



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 Perth and Kinross. 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 attracting grant aid from other sources for specific projects and activities. PKHT is a company limited by guarantee (*Company Reg. No. 111258*) and a Scottish Charity (*SC003139*). The Trust's Registered Office is:

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Perth Civic Trust



The objectives of the Trust are achieved through the combination of projects, the administration of grants, the provision of information and advice, and through a range of outreach initiatives. **This annual report covers the period from April 2017 to the end of March 2018. For further information, including our Strategic Plan 2017-2022, please visit www.pkht.org.uk**

The **Board of Trustees** consisted of representatives nominated by the Gannochy Trust (GT), Perth and Kinross Council (PKC) and Perth Civic Trust (PCT), as well as a number of elected Trustees:

Cllr Dave Cuthbert	(PKC)	<i>until 14/11/17</i>
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Mr David Rice	(GT)	<i>until 21/9/17</i>
Mr Tony Simpson	(PCT)	<i>until 24/1/18</i>
Mr Mark Webster	(GT)	<i>until 8/3/18</i>
Cllr Gordon Walker	(PKC)	<i>until 5/5/17</i>
Cllr Stewart Donaldson	(PKC)	<i>as of 5/5/17</i>
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Ms Maggie Wilkins	(elected)	<i>as of 21/9/17</i>
Mr Neil Grieve	(elected)	<i>as of 21/9/17</i>
Mr Gordon Butt	(elected)	<i>as of 21/9/17</i>
Mr Robin Illsley	(elected)	<i>as of 21/9/17</i>
Mr Michael Ballantine	(elected)	<i>as of 8/3/18</i>
Mr Colin Longhorn	(elected)	<i>as of 8/3/18</i>

Trust staff:

Director:	David Strachan MCIfA FSAScot
Heritage Officer:	Sarah Malone (<i>until September 2017</i>)
Heritage Officer:	Sarah Winlow ACIfA (<i>September 2017-March 2018</i>)
Historic Environment Manager:	Sophie Nicol ACIfA (<i>as of April 2018</i>)
Historic Buildings Development Manager:	Sara Carruthers BSc (Hons), MA, MCIOB
Outreach Officer:	Gavin Lindsay BA (Hons), MA, PhD
Management Accountant:	Joanne Lochhead (<i>March to December 2017</i>)
Management Accountant:	Elaine Dunmore (<i>as of December 2017</i>)

Tay Landscape Partnership Scheme staff:

Scheme Manager:	Shirley Paterson MSc CEnv MCIEEM
Historic Environment Officer:	Sophie Nicol ACIfA (<i>until March 2018</i>)
Access and Biodiversity Officer:	Catriona Davies (<i>until March 2018</i>)
Learning and Interpretation Officer:	Lisa Snedden (<i>until June 2017</i>)
Learning and Interpretation Officer:	Ruth Bowbeer (<i>as of June 2017</i> <i>until February 2018</i>)
Volunteer Coordinator:	Lindsey Gibb (<i>until February 2018</i>)

Technical Advisers:

Steven Timoney
Peter Morris

The auditors are Johnston Carmichael, Perth.

Front Cover image: The new Forteviot Cross, commissioned by the Tay Landscape Partnership, carved by David McGovern and erected in Forteviot in 2017 (photo: Nicola MacQueen). **Rear cover:** Perth City Heritage Fund enhancement behind 31b-37 High St.

Chairman's Report



Chairman Sue Hendry with Alex Paterson, Chief Executive of Historic Environment Scotland (© HES).

I can hardly believe another year has passed and it is time to introduce our Annual Report once again. It has been a busy and successful year and seen various changes at the Trust. We were very sorry to lose Mark Webster who had represented The Gannochy Trust for 25 years and been a most enthusiastic and supportive Trustee. We also lost Tony Simpson who resigned due to health problems and sadly died shortly afterwards. Dave Cuthbert who had acted as Treasurer also resigned.

Following our **Jura organisational review** we have made a number of changes as a result of their recommendations and increased the number of Trustees on our board, and we were very pleased to appoint Mike Ballantine, Gordon Butt, Neil Grieve, Robin Illsley, Colin Longhorn, Maggie Wilkins and Councillors Stewart Donaldson and David Illingworth. They all bring a wide variety of experience and skills to the Trust, and Gordon was elected as Vice-Chairman and Colin has become our Treasurer. I hope all our new Trustees enjoy their time with us and we look forward to their input. We have set up several sub-committees and these are now meeting more often than the regular quarterly meetings. We were pleased to appoint a new Management Accountant, Elaine Dunmore, and Sophie Nicol has now taken on the role of Historic Environment Manager having completed her project work with the Tay Landscape Partnership.

I can hardly believe that after four years the **Tay Landscape Partnership** has come to an end. It has been an exciting and successful project engaging over 1,000 volunteers and we celebrated the end of the TLP with a very well attended and enjoyable ceilidh. We thank the team for their work of the years. The Scheme Manager, Shirley Paterson, will remain with us until August 2018 to complete the project administration and ensure the legacy of TLP is secure. We were delighted to have a visit from the Board and some of the staff of **Historic Environment Scotland** in March and were able to give them a presentation of the work we do and a tour of the city centre and some of the projects our City Heritage Fund has enabled.

The future for the Trust is looking good with new schemes being worked on and no shortage of ideas about what we can do in the future. As usual I could not finish without thanking David Strachan, our Director, and all the staff for their hard work and enthusiasm in all that we do.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sue Hendry'.

**Sue Hendry,
Chairman**

Projects

The Trust has administered the **Perth City Heritage Fund** since 2012, one of a series of regeneration schemes, funded by the Scottish Government through Historic Environment Scotland, operating in 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 second tranche of the Perth City Heritage Fund (2015-2018) came to a close in March 2018 and this report covers its final year. During this period, HES made additional sums available to the PCHF which enabled the Trust to commit a further £87,070 towards 10 projects, including both assistance towards conservation repairs and outreach work, bringing the total fund committed in the tranche to £836,532.



Highlights of the year included a number of projects that had been in development for several years being substantially completed. These included working with Owners' Associations to repair a number of late 18th century and early 19th century tenements including **Inchbank House** in Bridgend, **1 Hospital Street**, **31b-37 High Street** and **36 Princes Street**, all in the city centre, as well as roof repairs at **1 Atholl Crescent** and the start of the conversion of the empty **56 Atholl Street** to flats.



Inchbank House, before work began (above) and nearing practical completion in early 2018 (below).



Front elevation of 31b-37 High Street nearing practical completion in late 2017.

The Trust coordinated its second **Traditional Buildings Skills Exhibition and Demonstration** over two days in September in Perth city centre. Pupils from six secondary schools took the opportunity to gain hands on experience in slating, stone-carving, joinery and signwriting and a number represented the area with Trust staff and members of the Fife and Tayside Traditional Buildings Forum at a reception at the Scottish Parliament in November. In March, the Trust ran a well-attended seminar on the maintenance of traditional buildings for property owners in collaboration with Perth Solicitors Property Centre.



Perth secondary school pupils learn traditional building skills in stone masonry and slating at the roadshow on King Edward Street (photos: George Logan).



The Trust's final Historic Building Grant presented to St Stephen's Church in March 2018.

Over the wider Perth and Kinross area, the **Historic Building Grant scheme** dispensed its last grant to St Stephen's Church in Blairgowrie to assist with the cost of roof repairs. Earlier in the year, with grant assistance, masonry repairs were completed on the seven communal chimneys in a row of mill workers cottages in Auchterarder for the owners' association and repairs completed at Inchtute Parish Church.



A repaired communal chimney stack at the Ruthvenvale cottages, Auchterarder.

Projects



A sixth and final season of community archaeological excavations at Lair were carried out through the

Glenshee Archaeology Project in partnership with Northlight Heritage. Supported by Historic Environment Scotland and The Strathmartine Trust, the excavations focused on the main longhouse complex, increasing our understanding of the well-preserved early medieval turf longhouses of the area while providing training in archaeological field skills. A total of 24 volunteers participated, including several undergraduate archaeology students, and classroom sessions and site visits were delivered to three local primary schools: Kirkmichael, Kettins and Meigle. In all, 48 pupils aged 7-11 years received an introduction to archaeology and engaged with artefacts and recording.

An initial season of the 3 year community excavation project at the **King's Seat hillfort, Dunkeld** took place in September 2017, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, the SSE Griffin Community Fund and The Gannochy Trust. Delivered in partnership with Dunkeld and Birnam Historical Society, the project saw over 50 local volunteers learn new skills and explore this little understood site. Discoveries included revetment walls, a cache of slingshot, and mirror-shaped moulds indicating early medieval metal working. Excavation training was provided to 50 pupils from the Royal School of Dunkeld and Breadalbane Academy and several final year secondary school pupils considering degree courses and careers in archaeology also volunteered, receiving valuable experience and insight to help inform their vocational decisions. Site tours and a guided walk offered access for the general public.



A metal-working mould.



Outdoor learning at Glenshee with Meigle primary school.



P6 pupils from Royal School of Dunkeld.



Volunteers excavating Building 3.



Local volunteers exploring the Kings Seat hillfort.

The **Tay Landscape Partnership (TayLP)** entered its final year over 2017-2018. The £2.6 million initiative, led by the Trust in partnership with Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust, Perth and Kinross Council and the Gannochy Trust, extends around the inner Tay estuary and is principally funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, providing £1.4 million support; other major funding bodies include Historic Environment Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage, The Robertson Trust, Esmee Fairbairn Foundation and The Cross Trust.

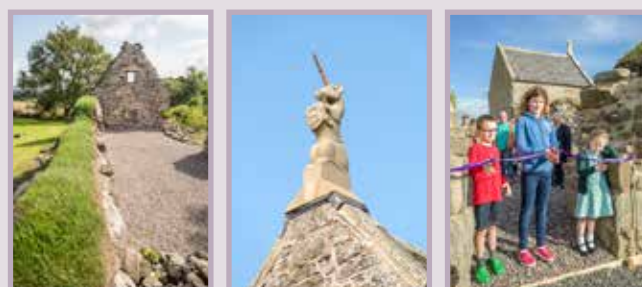
The partnership project celebrates the unique natural, cultural and built heritage around the Tay and Earn estuaries by conserving, restoring and improving access to a range of features. Over the year reported alone, over 21,000 people have engaged in activities and events, some travelling internationally to be involved. TayLP organised 68 events, some providing training opportunities for all ages and abilities and over 35 community groups and 3,187 youngsters have participated throughout the year. Although over 500 hours of in-kind contributions were accumulated by partners and a further 5,400 hours from volunteers. TayLP works closely with local groups to support social, economic and environmental benefits for all. The landscape partnership focuses on the following four themes:

Conserving and Restoring

- Over 148 volunteers helped excavate Moredun and Abernethy hillforts.
- A Clay Buildings Audit for Errol was completed identifying 147 surviving buildings.
- Completed restoration of Kinfauns Church with turf capping to protect reinstated stonework.
- 4 new community orchards were established.
- Biodiversity during construction work was promoted to architects, planners and consultants.
- 12 botanical illustrations of Carse of Gowrie historic fruit varieties were produced.



*Buildings for Biodiversity conference
(photo: George Logan).*



*Kinfauns Church restoration/unicorn
(photos: George Logan).*



*Moredun Hillfort excavations: air view (photo: Ken Ward)
and volunteers (photos: George Logan).*

Projects

Community Participation

- A new clay legacy shelter in Errol was built to celebrate the area's heritage with support from over 200 volunteers from the local community and primary school.
- Oak trees in Scone Palace gardens were re-planted.
- Heritage quilts, created by a local quilting group, were exhibited in the AK Bell library.



Clay legacy shelter (photo: George Logan).



*Abernethy hillfort reconstruction
(illustration: Chris Mitchell).*



Medieval Festival, Perth (photos: George Logan).

Access and Learning

- A new Pictish stone was commissioned and erected at Forteviot village, to celebrate its importance as a Pictish royal centre, and over 150 people attended the opening ceremony.
- Over 1km of path networks were improved to encourage local people to visit their environment.
- New canoe trips on the River Tay were piloted.
- 3 reconstruction illustrations of the hillforts excavated during were commissioned for use in interpretative material.
- A range of educational resources, focusing on medieval Perth, were produced.
- The learning centre at Kinnoull woodland park was promoted through a bushcraft activity week engaging over 100 children, and launching a new permanent orienteering course.
- Virtual Reality models were provided to Perth Museum and Art Gallery for the Picts and Pixels exhibition.
- A medieval street festival and fruit festival were delivered, engaging around 15,000 people in activities, crafts and demonstrations.



Fruit Festival (photo: George Logan).

Training Skills

- A rowing boat, named the Silvery Pearl and built by 10 Perth High School pupils was named by HRH The Earl of Wessex.
- 36 days traditional building skills training was provided to over 120 people including students, professionals, prisoners, community groups and homeowners.
- 15 days training were provided to local

community groups and individuals on woodland, hedge and green woodworking skills.

- 3 grants provided through the Inspiring People Bursary scheme.
- 7 orchard skills workshops were delivered.
- Support was provided to Perth and District Beekeepers Association to establish a training facility.



Boat building launch (photos: George Logan).



Traditional building skills (photos: George Logan).

TayLP 17-18 in a nutshell:

The scheme concluded in March 2018 with two final events: Making it Happen brought together 21 local groups to signpost volunteers to organisations requiring support, while a farewell ceilidh was attended by volunteers, funders and contractors to thank all for making TayLP such a success. Several significant projects came to fruition with opening ceremonies while new hard to reach audiences were still being developed and feedback from school pupils collected. The Hillforts of the Tay continued to prove extremely popular and the amazing fort walls have begun to re-shape our understanding of the fort's story. Since 2014, over 16,400 volunteer hours have been contributed by 1,125 volunteers and trainees and 63 community groups, while over 8,000 youngsters have been involved. In total, more than 82,000 people have engaged in their local heritage through the scheme.

Consultancy

The Trust continues to provide a **planning archaeology service** to Perth and Kinross Council's Environment Service ensuring that development is carried out in line with national planning policy to protect the historic environment. This includes the detailed checking of planning applications and the recommendation of archaeological conditions that result in archaeological interventions over the year, ranging from surveys to archaeological monitoring to full-scale excavation with associated post-excavation analysis and publication of results.

Highlights include the discovery of pre-historic archaeology at Mains of Murie Farm, Errol, and archaeological work has taken place at Cordon Farm, near Abernethy; the former Glen Isla Golf Course, near Alyth; and at Dron, to the north of Longforgan.



Multiple burials and rosary beads from the Friary (photos: Derek Hall).



A West end of Carmelite church at Riggs Road, Perth, under excavation (photo: Derek Hall).

An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by AOC Archaeology Group prior to a proposed residential development on **Moncur Road, Inchtute**, Perth and Kinross. The evaluation consisted of 1359 m2 of trenching across the development area. It was clear that significant late prehistoric settlement survives within the development area. The majority of the features were linear and curvilinear ditches that varied in width and orientation. Several pits or post holes were also revealed, two of which were noted for containing an abundance of burnt bone fragments.

The second phase excavation of the **Carmelite Friary of Tullilum** is now complete and is currently being prepared for final publication. Derek Hall, the site director, in his initial reporting has identified some unusual burial practices including the burial of 30 individuals with long sections of greenwood, staff like objects alongside. The archaeology included wood lined graves and excellent preservation of deposits that allowed the survival of bone, leather and organics objects to survive for analysis. Alongside some outstanding site monitoring as part of the new development the next stage will look to secure a Post Excavation Research Design and ensure this important site is published.



The 'Tulloch Man': a rare figure of a Pict.

The Trust assisted in the identification of a Pictish carved stone, an unexpected find discovered by workmen in the late phases of construction of an access road to Perth Crematorium from the new A85/A9 junction, west of Perth. The carving depicts the outline of a figure, stooped and carrying an implement, with parallels to the Rhynie Man, Aberdeenshire. This rare stone, unique for Perth and Kinross, is now in storage prior to a decision being made by the Treasure Trove Panel on which museum will house the stone permanently.

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.

Outreach

In recognition of Scotland's Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology in 2017 the Trust expanded the annual Archaeology Month event to Perth and Kinross Archaeology Year, a collaborative programme which proved to be a very successful 7-month event:

- 70,000 people attended over 100 events and exhibitions promoted in the brochure and web-calendar;
- 434 people took part in 16 events delivered by PKHT staff;
- 15,727 people took part in TayLP's 13 promoted events;
- Trust social media and website traffic increased significantly during the 7 months;

- Many of the 30 event contributors noted that PKAY had increased their visitor numbers this year.



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Trust walks were well attended with:

- 52% of participants aged over 60;
- 37% aged 30-59 and 11% under 30;
- 77% of attendees were local and 23% tourists.



The torch lit launch on Moredon hillfort.



Bringing the past to life through Virtual Reality (photo: Julie Howden).

Outreach



The Trust has also provided a number of illustrated talks to local historical societies and archaeological guided walks in partnership with community-based organisations such as the Crieff and Strathearn's Drovers' Tryst. In 2017 the Trust delivered six archaeological guided walks as part of the **Cateran's Common Wealth** (www.commonculture.org.uk), a multi year programme of arts, crafts, culture and heritage centred around the Cateran Trail in Eastern Perthshire. In addition, guided walk training was provided for 11 local volunteers and aerial photographs of archaeological sites along the Cateran trail were captured, curated and interpreted for an exhibition and accompanying booklet.



Taking in the impressive ramparts of Barry Hill hillfort on a Cateran Common Wealth guided walk.

birthplace of the prolific Scottish novelist John Buchan. Blairgowrie Fire Station also joined the programme and Balfour Beatty provided unique tours to view the new road and bridges under construction as part of the Perth Transport Future Project. Evaluation showed that 2017 achieved the highest numbers of visits, open days, volunteers and staff participating in Perth and Kinross for the past 5 years.

"The enthusiasm of the guides for their property/space is infectious and hugely necessary for Doors Open Days to be the success it undoubtedly has become."

Doors Open Days visitor

"People who had known the building to be empty for a long time were glad to see it had been revitalised and given new purpose [...] We found out more about it's past from local visitors and a past employee."

Doors Open Days building organiser



Learning about engineering with Balfour Beatty's Perth's Transport Futures Doors Open Days (photo: Balfour Beatty).



Doors Open Days ran a little differently in Perth and Kinross in 2017, being held by geographical area across the first three weekends in September instead of one as in previous years. In all, 52 venues participated and over 5,300 people visited them.

New to the programme for 2017 was the



The refurbished Council buildings at 2 High Street welcomed 490 visitors in one day (photo: PKC).

Looking Ahead

The Trust submitted a bid for a third tranche of the **Perth City Heritage Fund** to Historic Environment Scotland in November 2017 and hope that the fund will continue as a major work stream until 2021. Meanwhile, work continues to administer grants offered during the previous scheme and the Trust looks forward to working with owners to complete projects at 31b-37 High Street and 36 Princes Street among others. Following the success of recent outreach events, the Trust intends to continue to run a traditional building skills roadshow in September 2018, maintenance seminars for home owners and as a new development, a series of Continuing Professional Development lunchtime talks in architectural conservation.

The completion of the **Tay Landscape Partnership** will be a key task for the Trust as lead partner, with a number of outstanding projects and final evaluation and monitoring reporting to be completed by October 2018. The legacy of the partnership will be secured

through a 10 year monitoring and maintenance plan to be administered by the Trust on behalf of the partnership.

Further to the conclusion of six years of fieldwork through the **Glenshee Archaeology Project**, the Trust will, over 2018, work towards the publication of the results as a monograph. A second year of community archaeological excavations are planned at the **Kings Seat, Dunkeld**, along with a living history fair to celebrate the heritage of the hillfort with the local community in Dunkeld. Finally, the Trust has made an application to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland for funding for a 3 year project to develop an Archaeological Research Framework for the area – a document that would underpin future research priorities for both developer-funded and community-led archaeological work.

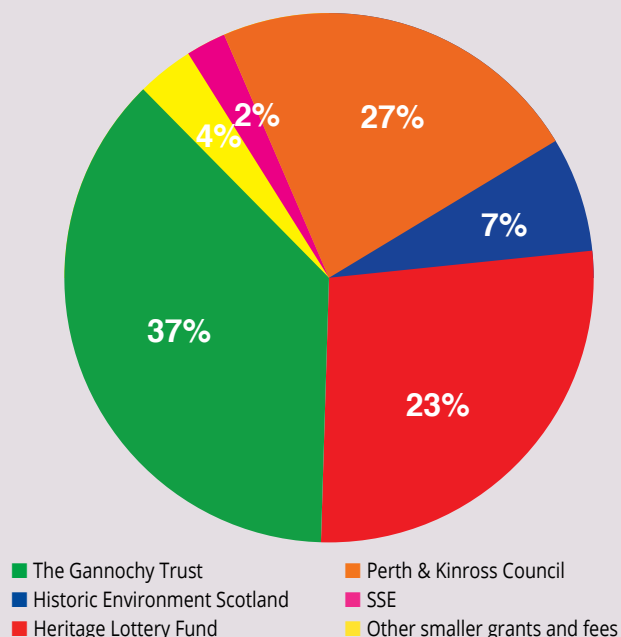


It hoped to continue enhancement of 23-43 High Street following a successful first project at T Paterson the jewellers.

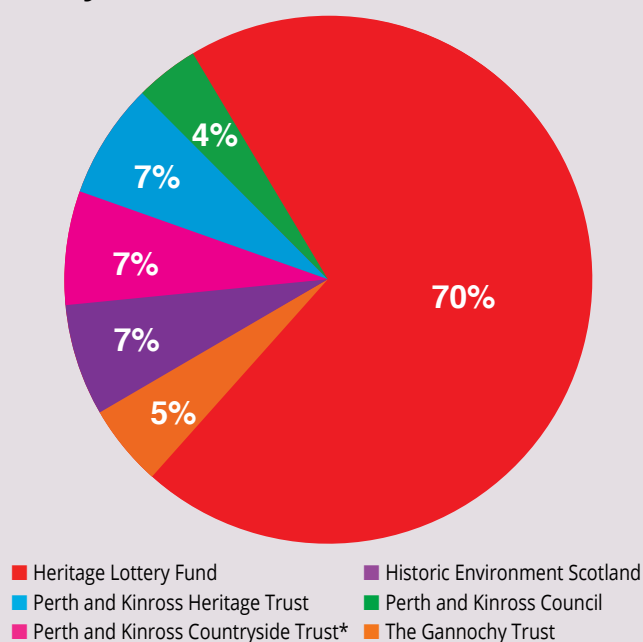


Financial Report

Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust Analysis of Income 2017/2018



Tay Landscape Partnership Analysis of Income 2017/2018

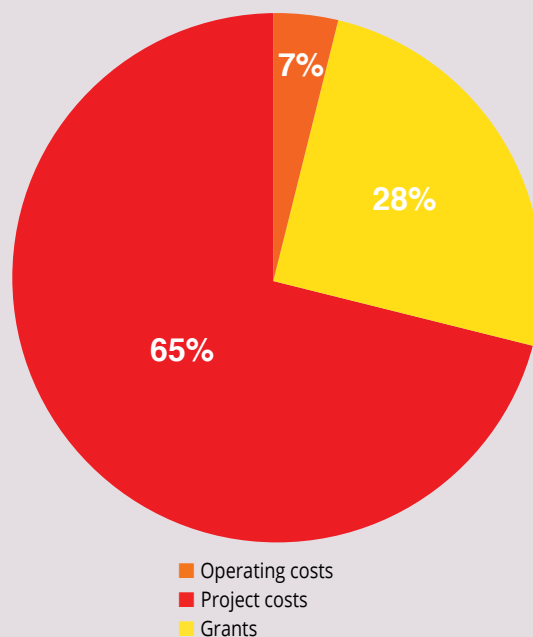


*Note: 6% of the total income for TLP was made by Perth & Kinross Council on behalf of PKCT

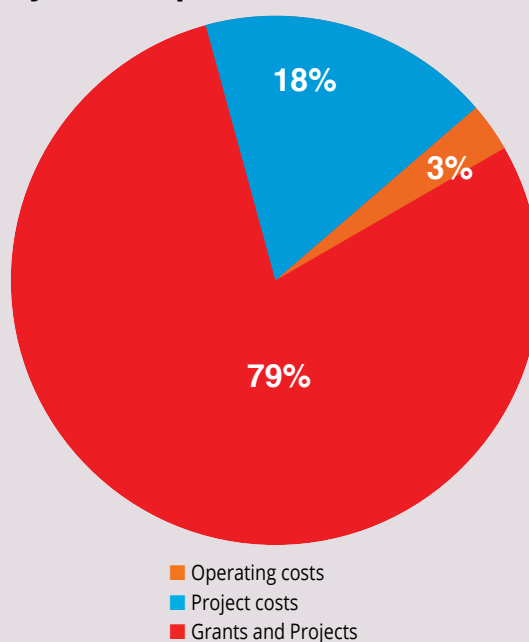
The income and expenditure of the Trust and the Tay Landscape Partnership is analysed in the above charts.

The Trust's total income for the financial year 2017/2018 amounted to £873,102. The three largest contributors during the year have been The Gannochy Trust, Perth and Kinross Council and The Heritage Lottery Fund. In addition, Historic Environment Scotland provided support for the Perth City Heritage Fund and the Heritage Lottery Fund was the major contributor to the Tay Landscape Partnership. Other major contributors to the Trust's activities were once

Analysis of Expenditure 2017/2018



Analysis of Expenditure - 2017/2018



again. The Trust appreciates the continued support of its founding partners' The Gannochy Trust and Perth and Kinross Council, and appreciates funding from all other sources.

The Trust's expenditure in 2017/2018 totalled £1,017,358, which resulted in a net operating deficit for the year of £144,256.

The net assets of the Trust amounted to £877,518 as at 31st March 2018.

Income & Expenditure Account

Year ended 31st March 2018

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2018	Total Funds 2017
	£	£	£	£	£
Total income	188,848	2,013	682,241	873,102	995,840
Total expenditure	91,343	44,840	881,175	1,017,358	908,984
Net income /(expenditure) for the year	97,505	(42,827)	(198,934)	(144,256)	86,856

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, Building Preservation Fund, Tay Landscape Partnership, Perth City Heritage Fund, Glenshee Excavation Fund, Kilmagadwood Excavation fund, Jura Review, Catearan Commonwealth Project, Kings Seat Archaeology Project, Traditional Building Skills project and the Building Boats - Inspiring Futures project.

Balance sheet

As at 31st March 2018

	2018 £	2017 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	69,000	70,500
	69,000	70,500
Current assets		
Debtors	351,215	600,077
Cash at bank and in hand	696,915	1,060,513
	1,048,130	1,660,590
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(239,612)	(709,316)
Net current assets	808,518	951,274
Total assets less current liabilities	877,518	1,021,774
Deferred income	-	-
Net assets	877,518	1,021,774
The funds of the charity		
Restricted funds	445,950	641,358
Unrestricted funds:		
Designated funds	163,500	47,536
General unrestricted funds	250,253	315,065
Revaluation reserve	17,815	17,815
Total charity funds	877,518	1,021,774

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



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