





## 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 2016 to the end of March 2017.**  
**For further information, please visit [www.pkht.org.uk](http://www.pkht.org.uk)**



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**Mrs Sue Hendry (PCT)**

**Chairman**

**Mr David Rice (GT)**

**Mr Tony Simpson (PCT)**

**Mr Mark Webster (GT)**

**Cllr Gordon Walker (PKC)**

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#### **Outreach Officer:**

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Front Cover image: *Aerial view of the Tay Landscape Partnership archaeological excavations at Moredun Top, Moncreiffe Hill, in September 2016 (photo: Ken Ward).*

## Chairman's Report



*Chairman Sue Hendry with Trustees (L-R) Mark Webster, Dave Cuthbert, Tony Simpson and David Rice.*

I am delighted to introduce the Annual Report of the Trust, covering the many aspects of our work over what has, once again, been a very busy and successful year. Perth City Heritage Fund and the Tay Landscape Partnership are our two major ongoing schemes and I can hardly believe that the TLP is about to enter its final year. The **Perth City Heritage Fund** continues to make a significant improvement to the historic fabric of Perth and we are pleased to see continued demand indicated by a number of ongoing applications for future work. Key projects over the year, which will enhance the areas in which they are situated, include Inchtute House in Bridgend and at the corner of Hospital Street, which is on an important approach to the city centre. It is good to see a number of elements of the **Tay Landscape Partnership** coming to conclusion, such as the interpretation boards on the Tay Reed Beds, traditional building skills training and fruit tree pruning which have captured a huge number of volunteer days which is very encouraging. **Perth and Kinross Archaeology Month** and **Doors Open Day** were once again well attended, and we were pleased to be working on the **Glenshee Archaeology Project** and delighted with the number of volunteers who helped us on this, and other projects throughout the year.

The year has seen a number of changes of staff at the Trust. We were sorry to lose Sarah Winlow who has been with us at various times over the years, but delighted to welcome Gavin Lindsay as Outreach Officer, who will be busy

organising our planned contribution to the year of **History, Heritage and Archaeology**, as well as **Doors Open Day 2017**. Since April 2016 we have brought our finance and administration in-house, a service previously provided by Perth and Kinross Council. We thank Gillian Taylor, Sandy Rattray and Jane Moy for all the work they have done over the recent years. The Trust has faced a significant challenge in setting up new finance systems and we thank Dave Cuthbert for all his work in assisting with this. The year also saw the start of an organisational review of the Trust carried out with the aid of Jura Consultants, supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. We envisage the process will bring about both organisational change and a new strategic plan in 2017 which will shape the way forward for the organisation over the next five years.

As in previous years I could not possibly end my report without thanking our Manager, David Strachan, and all the staff and the many volunteers we have on our various projects for their enthusiasm and help in enabling us to achieve our objectives.

**Sue Hendry,  
Chairman**

## Projects



*The new trident for the Old Academy in the workshop of Graciela Ainsworth Sculpture Conservation © GASC and being restored to Britannia to complete the conservation work.*



The Trust has administered the **Perth City Heritage Fund** since 2012, a regeneration scheme funded by the Scottish Government through Historic Environment Scotland and available to each of Scotland's seven cities. Its aim is to foster economic regeneration by assisting owners of historic buildings within the Perth Centre and Perth Kinnoull Conservation Areas with the costs of high quality repairs using traditional materials, particularly targeting empty, under-used or dilapidated buildings. The period of this report covers the second year of the second tranche of funding which runs from April 2015 to March 2018. During this period eleven grant offers were accepted totalling over £280,000. These included grant assistance towards a comprehensive tenement repair of the Category B-Listed **31b-37 High Street**; masonry repairs to the rear of the C listed tenement at **36 Prince's Street** and roof repairs to the Royal Perth Golf Society at **1 Atholl Crescent**; all of which will be undertaken during the summer of 2017.

Highlights of the year were seeing projects that had offered grants during previous years being completed. A notable example was the completion of the conservation work to Britannia on top of **The Old Academy**, the final element of the conservation work to the front elevation, begun in 2015, which included extensive repairs to the parapet leadwork, balusters and masonry. The year also saw the first phase of external repairs to **44 Atholl Street**, a former lodging house being converted into flats; and work starting at the late 18th century tenements of **Inchbank House** in Bridgend and **1 Hospital Street**.



*The Old Academy, 6-7 Rose Terrace after conservation work to the front elevation.*



A new venture during the year was the establishment of the Fife and Tayside Traditional Buildings Forum and, with the assistance of other forum members, the Trust coordinated a Traditional Buildings Skills Exhibition and Demonstration over two days in September in Perth city centre. Pupils from five secondary schools took the opportunity to gain hands on experience in slating, stone-carving, joinery and decorating.



*A Perth secondary school pupil dressing slate at the Traditional Building Skills demonstration.*



*Grant assisted the Scottish Redundant Churches Trust with roof repairs at Tibbermore Parish Church.*

Over the wider Perth and Kinross area, the Historic Building Grant scheme was closed for new applications in December 2015, but the last few grant-assisted projects are still underway. This year roof repairs were completed at the seventeenth century Tibbermore Church by its custodians, The Scottish Redundant Churches Trust and masonry repairs begun on the seven communal chimneys in a row of mill workers cottages in Auchterarder for the owners' association.

The Trust's community small grant scheme, created in 2015 with funds provided by the Friends of Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust, was brought to conclusion with a total of £1,225 paid to local community groups for new or existing heritage projects. Grants were provided to Meigle and District History Society for a village interpretation board, to Aberdalgie and Forteviot Church and Rannoch History Society for the production of a heritage leaflets, to Abertay Historical Society for field research into a burial mound, and to St Ninian's Cathedral for a display on cathedral architect.



*Members of Meigle and District History Society with new interpretation board for the village.*

## Projects



A fifth season of community archaeological excavations were carried out at Lair, Glenshee,

through the **Glenshee Archaeology Project**, delivered in partnership with Northlight Heritage and supported in 2016 by Historic Environment Scotland and The Gannochy Trust. The project continues to explore the well-preserved early medieval turf and stone longhouses that survive in the area and provided training in archaeological field skills. Twenty-two volunteers participated in the project, including 8 undergraduate archaeology students.

Important discoveries included a series of large pits within an annexe of the main longhouse complex, possibly a processing site, and a number of important small finds including a rotary grindstone. A schools visit by Breadalbane Academy involved school-children learning basic surveying techniques, taught to the by the University students, offering positive role models to the school children and outreach experience to the students. Details of the project can be found at [www.glenshee-archaeology.co.uk](http://www.glenshee-archaeology.co.uk).

*The outdoor classroom: Breadalbane Academy schoolchildren learn to survey with university archaeology undergraduates.*



*Volunteer Steve Ponsonby with the fragment of the rotary grindstone.*



The Tay Landscape Partnership (TayLP) is a £2.6 million initiative, led by Perth and Kinross

Heritage Trust in partnership with Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust, Perth and Kinross Council and the Gannochy Trust. The Heritage Lottery Fund provides £1.4 million support with other major funding bodies including Historic Environment Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage, The Robertson Trust, Esmee Fairbairn Foundation and The Cross Trust. The project extends 250km<sup>2</sup> and is now in its third year of delivery.

This flagship project celebrates the unique character of the inner Tay estuary by conserving, restoring and improving access to a range of natural and historic features. This is achieved by encouraging and supporting people to learn about and more actively participate in their landscape and its heritage, provide training

opportunities in traditional skills and link with broader public and private investment to support sustainable economic development. The scheme will engage with over 10,000 people and 5,000 school children through events, workshops, grants and volunteer experiences, and will aim to re-connect people with the river Tay which was once the life-blood of the area. TayLP works closely with local groups to support social, economic and environmental benefits for all.

Income for 2016-17 was £731,035 and expenditure £725,642.55. Over 426 hours of in-kind contributions has been provided by our lead Partners and over 4,823 hours from volunteers. Additionally, £86,347 has been donated as in-kind contributions from contractors. 2,454 people and 1,999 children have participated throughout the year focusing on one of the four themed programmes as outlined below:



## Conserving and Restoring

- Over 60 volunteers helped excavate the second season at Moredun Top hillfort.
- Masonry repairs to re-consolidate the walls and roof at Kinfauns Church are almost complete.
- Conserved and displayed Pictish stones at both Forteviot and Abernethy.
- Over 230 people joined the Wee Big Dig archaeology weekend at Abernethy.
- Over 190 bird and bat boxes have been installed.
- 12 botanical illustrations begun of local fruit varieties for future identification along with 40 DNA samples of local fruit trees to enhance existing national database.
- Continued to deliver 6 orchard work parties.



*Community excavations at Moncreiffe Hillfort.*



*Forteviot Pictish stones redisplayed.*



*Planting oaks at Scone Palace.*

## Community Participation

- Early settlers field walking project completed with a further 11 days searching for lithics.
- Planting of 30 oaks with Perth College horticultural students at Scone Palace to re-instate part of the original designed landscape.
- One woodland, 1.5km of hedging, 30 fruit trees and an additional 90 native trees have all been planted with the help of unpaid work teams, school pupils, prisoners and NEET groups to enhance the landscape and biodiversity of the area.



*Field-walking at Freeland Farm, February 2017.*

# Projects

## Access and Learning

- Improved 9.3km of footpaths to encourage people to access their local environment.
- 2 benches and 5 interpretation boards installed by the unpaid work team at Tay reed beds to promote understanding of the cultural and natural heritage of Errol and surrounding area.
- 3 pop-up stone carving workshops in Forteviot ahead of the new Pictish stone being commissioned in 2017
- Digital reconstructions started for Moredun Top, ancient Abernethy, Forteviot, medieval Perth and the Carse of Gowrie.
- Five educational resources written and funding of a new permanent orienteering map at Kinnoull Hill to encourage people in to the outdoors.
- Wild About the Orchard fruit festival in Perth's King Edward Street attracted over 860 people, with 365 cups of freshly pressed apple juice being consumed.
- Over 200 Heritage Hero certificates awarded, an Archaeology Scotland initiative, and supported Duke of Edinburgh, school and student vocational learning.



*Moredun Top and Cottown House initial reconstructions (photo: Smart History).*

## Training Skills

- Restored a relic hedge over 19 days; this is a traditional skill known as hedge laying.
- Delivered 3 green woodworking events.
- Offered 10 bursaries to students to enhance their studies.
- Delivered 2 bee training events.
- Delivered 11 orchard skills training workshops.
- Engaged with 6 people from Perth's Young People Services in traditional building skills.
- Commenced building a St Ayles Skiff boat with 10 secondary school pupils.
- Supported two Modern Apprentices gain their Level 3 SVQ in Business and Administration.



*Making a Skep (traditional bee hive).*



*Fruit identification (photo: George Logan).*



*Stone carving workshops at Forteviot (photo: George Logan).*



*Boat building workshop - Constructing the strong-back and moulds.*



*Traditional building skills at Megginch Castle Estate (photo: George Logan).*





### TLP 16-17 in a nutshell:

Since 2014, TayLP has secured 15,848 volunteer hours, 607 individual volunteers travelling from USA to Lithuania, engaged 8,020 people and 5,479 children whilst involving 18 schools and over 25 community groups. We continue to appoint contractors locally and regionally promoting economic growth in the area. 2017 onwards will see the final year of delivery where much of the hard work will come to fruition with a series of opening events and celebrations.

## Consultancy

The Trust provides the **planning archaeology service** to Perth and Kinross Council's Environment Service ensuring that development is carried out in line with national planning policy for the protection of the historic environment. Over the year this has involved the detailed checking of 93 planning applications and the recommendation of 60 archaeological conditions. These recommendations and those from past years have resulted in 38 archaeological interventions over the year, ranging from surveys to archaeological monitoring and full-scale excavation with associated post-excavation analysis and dissemination of results.

An important archaeological excavation has taken place at **Bertha Park**, to the West of Perth,

carried out by AOC Archaeology, in advance of a large mixed development on the site. Substantial archaeological remains have been excavated, representing a range of prehistoric and post medieval settlement evidence including three post built roundhouses, a rectangular post built structure and several linear ditches of post medieval date. Artefactual evidence included undecorated ceramic material, and coarse and chipped stoneware. The archaeological material appears to be directly related to the topography of the site with the archaeology predominantly located on the higher, south facing, free draining sands and gravels. A programme of mitigation will be required including a programme of post-excavation and publication.



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*Developer-funded archaeology at Bertha Park, west of Perth.*



*One of a number of prehistoric pits at Hallhole Farm.*

## Consultancy

The excavation of the Carmelite Friary of Tullilum continues and is now nearing completion. Derek Hall, the site director, has continued investigation of the friary church, its cloister and the western ranges. The walls of the church survive well with evidence uncovered for the remodelling of the friary in the 16th century.



Excavations at the Carmelite Friary Riggs Rd, Perth  
(photo: Derek Hall).

New evidence continues to be revealed for the systematic post-Reformation demolition of the friary, the substantial redesign of the church by the Bishop of Dunkeld in the late 14th century and a pre-friary chapel or church. Interesting discoveries include an iron bracelet and a large wood-lined grave containing three individuals buried together, the first known burial of this type in Scotland.

At the request of Historic Environment Scotland and with assistance from the Architectural Heritage Fund, the Trust carried out a broad ranging community consultation and project viability study to find new uses for the East Range of buildings at Stanley Mills, the last section of the historic mill site to be re-developed.



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## Outreach



### Perth and Kinross Archaeology Month

2016 featured 34 events delivered by the Trust and 30 contributors including local history societies, archaeological contractors, educational institutions, regional and national heritage organisations. Ten

new guided walks and a dozen special events included open access to three ongoing archaeological investigations (the Abernethy Wee Big Dig, the Glenshee Archaeology Project and SERF's excavations at Millhaugh). A highlight of 2016 was the Trust's Kilmagadwood Bronze Age Fair in Portmoak, providing an opportunity for the public to find out about the Bronze Age excavated in 2013, and archaeological processes and techniques used to understand it. Over 150 people enjoyed the 'pop-up' display of artefacts, informal presentations by archaeologists,

and traditional craft and bronze working demonstrations. Evaluation confirms that the programme attracted participants not previously engaged with Archaeology Month and captured comments indicate that PKAM continues to be a popular and much enjoyed event:

*"The Bronze Age pottery demos and the explanation...was fabulous... a whole family event – very well done."*

Kilmagadwood Bronze Age Fair

*"We thoroughly enjoyed the Glen Shee archaeology walk...David and his colleague were well-prepared and enthusiastic, and led us to umpteen extremely interesting sites, whose history they explained vividly... We were so impressed that we're considering becoming volunteers next year."*

The Archaeology of Glenshee Guided Walk



## Outreach



*Graham Taylor making urns at the Kilmagadwood Bronze Age Fair.*

*Engaging the next generation with skills of the past.*



The Trust has also provided a number of illustrated talks to local historical societies and archaeological guided walks in partnership with community-based Crieff and Strathearn's Drovers' Tryst walking festival and the singer-songwriter Dougie MacLean's Perthshire Amber music festival.



*Discovering archaeology in Glenshee through the Perthshire Amber music festival.*



# Outreach



**Doors Open Days** over the weekend of 24-25 September 2016 saw 40 venues opening to the public and while there were fewer buildings than previous years, this didn't detract from the popularity of the event with 2,300 people making visits to buildings

they wouldn't otherwise be able to access. Several long-absent buildings return to the programme while new venues such as Perth Crematorium and Durn (HQ of Bell Ingram land and estate agents) added interest. PKHT supported activities such as storytelling, exhibitions, refreshments and live music at ten venues proved to be popular features that increased appeal for visitors.

Participant feedback and visitor statistics from venues indicate that visitors are still passionate about Doors Open Days and volunteers are dedicated to showing their buildings to the public.



Supporting Activities for Doors Open Days  
Stone Carving at St Andrews Church, Forteviot.

*"It was great to hear from very knowledgeable and enthusiastic staff. Everyone was so friendly, the stained-glass windows and organ were breath-taking."*

Doors Open Days visitor

*"Fantastic opportunity to meet lots of our neighbours, former staff and potential future clients. We all very much enjoyed meeting everyone that came to visit us and share our wonderful building on the banks of the River Tay. It could not have gone better!"*

Doors Open Days building organiser



Tours exploring the 'out-of-bounds' areas of a prison, HMP Castle Huntly.



## Looking Ahead

In 2016 the Trust began an **organisational review** with the help of Jura Consultants and supported by Heritage Lottery Fund Transition funding. The purpose of the review has been to explore both the current business model and our operational setup in light of the cessation of financial and administrative services from Perth and Kinross Council in April 2016, and the ever changing funding environment within the sector. We're looking forward to completion of the review and the implementation of its recommendations over 2017 and beyond with the introduction of a new Strategic Plan being a key product of the process.

The **Perth City Heritage Fund** will continue as a major work stream for the Trust with the second of a three year tranche of funding from Historic Environment Scotland which has already successfully transformed several key buildings in the city. Work begun in 2016 on 1 Hospital Street has been substantially completed over the year, and work has commenced on communal tenement repairs at 31b-37 High Street. Both projects are projected to be completed next year. Following success of traditional buildings skills roadshow in September 2016 the fund is set to repeat the event in 2017 as part of the

Trust's new emphasis on skills development as a whole. Finally new projects are being explored with owners of several significant buildings with a view to a new submission for a third three-year tranche of funding at the end of 2017.

The continued successful delivery of **Tay Landscape Partnership** will remain a key task for the Trust as lead partner, working with Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust as part of a wider partnership with The Gannochy Trust and Perth and Kinross Council. The Trusts additional role in supporting historic environment projects in the scheme will see numerous completions in 2017 including further excavation at the hillforts on Moncreiffe hill and at Abernethy; major restoration at the old parish churches of Kinfauns and Rait; the administration of historic building grants at Abernethy and Errol, and carving of exciting new Pictish inspired monument celebrating the early history of Forteviot. Skills development, an increasingly important aspect of the Trust's work will be delivered through a boat building project with Perth High school and traditional building training for school, college and hard to reach groups at Megginch and a programme of work at Castle Huntly.

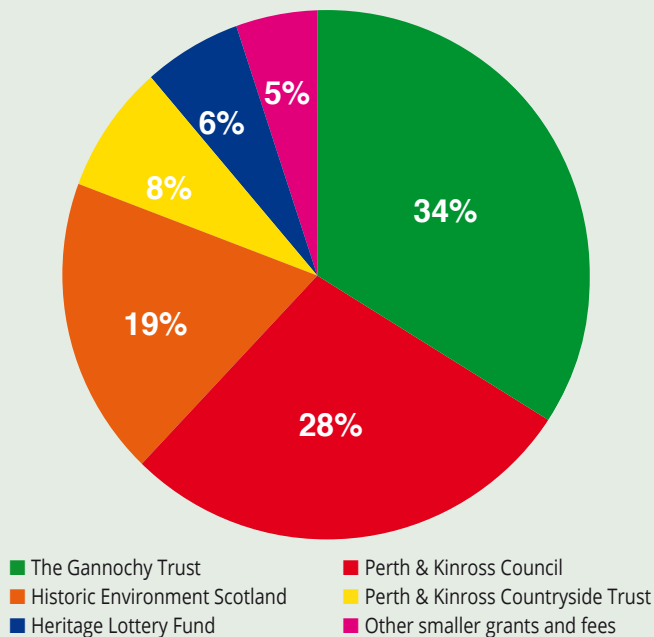


*The Perth City Heritage Fund has offered grant assistance to the owners of 31b-37 High St, and look forward to improvements at this key location in Perth.*

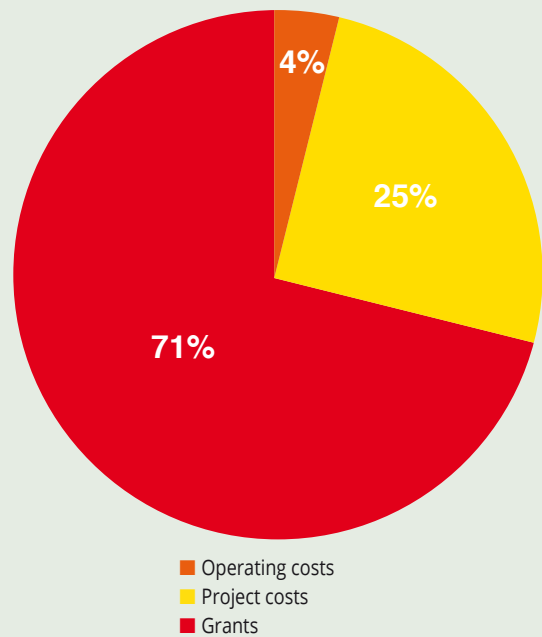
Finally 2017 will see a sixth and final season of fieldwork in the **Glenshee Archaeology Project** providing archaeological training for primary school, secondary school and university level students, as well as community volunteers. This will be a key feature of an expanded Perth and Kinross Archaeology Year in recognition of 2017 as Scotland's **Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology**.

# Financial Report

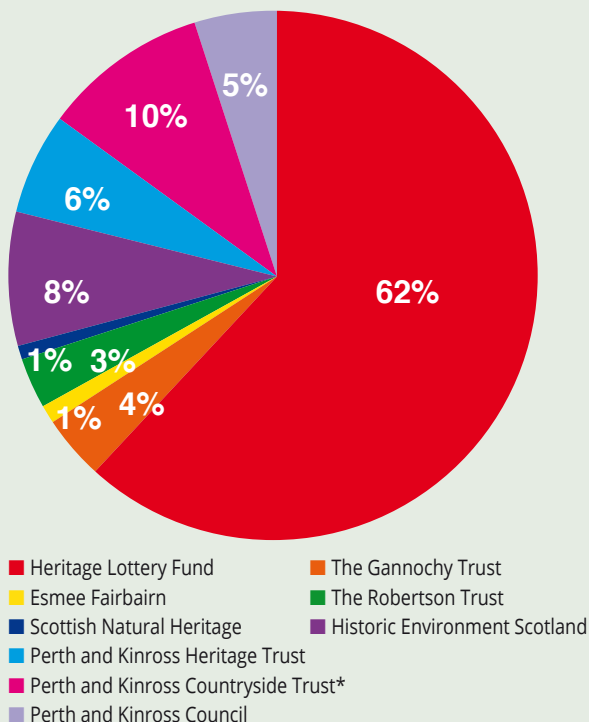
## Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust Analysis of Income 2016/2017



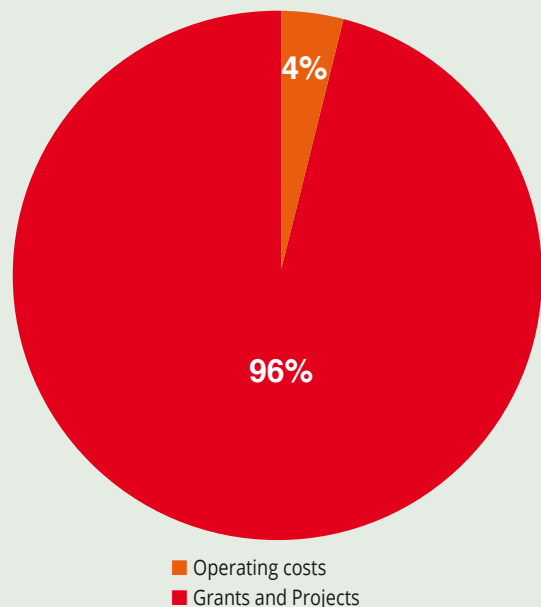
## Analysis of Expenditure 2016/2017



## Tay Landscape Partnership Analysis of Income 2016/2017



## Analysis of Expenditure – 2016/2017



\*Note: 6% of the total income for TLP was made by Perth & Kinross Council on behalf of PKCT

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

The Trust's total income for the financial year 2016/2017 amounted to £995,840. The largest contributors during the year have been The Gannochy Trust, Historic Environment Scotland and the Heritage Lottery Fund. Historic Environment Scotland provided support for the Perth City Heritage Fund and the Heritage Lottery Fund is the major contributor to the Tay Landscape Partnership. The other major contributor to the

Trust's activities were once again Perth and Kinross Council. The Trust appreciates the founding partners' continuing support. The Trust also appreciates funding from all other sources.

The Trust's expenditure in 2016/2017 totalled £908,984, which resulted in a net operating surplus for the year of £86,856.

The net assets of the Trust amounted to £1,021,774 as at 31st March 2017.



## Income & Expenditure Account

### Year ended 31st March 2017

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2017 £	Total Funds 2016 £
Total income	185,802	1,617	808,421	<b>995,840</b>	<b>1,609,118</b>
Total expenditure	139,400	43,122	726,462	<b>908,984</b>	<b>1,308,424</b>
Net income /(expenditure) for the year	46,402	(41,505)	81,959	<b>86,856</b>	<b>300,694</b>

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, Lower City Mills Option Appraisal, History and Heritage Market, Kilmagadwood Excavation fund, and the Friends of Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust grant fund.

## Balance sheet

### As at 31st March 2017

	2017 £	2016 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible assets	70,500	72,000
	<b>70,500</b>	<b>72,000</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtors	600,077	631,197
Cash at bank and in hand	1,060,513	931,245
	<b>1,660,590</b>	<b>1,562,442</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>(709,316)</b>	<b>(699,524)</b>
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>951,274</b>	<b>862,918</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>1,021,774</b>	<b>934,918</b>
<b>Deferred income</b>	-	-
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>1,021,774</b>	<b>934,918</b>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>		
Restricted funds	641,358	559,399
Unrestricted funds:		
Designated funds	47,536	89,041
General unrestricted funds	315,065	268,663
Revaluation reserve	17,815	17,815
<b>Total charity funds</b>	<b>1,021,774</b>	<b>934,918</b>

**Note: Full accounts are available on Companies House website**  
(<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house>).







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