by LBAP area into discrete, easily managed lumps!) offers an opportunity for the LBAPs involved to explore how they can work together to achieve shared objectives for the conservation of this particular ecosystem.

To this end, a small (and courageous) band of Biodiversity Officers, from the areas along the Forth Estuary and Firth will be attending a meeting in July, chaired by the Forth Estuary Forum, to discuss the potential for joint working and closer communication in relation to their estuary action plans.

Fife LBAP Update

We are currently working to streamline the LBAP, in an attempt to produce a reduced number of achievable actions. We are now taking a thematic approach to the LBAP, and are developing thematic action plans based on re-formatted HAPs and SAPs, including habitat management, awareness raising, biological surveying, etc. A Biodiversity Profile of Fife will also be produced to provide more detailed species and habitat information for anyone who needs it.



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In response to an obvious need for practical work, some biodiversity projects have been set up including:

- providing a bird hide and improving access at a local reservoir, and designating as an LNR.
- enhancing the habitat of an urban park and changing its management regime to favour biodiversity
- working with the Ranger Service to develop biodiversity measures for Scottish Power
- providing a free supply of all required materials for making bird and bat boxes, for use by community groups
- providing traps to be distributed to farmers for the purposes of mink control
- supporting a local project to re-introduce aspen into a mixed woodland
- supporting FWAG's River Eden project, which aims to carry out riparian habitat enhancement and control of diffuse pollution.

Glasgow

- **Tranche 2** species and habitat action plans are currently being prepared and are due for launch this summer.
- **Community Council** Biodiversity Seminar has been held.
- City Woodland Initiative is being developed.
- Ongoing **habitat management** has been carried out on a variety of habitats (in conjunction with partner organisations) including heathland, grassland and woodland. 3 wetland creation projects (in partnership with Kelvin-Clyde Greenspace and SWT) have been carried out and there are proposals for wetland enhancement projects at various ponds in parks throughout the city.
- **Surveys** have been / currently are being carried out for Bluebell, Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary and Toothwort. **Actions** have been carried out for farmland birds (RSPB) and Burnet-saxifrage.
- **Water Vole** training days (partnership with Kelvin-Clyde Greenspace and SWT) have been held.
- The Biodiversity **Audit** has now been published and is available on the web site.
- **Teacher training** events have been carried out (Kelvin-Clyde Greenspace and Countryside Ranger Service).
- Funding has been secured for a temporary manager to set up Recorder 2000 at the **Local Record Centre** (Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum) and satellites (Land Services, Countryside Ranger Service and Kelvin-Clyde Greenspace).
- 3rd issue of **Glasgow's Biodiversity News** (LBAP Newsletter) currently being printed.
- There are variety of events planned for the summer:
- Community **Wildlife Gardening**- open day at Coach House Trust on 21st June (Backyard Biodiversity Day), to promote the use of greenspace for wildlife gardening/ biodiversity and demonstrate local recycling schemes.
- Glasgow Science Centre is holding an event on **Backyard Biodiversity Day** called Ecotrek (designed to explore the issues of human energy consumption and the effect of this on the environment).
- Countryside **Ranger Service** (in addition to normal programme of events) are holding 4 "Wild in the City" events to specifically promote Glasgow's biodiversity (3rd July



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Tollcross Park, 10th July Queen's Park, 17th July Springburn Park and 24th July Kelvingrove Park).

- Castlemilk Environment Trust have a programme of events throughout the summer.

Highland

Caithness & Sutherland Biodiversity Action Plans - Work has started on the drafting of these plans with **local workshops** in May and June. Local biodiversity groups are being formed to write and consult over the plans, distribute project implementation monies and oversee 'know your own patch' events in 2-3 local communities. The groups will comprise 8-10 local representatives of land use interests.

Inverness & Nairn Community Biodiversity Action Plan - Abriachan based consultants Outreach asked a wide range of people and organisations in Inverness & Nairn what they value from the environment and what they would like to do to help it. A leaflet highlighting the biodiversity of the area and suggesting actions for communities, businesses, schools and agencies currently is in draft format, and will be printed and distributed in July.

Wild Bird Cover Project - There are now less than 10 pairs of corn bunting left in the Highlands, all in the Nairn area. In a project managed by Highland FWAG and supported by the Partnership for Rural Inverness & Nairn and the Highland Biodiversity Project, 10 hectares of set-aside land in Inverness & Nairn was planted this spring to provide winter cover for farmland birds.

The **Caithness Collection** - The project is working with the Caithness Wildlife Tourism Group to produce a collection of images of the biodiversity of Caithness. It is intended that these images will be used on coasters, place mats, and made available to Caithness communities to use in their own websites, leaflets and interpretative materials.

Marine Innovation Award - An award scheme to recognise and raise awareness of best practice in the marine environment will be launched this autumn. The award will be open to all businesses operating in inshore waters, and the project is currently seeking additional sponsors.

North Lanarkshire

We are now trying to ensure implementation and coordination of all the proposed actions by partners in our various HAPS and SAPS. A key to this we feel is a **dedicated Biodiversity Officer**, and we are expecting to appoint someone later this year.

Our other current priorities (on-going) are:

- **Review** of our LBAP progress to date- currently being led by our Planning Dept.
- Extending **awareness** of biodiversity within the Council especially to Parks and Ground Maintenance, and Development Planning Case Officers.
- Continuing to develop our NL **Bio-Record Centre**, and to hope that ultimately nationally- held or sector-held information is also contained within. (e.g. birds, beetles, etc)
- Given that NL has highest proportion of vacant-**derelict land** in Scotland, a greater understanding of its actual or potential biodiversity value as brownfield habitat, before it is all built over or "greened"
- Encourage more ambitious restoration plans following **open-cast** than only farm fields or woodland planting.



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Orkney still going!

We survived the end of funding and have once again sneaked through with a further **two years** of funding!! But with this new round of funding has come a new employer (my second!)- Orkney Islands Council - and a new office (my third, well technically the fourth!) and contact details.

A major milestone should be reached by the end of June with Orkney's **LBAP Manual** making it as far as the printer! This will take the format of a binder containing:

- An introduction statement/commitment from all the partners to the local biodiversity process in Orkney
- The third revision of Orkney's Biodiversity Audit
- Local Habitat Action Plans for all of Orkneys terrestrial habitats
- A Species Action Plan Section. We have selected the SAPs we wish to produce, and are exploring formats and authors.
- An Area Action Plan Section, containing the relevant AAP to the individual and requests can be made for all 21 plans if desired.

This Manual has been designed to be a working document and the first stop for those interested or working in the field of biodiversity. Sections can be updated/amended as required.

Half of the AAPs are now endorsed by their respective **Community Councils**, the rest are all in various stages of the consultation process, except one, which is yet to be drafted. And the implementation process has begun working with various local groups to put some of the AAP suggestions into practice.

Renfrewshire LBAP

- Progress of **actions plans** preparation, overall, on target for publishing by spring 2003;
- Engagement of **business community** & local councillors to the LBAP process concept. Main selling point used is the inherent socio-economic value of biodiversity and therefore its relevance to the individual, company etc. See the document at the end of this newsletter, which was handed out to these parties & definitely instilled a significantly greater interest than previous encounters that did not sell the economic angle. The info sheet aims to only provide an initial interest and is not intended to be a fully concise guide - suggestions for improvements, within the socio-economic parameter, are most welcome.
- **LBAP website** due to come on-line - advertising events, awareness info, newsboard, partner links, overview of draft action plans, etc.
- **Events leaflet** summer 2002, marketing of 17 different events run by 5 LBAP partners during the summer.

Living Shetland

AgriBAP - Living Shetland is in the process of developing an Agriculture sector BAP. To get community involvement we have sent questionnaires to 1,000 crofters and farmers (which is pretty much all of them!). Anyone who returns the questionnaire will be entered into a prize draw. Prizes include having our MP or MSP for a slave for a day on the croft. A meeting with the local NFU Scotland executive committee was interesting.

Community Representative - We have recently employed a Community Representative for the South Mainland and Fair Isle. Glen Tyler will be developing the first of 5 area LBAPs. As



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a part of public consultation and raising awareness we will be having "Wild Nights". Wild Nights aim to be fun and informative, with a view to find out what the local community find important about Shetland's biodiversity.

EcoDay at Shetland's newest Eco-school - Hamnavoe Primary school have just been awarded the prestigious Green Flag, becoming Shetland's newest Eco-school. Shetland now has six Eco-schools. If you'd like to find out more about Eco-schools visit www.eco-schools.org.uk.

Roadside BAP - Roadsides have been brought up on numerous occasions as being of great importance. The main issue is cutting regimes. Community Councils are identifying areas that they would rather have cut or not, the BAP has been promoted through the media resulting in numerous phonecalls from the public. The roadside BAP is being drafted and aims to be published in the next couple of months.

Bird Club - A meeting with the Shetland Bird Club identified eider, twite and sand eel as priority species in Shetland. Habitats were discussed at length, with the marine environment as a whole, traditional rigs and holms being highlighted.

Arts - The Shetland Arts Trust have agreed to be involved in an art competition/exhibition. It's still in planning stages but should move fairly quickly. The aim is to use the arts to raise awareness of Shetland's biodiversity. Classes will include photography (various categories eg. Land, sea & skyscape, rare, characteristic, bairns, "Da wye it wis" - habitats, species and traditions being lost), drawings, sculpture etc, short stories, music, crafts and song. We will use local and not so local judges and have an exhibition in summer 2003.

Scottish Biodiversity Week - Schools - Schools environment week has been running for a few years now, with thanks to local organisations and now coincides with SBW.

Approximately 600 bairns will attend. There are various activities including beach art, woodland walks (Yes - in Shetland!!), and games that link to the curriculum

Show season - Living Shetland will attend, or have displays at the various shows and events of the summer, including SNH and RSPB open days, Foys, Galas and agricultural shows.

Looks like it's going to be a busy one!

Stirling BAP Update.

It's **consultation** time again in Stirling. The consultation draft of the second volume of the Stirling BAP has been produced and circulated at the beginning of May. 150 copies were printed with 130 double-sided pages, this cost £1,100 from PDC Copyprint in Glasgow on recycled paper too. There are 26 plans in it. The consultation will end on the 22nd of June. If you would like to have a look at a copy then let me know.

Monitoring has begun on the 2001-2002 action in the first volume of the Stirling BAP. It was decided that the monitoring year would run as the financial year as this when most organisations will report on their year's activities. I got a very brief monitoring form together and with the agreement of the Steering Group sent this to the 6 working group chairs, who will pass on the recording sheets to the lead partners for each plan action. Poor old SNH have discovered they are leads for over 100 actions! The forms are to be back by early September, so that I can use the information to help answer the National Monitoring form that will be appearing at that time.

Swift box giveaway. This has been a great success, over 80 of the 180 boxes have been distributed, with 15 mounted on Stirling Council's HQ Viewforth. The boxes cost £5 each with BTCV Scotland constructing them with the aid of a community grant scheme grant of



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£1,000. An article Biodiversity News about the giveaway prompted contact from Dorset, North Wales and Shrewsbury about where to get designs for swift boxes.

Biodiversity Trail leaflet. This is currently being designed and aims to provide an introduction to the main habitats found in Stirling, with many of the stops on the trail having walks at or close by them. The human influence on the landscape will be a major theme in the leaflet, which will be a brief gazetteer of 12 main sites with information on where to find out more contained in each site summary. The purpose of the leaflet is to provide a resource for the "casual" green tourist, as general information on sites all over Stirling is not presently available in one leaflet. The leaflet will be A3 folded to a third of A4, with a large map of Stirling on one side and site summaries on the other. The first run, (10,000) copies, will be a trial, to see if people use it and if the sites are up to it. Depending on feedback specific, site improvements could be identified and gaps in interpretation highlighted. The cost of the leaflet will be £200 design and photo's (Stirling Council's in-house designers) and the printing £2,200. Funding for this has still to be fully secured but will come from Stirling Council (Countryside and Tourism and Rural Development sections), SNH and maybe the Loch Lomond and Trossachs Interim Committee. I hope to have the leaflet out by late July.

I have also been subcontracted out as an **Ecological Clerk of Works** for a bridge replacement over the River Endrick. This will help pay this year's wage bill and it is interesting being involved in a construction project. It gets you out the office.

Tayside

The Barry Buddon SAC is a coastal links located to the East of Dundee. In the 1950s five different species of **tern**, several thousand breeding pairs in total, bred at Barry Buddon. Now there are no terns breeding on the site. It is thought that habitat disturbance leading to a reduction in the availability of nesting sites is to blame. The LBAP partnership has begun work to enhance the area's tern population focussing specifically on the area of land beyond the lighthouse. Management initiatives include placing clay terns, shelters, and 'tern calling-tapes' in the area. Dundee College has lent its pottery kilns to fire the clay models and the local community, including schoolchildren, have been involved in making the models and painting them. Predator control and volunteer wardening may also be used to keep the site suitable for terns. Long term planning and monitoring of the site will allow management initiatives to be assessed.

Scottish Biodiversity Week

At last, the date of the launch for Scottish Biodiversity Week has been confirmed as Tuesday 27 August. The launch will be by Allan Wilson MSP, and will be held at the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh. This also coincides with the Biodiversity Strategy People Workshop.

Events occurring during Scottish Biodiversity Week are now going onto the www.scotland.gov.uk/biodiversity webpage. There are a number of areas with nothing yet, so to maximise publicity please get them to [Jo Lenthall](mailto:Jo.Lenthall) asap!

Scottish Wildlife & Countryside Fair, 31 August & 1 September – There is a 12m x 12m Biodiversity Tent! The theme of the Tent is 'Surveys and Surveying'. The aim is to have all the LBAPOs displays and stands around the edge of the tent (stand sizes will be about 2m x 3m) with the central zone (about 3m x 3m) devoted to all types of survey work occurring



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throughout Scotland that the public can get involved in. The public will then move from the central area to their LBAP area and get chatting about what they can do to help the biodiversity process in their area. Very kindly, Amelia Morgan has agreed to help out with some of the latter stage co-ordination of this central area.

If you have any queries, or ideas, please contact [Jo Lenthall](#)

Discussion corner

The Socioeconomic Value of Biodiversity (Article by Frank MacCullaich, Renfrewshire LAP. Feedback welcome)

Human beings are dependent for their sustenance, health, well-being and enjoyment of life on fundamental biological systems and processes. Humanity derives all of its food and many medicines and industrial products from the wild and domesticated components of biological diversity. Biotic resources also serve recreation and tourism, and underpin the ecosystems that provide us with many services.

High-consumption lifestyles continue to tax the earth's natural life support systems, such as the ozone, soil, water and biodiversity. Environmental degradation has a mainly diffuse impact on the human population and thus it is difficult for any single individual to recognise its level of relevance within his/her life style and subsequently the changes that are required at home, work and play to enable a sustainable future for generations to come.

A good example of an individual's failure to recognise the significance of biodiversity (the environment) has been the actions of the American President himself, George Bush, with one example being the refusal to comply with the Kyoto Protocol on Global Warming.

One aspect that may help shape the future views of influential people would be an increase into research that would identify the inherent socio-economic values that biodiversity contains within the infrastructure of commerce (i.e. individual industry sectors). From this point, one may be able to gain a more tangible appreciation of the socio-economic importance of biodiversity and other environmental concerns. However, it is a bit of the 'chicken and egg' scenario, without some form of initial awareness within the most important political sectors, it will be difficult to motivate suitable funding for adequate levels of research.

Hopefully, the LBAP process will be able to gain initial interest from local politicians (e.g. councillors) to exert influence on the political hierarchy, in order to create a momentum of genuine integrated action for sustainable development, such as the LBAP process, across all sectors both horizontally and vertically.

Agriculture

A new report *Cultivating Diversity: Agro-biodiversity and Food Security*, released by the World Resources Institute,¹ highlights the key principles, policies and practices necessary to maintaining agro-biodiversity and to assuring long-term food security.

¹ <http://www.wri.org/press/agrobiod.html>



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The report notes that biodiversity is a fundamental basis of food security and agricultural productivity, and describes how humanity has benefited from a great diversity of biological resources crucial to nutrition and survival and essential for innovations in food production technologies. Agro-biodiversity consists of a rich basket of resources - ranging from varieties of crops and livestock, to beneficial insects, microscopic organisms, and genetic materials -- that make up healthy soils and enable economic production of nutritious food.

Business

For any business, Biodiversity can be an easily identified 'significant aspect' when developing an environmental management system (EMS) to increase efficient use of resources and gain a better marketing profile as an environmentally friendly operator. From reducing waste and emissions to allowing colourful native wildflowers to grow in certain areas of green space, they are all part of the Biodiversity process. In the very near future, to capitalise more on potential economic returns, Biodiversity may become the ultimate buzzword that organisations will want to be part of when presenting any form of serious green image within an ever-increasing competitive market place, both domestically and internationally.

Tourism

The environment is Scotland's key tourism asset, and thus the future of both is inextricably linked. Awareness of the socioeconomic value of the environment is increasing and subsequently many major stakeholders in Scottish tourism are now committed to try developing a sustainable approach to tourism.

The Tourism and Environmental Forum² estimate that the Scottish Tourism industry has:

- Earned £2.5 billion per annum for the Scottish economy;
- Provided employment for 170,000 people;
- 86% of all overseas visitors finding Scotland's scenery attractive;
- 60% of all British visitors rating peace and quiet as features they most like;
- 34% of all overseas visitors finding Scotland's natural wildlife attractive; and
- Over 80% of visitors to Scotland rate the environment as the feature they most like.

Recent studies from MORI (1997)³ show that 'the environment' to a visitor means much more than scenery, whereupon:

- 18% of travellers would not return to a hotel that did not care about the environment
- 39% of respondents selected one product over another because of its environmentally friendly packaging, formulation or advertising.
- 61% of travellers thought it important that companies they dealt with take into account environmental issues. This trend is increasing.

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For more information about the relationship between Biodiversity and Business visit <http://www.businessandbiodiversity.org/>

² <http://greentourism.sitekit.net>

³ <http://greentourism.sitekit.net/welcome.asp.LocID-008006004.htm>



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If you would like to learn about the UK government's commitment to biodiversity, go to <http://www.ukbap.org.uk>

To find out more about Biodiversity within Renfrewshire contact Frank MacCullaich (Local Biodiversity Officer for Renfrewshire) on: 0141 842 5235. Alternatively, send an email to: frank.maccullaich@renfrewshire.gov.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September 12th and 13th LBAP coordinators network

Hosted by East Lothian LAP, details will follow shortly

October 7th and 8th LBAP Workshop Battleby

Programme is still being arranged but topics will include Linking with Lead Partners, Community Planning, Getting Funding, 2002 monitoring round and Biodiversity Action Reporting System.