



# The Murton Memo

Murton Trust for Education and the Environment

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## Thank you



What a year 2016 has been for Murton Trust for Education and the Environment. From floods, 10 year anniversaries to new animals, the trust continues to develop and grow.

As the most successful year on the farm since opening comes to a close Alison Elliott, The Trust Manager would like to thank all the customers, visitors, staff, students and volunteers for their continued support of the charity.

John Seaton, Chair of Trustees would like to thank staff, volunteers and students for all their hard work making it such a successful year for the Trust.

We are all looking forward to new developments throughout the Trust in 2017.

### Winter Opening Times:

We are open Wednesday - Sunday 10am -4pm from the 4th January

## TESCO Bags of Help

Tesco teamed up with [Groundwork](#) to launch its Bags of Help initiative across Scotland. The scheme has seen three community groups and projects in each region awarded grants of £12,000, £10,000 and £8,000 – all raised from the 5p bag charge. [Greenspace Scotland](#) are working with Groundwork to support Scottish communities. Bags of Help offers community groups and projects in each of Tesco's regions across the UK a share of revenue generated from the five pence charge levied on single-use carrier bags. The public voted in store and we are delighted to announce Murton Trust For Education and the Environment has been awarded £10,000 for Murton's Marvellous Nature Trail. Work will begin early in the New Year and will include new signage, installations and improvement work to the Sand Martin artificial nesting sites.



### Volunteering Awards 2016

[Voluntary Action Angus](#) held its annual celebration of volunteering in Angus on Thursday 1st December at [Carnoustie Golf Hotel](#). Current volunteer and former Murton school student Duncan Gillies received his 5 year volunteer award for his time volunteering at Murton. Thank you Duncan for all your help over the years.



### Santa's Grotto

December has been busy with lots of children visiting to see Santa at Murton. Thanks to everyone who came along to our Grotto and we hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.



Murton attended the latest Angus Business Breakfast Networking event on the 7th December at the [Park Hotel](#) in Montrose. This quarterly networking event organised by Business Angus was extremely informative with some excellent speakers, from [Greystone Energy](#), [Perceptive Growth](#), and [Dundee & Angus Chamber of Commerce](#). There was also a chance to sample some local produce through the [Taste of Angus](#) Buffet Breakfast. For local businesses this networking event series should not be missed.

## Nature Watch

Stunning Sunsets @ Murton



During recent weeks there have been amazing sunsets over Murton. Try and catch one for yourself with an afternoon stroll around the nature reserve.



### Otters at Murton.

The presence of otters on our land is a wonderful example of the successful restoration of our site. We have been monitoring the otter activity for the last three months and are hopeful that they have now established their territory and will thrive here.

## What's on at Murton?



Meet the animals  
and  
enjoy the great  
outdoors!

Each week  
come rain  
or shine!

Weekly activities  
include Welly  
Boot Painting,  
Building Teepees,  
Mud Pie  
Making  
and so much  
more.  
£3 per child  
under 1's  
free.

Come along and join the most exciting and adventurous outdoor tots group in Angus!

The group is suitable for pre-school children. (0-5)

Every Thursday During Term Time  
Morning Session 10:00 - 12:00  
Afternoon Session 13:00 - 15:00

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**Murton Trust  
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**Annual General  
Meeting**

**19th January 2017  
9.30 am**

Murton Steading Classroom, Arbroath Road, By Forfar DD8 2RZ  
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