



RSPB's stand full of information and activities.



Aaron Gale reads to the audience of book fans.



Jackie Ross and Aaron Gale promoting their books for children which have been written in Doric.



You looking at me?



Children enjoy getting stuck in to the activities.

## Feathery fun for new book

DORIC Books' latest children's title was launched on Sunday at a family activity day at Greenmyres Eco Bothy by Huntly.

The Tint Aig was written and illustrated by local author Aaron Gale. The book tells the story of a little robin redbreast, who finds a mystery egg lying on the ground and goes on a quest to find the owner.

As well as encouraging children to read and listen in Doric, the book is packed with facts and information about local birds and wildlife.

The event was well attended, with families enjoying picnics in the scenic surroundings and engaging in a variety of hands-on activities on offer.

Storytelling sessions by Mr Gale and fellow Doric Books author and storyteller, Jackie Ross, were enjoyed.

Children were invited to decorate their own robin redbreast picture.

Local outdoor play leader Christine from Tines Outdoor Adventure Day Service led bird box making activities.

Deveron Projects gardener-in-residence Lindy Young demonstrated how to make a wormery.

Huntly and District Swift Group shared information on local swifts, while the RSBP provided information and bird feeder making activities, and visitors were able to get up close to a variety of owls and birds thanks to 2wit2wooo owl rescue.

Local ecologist John Malster led walks and talks around Greenmyres.

Mr Gale said: "I have always been a bit of a bird watcher, and had a semi-formed idea for a story about garden birds for years.

"When the story of a lost egg popped into my mind, the story seemed to write itself. It was exciting to finally launch the book and see children and families be inspired to continue reading and engaging in the mother tongue."

The Tint Aig is available online and retail outlets, including Orb's Bookshop in Huntly. See [www.doricbooks.com](http://www.doricbooks.com).



Arts and crafts inside the bothy, where children created their own bird design.

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