

4 BROUGHTY FERRY ESPLANADE LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS (AN377-2005)

The Broughty Ferry Environment Project have submitted proposals to the Director of Leisure and Arts in respect of the softening and improving of the existing landscape features at Broughty Ferry Esplanade with the key aim of engaging local people in improving the habitat and biodiversity. The proposals include the creation of wildflower meadow areas, new seating, specific areas for habitat collection and interpretation, all of which will complement the existing sand martin nesting area.

The project known as the Hourglass Project has come forward following consultations with the local community and will be progressed by voluntary groups in conjunction with the Broughty Ferry Environment Project. The group have been successful in bidding for external funding for the project from the Scottish Executive Biodiversity Action Grant Scheme.

The project will take place on land currently managed by the Leisure and Arts Department and the proposals are very much welcomed and supported by the Department. The completed works will positively contribute to the overall environment and ecosystem of the Esplanade and the creation of areas of wildflowers will assist in improving the habitat and biodiversity of the site which, in turn, will complement the very successful sand martin nesting bank already located on the site particularly in relation to enhancing the food supply for the birds.

It is recommended that the proposals are agreed and that the Director of Leisure and Arts is remitted to work with the group in delivering the project.