





## About the Trust

Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust (PKHT) was established in 1988, with the aim of conserving, enhancing and promoting the archaeological and architectural heritage of the Perth and Kinross area. The Trust is a partnership of the Gannochy Trust, Perth and Kinross Council and Perth Civic Trust, and is funded by the Gannochy Trust and Perth and Kinross Council with this support supplemented by grant aid from other sources for specific projects. The objectives of the Trust are achieved through the combination of projects, the administration of grants, and the provision of information and advice. PKHT is a company registered under the Companies Acts and is limited by guarantee (*Company Reg. No. 111258*), and a Scottish Charity in terms of the relevant legislation (*Scottish Charity No. SC003139*).

This annual report covers the period from April 2013 to the end of March 2014. For further information, please visit [www.pkht.org.uk](http://www.pkht.org.uk)



**Perth Civic Trust**



The Trust's Registered Office is:

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*Front cover:* The repaired arches at Ford Road Cemetery, Crieff.

*Back cover:* 'Classrooms without walls': the Trust's archaeological excavations at Lair, Glenshee, carried out in partnership with Northlight Heritage, provides outdoor learning in line with the Curriculum for Excellence during Perth and Kinross Archaeology Month (© George Logan).

The **Trustees** consists of the following representatives nominated by the Gannochy Trust (GT), Perth and Kinross Council (PKC) and Perth Civic Trust (PCT):

**Cllr Dave Cuthbert (PKC)**

**Rev. Fergus Harris (PCT)** (*until Dec 2013*)

**Mrs Sue Hendry (PCT) Chairman**

**Dr Russell A. Leather (GT)** (*until June 2013*)

**Mr David Rice (GT)** (*as of September 2013*)

**Mr Tony Simpson (PCT)** (*as of Dec 2013*)

**Mr Mark Webster (GT)**

**Cllr Anne Younger (PKC)**

**Trust staff** for the period:

**Manager/Archaeologist:** David Strachan

**Architect:** Andrew Driver

**Heritage Officer:** Sarah Malone

**City Heritage & Outreach Officer:**

Sophie Nicol (*until March 2013*)

**Learning Officer:** Barbara Hamilton  
(*as of Dec 2013*)\*

\*one year secondment from Education and Children's Services, PKC.

**Tay Landscape Partnership Scheme staff:**

**Development Officer:** Johanna Babbs  
(*until May 2013*)

**Assistant Development Officer:** Catriona Davies  
(*until May 2013*)

**Scheme Manager:** Shirley Paterson  
(*as of February 2014*)

**Historic Environment Officer:** Sophie Nicol  
(*as of March 2014*)

**Access and Biodiversity Officer:**  
Catriona Davies (*as of March 2014*)

**Learning and Interpretation Officer:**  
Lisa Snedden (*as of March 2014*)

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Lindsey Gibb  
(*as of March 2014*)

**Supporting staff** for the period:

**Secretary:** Gillian Taylor (PKC)

**Deputy Treasurer:** Sandy Rattray (PKC)

**Secretary:** Paula Frazer (PKC)

**Deputy Treasurer:** Jane Moy (PKC)

**Technical Advisers:** John McCrone (PKC:  
The Environment Service)

**Helen Smout** (PKC: Education and  
Children's Services)

The auditors are Johnston Carmichael, Perth.

## Chairman's Report

celebrating  
**25**  
years



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L-R: The first manager of the Trust, architect John Freeman; the current Chairman Sue Hendry; Manager David Strachan; and Depute Provost Bob Band at the Trust's 25 years celebration. (© Phil Hannah)

Once again I am delighted to introduce our Annual Report covering our **celebratory 25th year** as an organisation, having been incorporated in May 1988. To celebrate this, a civic reception was hosted by Bob Band, Deputy Provost of Perth and Kinross, in December 2013 and was attended by many supporters of the Trust, as well as previous Trustees and members of staff from the last 25 years. Unfortunately, due to appalling weather neither the Provost, Liz Grant, nor Bill Beaton and Fergus Harris, my two predecessors as Chairmen were able to make it. The celebration was however very enjoyable and saw the launch of the last Annual Report together with a celebratory leaflet and speeches highlighting the important contribution of the Trust in making Perth and Kinross a desirable place in which to live or visit, benefiting residents, visitors and future generations. Over this time the Trust has worked through partnership, engaging with professionals at a national, regional and local level, and with community groups, members of the public, and both formal and informal learners. The emphasis has always been on a high quality of approach, bringing economic, social and educational benefit while securing a future for historic sites and buildings in the area, and through two major new initiatives, we are set to continue these aims over the next few years.

The past year has been an exciting one for the Trust – in June we heard, to our delight, that we had been successful with our Heritage Lottery Fund bid for funding to develop the **Tay Landscape Partnership**. Unfortunately there were some delays due to changes in the governance of the TLP, which has seen this Trust, rather than Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust, act as the lead partner and delivery vehicle. However following this novation the scheme is now well and truly back on track as indicated by the appointment of the team of five new members of staff after an intense recruitment process. We had a very successful meeting when Trustees, Council staff, Steering Committee members and representatives from the communities

involved met the staff and discussed many of the issues involved. The enthusiasm of everyone involved was tremendous. The Looking Ahead section gives a flavour of what's to come. The **Perth City Heritage Fund** is being administered by Andrew Driver and is now well under way. We are delighted to see work taking place on the John Buchan house in the Glasgow Road and hope that in the coming year work will commence on the Cunningham Graham Close – believed to be the oldest inhabited building in Perth. These and further exciting prospects are also reported in the Looking Ahead section.

The year also, sadly, saw the departure of two long-standing members from our Board of Trustees - Russell Leather and Fergus Harris, my predecessor as Chairman. Both of them were committed and enthusiastic Trustees and we wish them well. Russell, who had represented the Gannochy Trust since the very early days of the Trust's inception, was replaced by David Rice, whose background in planning and countryside affairs put him in an excellent position to contribute to our work. Fergus represented Perth Civic Trust and had been a Trustee for many years. He has been replaced by Tony Simpson who has been a friend to the Trust for a long time, having volunteered on numerous archaeological projects and his experience of the Trust, from volunteer to Trustee, gives him a broad view of the organisation.

Once again I could not possibly end my contribution to this report without thanking our Manager, David Strachan, and all the staff for their hard work, enthusiasm and efforts to help us achieve our objectives.

*Sue Hendry*

**Sue Hendry,**  
Chairman



## Grants

The Scottish Government funds seven City Heritage Trusts through Historic Scotland to address the dilapidation of historic buildings and to thereby foster economic regeneration in Scotland's cities. The **Perth City Heritage Fund**, administered by the Trust, has been active since the autumn of 2013 and, over the period of this report, has supported 13 projects within the two conservation areas of Central Perth and Bridgend. The scheme is overseen by a steering group comprising a Trustee, Trust staff, and Council officers, who meet regularly while decisions on grants in excess of £25,000 are decided by the full Board of Trustees. Notable ongoing major projects include a thorough re-

build of a previously undistinguished cottage in King Street; roof and stonework repairs to the long-term vacant double villa in York Place, in one half of which John Buchan was born in 1875; and substantial external fabric repairs to the oldest inhabited tenement in Perth at the foot of the High Street which dates from 1699. Other smaller grants have assisted with jobs such as window repairs and new or improved shop-fronts. Around twenty projects are in early development stages and, given Perth's delayed access to this funding stream in comparison to the other cities, there is no shortage of suitable candidates for future support.



The Cunningham Graham close, 17-19 High Street, Perth.  
(Magnus Jackson photograph c 1900  
used with the kind permission of Perth Museum and Art Gallery).



31-33 King Street before renovation and following re-build.



The Royal Hotel and Bar at the Cross, Coupar Angus.

The wider Perth and Kinross area **Historic Building Grant scheme** has supported the Coupar Angus Townscape Heritage Initiative since its outset and all of the individual projects were completed with the exception of the Royal Bar where progress had been slow until towards the end of the period covered

by this report. Other grants were made to a community led project at Cultybraggan Camp near Comrie where an interpretation centre in one of the Nissen huts has been created, and to mutual repairs to the flight of stone steps at the North elevation of the A-listed Pitfour Castle which is now sub-divided.



Cultybraggan Camp, Comrie.



## Projects

Following a highly successful pilot year in 2012, the Trust delivered the first season of a two-year programme of community archaeology and outreach in north-east Perthshire. Delivered in partnership with Northlight Heritage, the **Glenshee Archaeology Project** has continued excavations at the early medieval turf longhouses at Lair in Glenshee, while investigating a number of associated features in the landscape, including clearance cairns, field boundaries and track-ways. Local volunteers and both secondary and tertiary level students took part in three excavations over Archaeology Month in June, and a suite of outreach events including daily tours of the site and wider environs for visitors and a series of special school events. Local

primary school-children taking part in a 'real' archaeology experience by helping to excavate prehistoric clearance cairns while others tried their hand at some kite aerial photography and survey work. In addition to uncovering the layout of one of the turf-buildings, the excavations uncovered a series of enigmatic post-holes beneath the building, and the results of a programme of radiocarbon dating is awaited along with a wider post-excavation study to inform a series of outreach events and products planned for the second year. The project has attracted funding from a variety of sources including the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Gannochy Trust and the Cairngorms National Park and further results can be found at [www.glenshee-archaeology.co.uk](http://www.glenshee-archaeology.co.uk)

The excavations at Lair, Glenshee, of early medieval turf long-houses beside a prehistoric cairn.  
(© PKHT photography: Eddie Martin)



Glenshee  
Archaeology  
Project



Schoolchildren from Kirkmichael Primary School explore the prehistoric landscapes around the Glenshee dig site.  
(© George Logan)

Supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), the Gannochy Trust, Perth and Kinross Council, and a number of local organisations, a major funding bid for **The Tay Landscape Partnership** (TayLP) was submitted in May 2013 by the Trust working in partnership with Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust. While in July 2013 HLF announced an award of £1.43 million towards a total value of around £2.6 million for the Scheme to deliver 28 projects around the Estuary, Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust indicated soon after that they were unable to act as the responsible body as planned, and a novation arrangement was agreed with HLF and other funding bodies to transfer this lead role to Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust. While this resulted in some delay in the planned schedule, a team of five new members of staff were in post by March 2014 and the Scheme is back on track with a programme of work focussing on the

inner Tay estuary, that will bring together local, regional and national organisations to celebrate the unique character of natural and historic environments of the upper Tay estuary and lower Strathearn. Details can be found at [www.taylp.org](http://www.taylp.org)

The TayLP scheme will restore, conserve and enhance features across the landscape over the next 4 years through a series of grants and projects planned to provide long-term social, economic and environmental benefits and which will feature:

- Conservation of the built and natural heritage.
- Projects to encourage more people to take an active part in their landscape.
- Projects to increasing opportunities for people to have access to, and learn about, the landscape and its heritage.
- Training opportunities for people in local heritage skills.



The TLP team (L-R): Lisa Snedden (Learning and Interpretation); Catriona Davies (Access and Biodiversity); Sophie Nicol (Historic Environment); Lindsey Gibb (Volunteer Coordinator) and Shirley Paterson (Scheme Manager).

Following the completion of the two-year **Historic Churchyards Project**, supported by Heritage Lottery Fund, the Gannochy Trust and Perth and Kinross Council, structural problems

identified by project volunteers clearing ivy from the boundary wall at Kilspindie Church, have now been remedied and the wall fully repointed in partnership with the adjoining owners.





Valentines, Crieff.

On behalf of Perth and Kinross Council the Trust administered the **Crieff Façade Scheme**, a commercial shop-front enhancement scheme which supported six projects. The most significant of these was Valentines, a clothing business occupying three units on West High Street where tired 1960s styled frontages were rebuilt to create a more traditional appearance. Also in Crieff and following the completion of the Heritage Lottery funded upgrading of the **MacRosty Park**, failed paintwork on the Bandstand was rectified under warranty and, using additional funding, rolling shutters and other enhancements have been added to the Café building.



Dogshead Well, Muthill.

Architectural services provided to Perth and Kinross Council's property department facilitated repairs at the **war memorial** and **Dogshead Well, Muthill**, along with re-pointing of the archway at the **Old Parish Church** where oak gates were also replicated and replaced. In addition, at **Ford Road cemetery, Crieff**, a pair of archways have been partially rebuilt, while at the **Graeme Mausoleum, St Kattans Church, Aberuthven**, a replacement larch door to this family vault was commissioned on behalf of the family, and the interior floor level, which had been disturbed by rabbits, stabilised with geotextile and gravel.



Muthill Old Parish Church gates.



The Trust continues to provide a **planning archaeology service** to Perth and Kinross Council's Environment Service ensuring that planning permissions assess archaeological concerns in line with national planning policy. Over the year this has involved the detailed checking of 127 planning applications and the recommendation of 69 archaeological conditions and several exciting archaeological discoveries resulted from the consultations.

Archaeological mitigation works continued in preparation for the **Beaully Denny electrical power-line**. Several archaeological sites were excavated including the excavation of a culvert associated with a section of Wade's military road; the evaluation of a group of shieling huts and the evaluation of a section of Wade's military road. Two phases of archaeological evaluation at **Kilmagadwood** revealed the remains of a Bronze Age burial site. The site has been fully excavated and consists of 23 burial urns located in a concentrated area, many of which were intact. This is one of the largest such assemblages discovered in Scotland to date. Trial trenching has been carried out at North West of **Haughend Farm, Meikle** in preparation for the East Coast 400kV Reinforcement Project. Pre-historic remains were encountered including three pits and three linear features. Post-excavation analyses of the pottery, charcoal and selected soil samples will now be carried out. Trial trenching at **Glenisla Golf Course, Alyth** has revealed the remains of a truncated urned cremation. This feature will be excavated prior to development. Excavation of a medieval settlement site has been carried out prior to the construction of **Bruar Hydro Scheme**. **Standing Building Recording** has been carried out at a number of historic buildings prior to their demolition, including the historic tannery buildings at Pleasance Road, Coupar Angus; an historic farmhouse at Old England, Stanley; at The Lodge, Blackcraig and at Billiard Hall Carnegie Museum and Library, Kinross.



General Wade road culvert near Amulree uncovered during work on the Beaully to Denny electrical power-line. (courtesy of Northlight Heritage & SSE)



Burial urn, Kilmagadwood, Kinross (courtesy of Derek Hall Archaeological Consultant).



Archaeological evaluation at Glenisla Golf Course, Alyth revealed the remains of a urned cremation (courtesy of Alder Archaeology Ltd).

## Learning and Engagement

**Perth and Kinross Archaeology Month (PKAM) 2013** delivered 44 bespoke events across Perth and Kinross throughout June, including excavations, guided-walks, illustrated talks, outdoor storytelling events as well as family activities and exhibitions. The key themes for the month included the Trust's continuing excavations at Glenshee, celebration of the upcoming Tay Landscape Partnership Scheme, and the SERF excavations and Dunning BIG Dig. Highlights included an earth building walk with the Trust's Architect, a series of walks around historic Perth with

Rhoda Fothergill of the Perthshire Society of Natural Science, a guided walk to visit the ancient hill forts on Moncreiffe Hill, place-name walks around the Micheal Bruce Way, Kinross-shire with Dr Simon Taylor and Prof David Munro, and Dark Age tales and songs in a family event on Queens View on Loch Tummel. Positive feedback illustrated a wide range of age groups that took part in this year's events with participants commenting on how they valued the diverse choice of activities and expertise and knowledge of the various contributors:

"the stories were mesmerising and children who can often prove challenging were lying down and listening intently..."

*feedback from Oakbank Kids Club attending the Storytelling at Loch Tummel event.*



A guided walk around Moredun hillfort on Moncreiffe hill during Archaeology Month.



Exploring Perth's lade with Rhoda Fothergill of the Perthshire Society of Natural Science.



Ten thousand copies of the **Doors Open Days (DOD) 2013** programme were distributed to libraries, museums, Visit Scotland Information Centres, visitor attractions and local businesses for the event over the weekend of the 21-22 September. Comprising a total of 71 events across Perth and Kinross organised by a many individuals and organisations who own buildings, the Trust provided minibus tours to Methven Castle and provided a Perth

History and Horror Tour and several family events with sessional workers at Kinross Museum, Abernethy Museum, Coupar Angus Heritage Centre, and Lower City Mills with 373 participants taking part. With many events booked to capacity it is estimated that up to 5,000 visits were made over the weekend and the event was a great success and we have received lots of positive feedback from visitors on the weekend:

"I highly recommend Doors Open Day as a great opportunity for anyone to get a look at venues they would otherwise not have access to and also as an appreciation of the working lives of others. The overall organisation of the event was excellent with such a wide and varied range of interesting places to visit and the booking of places was very straightforward. I look forward to making many more visits in the future."

*feedback from Doors Open Day participant.*



Music at St Ninian's cathedral, Perth.



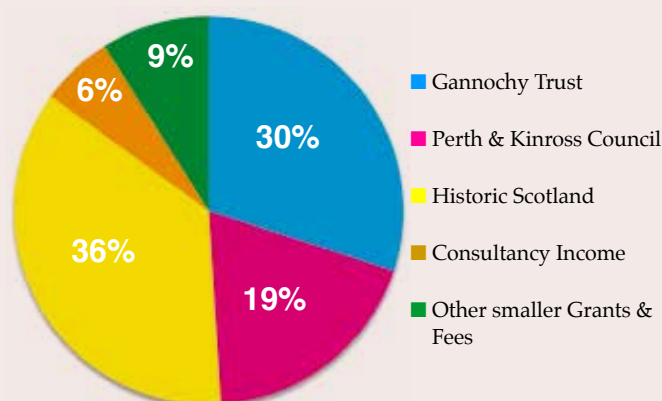
A pop-up museum at Lower City Mills, Perth.



Enjoying St John's Kirk, Perth. (© Hazel Rogers)

# Financial Report

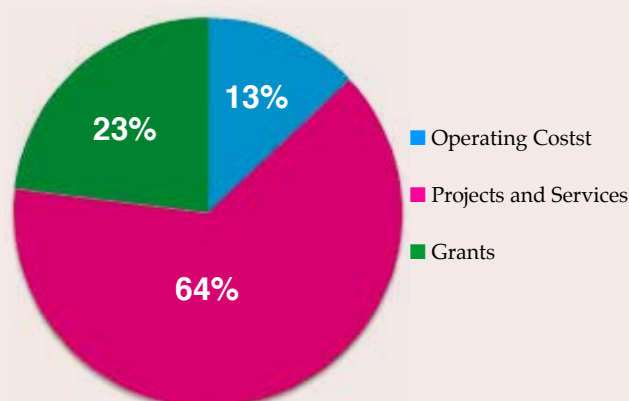
## Analysis of Income 2013/2014



The income and expenditure of the Trust is analysed in the above charts.

The Trust's total income for the financial year 2013/2014, excluding the revaluation of the Trusts office accommodation, amounted to £440,580. The major contributors to the Trust's activities were once again the Gannochy Trust and Perth & Kinross Council. There was also additional support in 2013/14 from Historic Scotland. The latter primarily provides grants to the trust to pass on to recipients of City

## Analysis of Expenditure 2013/2014



Heritage Fund Grants. The Trust appreciates the founding partners' continuing support. Other contributors have also generously provided funding for specific projects.

The Trust's expenditure in 2013/2014 totalled £338,287, which resulted in a net operating surplus for the year of £120,018.

The net assets of the Trust amounted to £570,572 as at 31st March 2014.

## Income & Expenditure Account Year ended 31st March 2014

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2014 £	Total Funds 2013 £
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	40,571	61,283	101,854	(70,460)
Interest and Investment income	439	0	439	446
Other Recognised Gain	17,815	0	17,815	
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	58,825	61,283	120,108	(70,014)

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal. In respect of the Trust this relates to the Historic Building Grants Scheme Tay Landscape Partnership, Perth City Heritage Fund, Glenshee Excavation Fund, History and Heritage Market Fund and Other Grants.



## Balance Sheet

### Year ended 31st March 2014

	2014 £	2013 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Tangible Assets	75,000	57,185
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Debtors	13,151	27,900
Cash at Bank and In Hand	590,571	486,593
	<b>603,722</b>	<b>514,493</b>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>(108,150)</b>	<b>(121,214)</b>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b>495,572</b>	<b>393,279</b>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>	<b>570,572</b>	<b>450,464</b>
<b>Funds</b>		
Restricted	264,693	203,410
Unrestricted		
Designated	135,051	50,902
Other	170,828	196,152
	<b>570,572</b>	<b>450,464</b>



The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The audit was conducted in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

## Opinion on accounts

In our opinion the accounts:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st March 2014 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Johnston Carmichael LLP  
Statutory Auditor  
66 Tay Street, Perth, PH2 8RA

The **Tay Landscape Partnership** (TayLP) is set to form a significant part of the Trust's work over the next 4-5 years, involving both the appointment of a new team, but also continued specialist input from both the Trust Manager and Architect. One of the most exciting aspects of the TayLP is that the Trust will deliver a suite of inter-connected projects, many of which are outwith its usual remit. These include historic orchard conservation, improvements to the path network, farmland biodiversity and countryside skills, and improved access to the Tay reed-beds, including a pilot canoe trail. The suite of projects focussing on the historic environment, include archaeology projects such as *Hillforts of the Tay*; the *Early Settlers* field-walking project, and the conservation of the *Forteviot Pictish* stones, as well as historic buildings projects such as *Ancient Abernethy*, *Kinfauns Churchyard* conservation project, and the *Clay Biggins o' the Carse*, that will aim to conserve and promote the earth building tradition that survives on the Carse of Gowrie. The value of integrating these projects and delivering them seamlessly is for the enjoyment of a public who want to experience the countryside as a whole. It is one of the key strengths to this ambitious celebration of what is arguably one of the most iconic landscapes in Perth and Kinross.

Complementing the TayLP landscape approach, it is also envisaged that the **Perth City Heritage Fund** will continue as major work stream for the Trust, with the submission of a bid for a further three years of funding to Historic Scotland in March 2014, to run from March 2015. It is encouraging to see significant buildings which have suffered long-term neglect already benefiting from the scheme with projects lined up for 2014 including *John Buchan's birth-place in York Place* and the *Cunningham Graham building on High Street*, one of Perth's oldest standing buildings.

The **Glenshee Archaeology Project** is set to continue with archaeological research in the field, but will also deliver wider outreach

events and products with a heritage fair planned for Blairgowrie and a walking leaflet to help visitors and residents explore the rare early medieval turf-built longhouses of Glenshee and Strathardle while walking in the area, as well as continuing the highly successful engagement to date with local schools, with a view to promote the heritage of the area to the benefit of residents, visitors and local businesses.

Reports that the mortar, stonework, and the soft capping are in need of attention at the **Coupar Angus Cistercian arch** has resulted in an inspection by the Trust which may well result in repairs, while problems with the important and prominent **Kinfauns Old Parish Church** were identified during preliminary vegetation clearance under the Trust's *Historic Churchyards* project. Here, structural issues and damage from ivy impact have become more pressing recently and will be addressed under the Tay Landscape Project.



Kinfauns Old Parish Church.





## Support the work of the Trust



Kirk O' the Muir Session Church, near Murthly.

### **Give a donation**

This can be a one-off sum of money or a regular gift of a few pounds per month/year. By filling out the enclosed Gift Aid form you enable us to claim back the tax at no extra cost to you (eg. for every £1 donated we will be able to get an extra 28p from the government – giving a total donation of £1.28).

### **Leave a legacy**

Leaving a gift to charity in your will is an ideal way to continue your support for the charity you care about. Charitable legacies are paid before tax is deducted, reducing the total amount of inheritance tax due from your estate.

### **Sponsorship**

There are a number of projects undertaken by Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust that are ideally suited to sponsorship by individuals and organisations such as launch events and published material. Please contact the Trust to discuss your sponsorship needs.

### **Volunteer**

If you would like to support us by providing practical help, please contact the Trust through our website.

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