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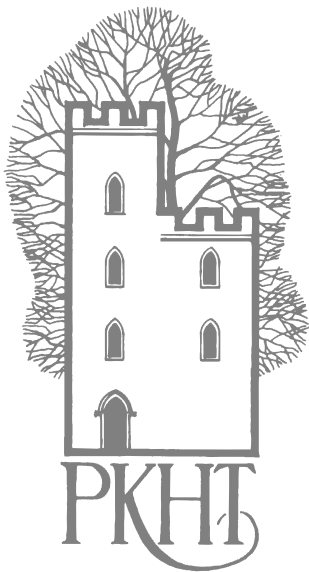
About the Trust

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 funded by annual grants from the Gannochy Trust and Perth and Kinross Council, which are supplemented by grant aid from other sources for specific projects, and its objectives are achieved through 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 2006 to the end of March 2007.

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The Executive Committee (Board of Directors) of the Trust for 2006-2007 consisted of representatives nominated by Perth and Kinross Council (PKC), the Gannochy Trust (GT) and Perth Civic Trust (PCT).

Members for the period were:

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Cllr. A. Cowan (PKC)
Mrs S. Hendry (PCT)
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Dr. R. A. Leather (GT)
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The Trust's officers for the period were:

Manager/Archaeologist:
David Strachan (PKHT)

Architect:
Andrew Driver (PKHT)

Heritage Officer:
Sarah Winlow (PKHT)

Early Mapping Project Officer:
Lindsay Farquharson (PKHT) as of Sept. 2006

Exploring Perthshire's Past Officer:
Steven Timoney (PKHT) as of Sept. 2006

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J. McCrone (PKC)
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M. Taylor (PKC) until Nov. 2006
R. Rodger (PKC) as of Nov. 2006

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Front Cover: The Carpow boat taken during excavation, Westtown Chapel, Carse of Gowrie, following extensive clearance, The Carpow Logboat being lifted onto the pier at Newburgh.

Chairmans Report



It once again is my pleasure to introduce the annual report of Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust and to celebrate the results of another year's hard work by the small, but dedicated, team based at the Library Lodge, Perth. It would be fair to say that having settled into our new headquarters outside the A.K. Bell library, along with media coverage of a number of recent projects, the Trust is enjoying an unprecedented public profile. Long may it last!

Without doubt the major achievement of the year has been the recovery of the **Carpow Logboat** from the Tay estuary. The vessel was first reported to the Trust in 2001 and the Trust has since carried out small-scale excavation and monitoring to demonstrate the significance of the vessel while raising the necessary funds to complete the project. Both the lifting of this 3,000 year old boat, and its remarkable preservation, have really caught the public imagination, and I am heartened to see this interest being addressed by the Trust through public presentations, leaflets and photographic exhibitions on the project. While the excavation and lifting of the vessel was a major first step in the boat's new life, it will remain an important project to the Trust for the next few years, until it is fully published and on museum display.

The other highlight of the year has been the launch of the **Exploring Perthshire's Past!** project. Having built on the successes of the Trust's Doors Open Days and Perthshire Archaeology Month, the Trust has been fortunate in attracting both Heritage Lottery Funding and a new project officer, Steven Timoney. Steven has recently completed his PhD at the University of Glasgow entitled "Presenting Archaeology to the Public in Scotland" and so is very appropriately qualified to develop further this important aspect of the Trust's work.

The Trust were pleased to see The Association of Regional and Island Archaeologists (ARIA) merge with **The Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers** (ALGAO) to create a UK-wide forum for historic environment professionals working at a local and regional level. The Trust is to represent Perth and Kinross Council within this group and a vote of confidence in our abilities has seen the Manager of the Trust elected on to the Executive Committee of the new body.

As ever things change and people move on. In November one of the Trust's Technical Advisers, Mike Taylor, retired early from the Council and has been replaced by Robin Rodger, who has the job title of Heritage Manager within Perth and Kinross Council and who effectively manages Perth Museum and Art Gallery. We must thank Mike for his valuable contributions since 2000, and welcome Robin to join our ranks. Finally, it remains only for me to thank my fellow Trustees for their support, the Technical Advisers and other supporting staff and, of course, the Trust staff at the Lodge for all their hard work and enthusiasm.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fergus Harris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Rev. Fergus Harris
Chairman





Repair and draught-stripping of sash and case windows at South Street, Perth.



Repairs at Blairgowrie Tourist Information Centre, Wellmeadow, Blairgowrie.



Coupar Angus.



Perth Young Archaeologists' Club visiting the Black Spout excavations.



The Wellmeadow, Blairgowrie.

Grants

Over the year twenty-six **Historic Building Grants** were offered and fifteen improvements were grant aided. These grants are made available for appropriate repair or enhancement of Listed Buildings, or buildings within Conservation Areas. Two of the completed grants were carried over from previous years so thirteen commitments remain and are expected to be completed over the coming year.

An analysis of grant awards over a period of several years has shown that well over half are towards the repair or reinstatement of timber sash and case windows and the breakdown for the last year has been no different. However some other trends may be discerned; for example three grants, each of almost £2000, have been made towards the re-instatement of cast iron railings overlooking the South Inch and this has prompted the proposal to set up a scheme to replace missing boundary ironwork on a much larger scale across Perth. Another large scale project that the Historic Building Grant Scheme will engage with is the **Coupar Angus Townscape Heritage Initiative** where a forward commitment has been made of £42,500 to be spent over five years on seventeen listed properties.

The Trust administers **Façade Enhancement Schemes** in Perth and Blairgowrie which are aimed at leveraging improvements to commercial frontages through support of up to 50% of the cost of works. Since its inception in 2001 the **Perth Scheme**, which has been funded by Perth and Kinross Council and Scottish Enterprise Tayside, has provided almost £250,000 in support at fifty-two locations. In the past year grants have enabled substantial repairs to both the shop front and stonework at 4-6 Bridge Lane, opposite the new Concert Hall, while enhancement of the Old High Street has continued through the offer of grant aided work at a former Pawnbrokers and a Taxi office. Support for replacement six over six sash and case windows and repainting has been offered to 2-3 Watergate, an important visual end stop to George Street. In addition, advice and support have been provided to the Royal George Hotel where a new conservatory on the Tay Street frontage is being considered. Across the river from this location in Bridgend efforts to assist with repairs and improvements to the prominent corner block have continued.

The **Blairgowrie Scheme** began in 2005 and to date has assisted with fifteen projects and has committed grants totalling over £29,000. Notably in the past year a scheme to repair and enhance the Tourist Information Centre overlooking the Wellmeadow has been completed. Several smaller shops have been improved in quite modest and cost effective ways and it is clear that, with assistance from the Blairgowrie Mercantile Association, the scheme has helped to counter the gloom that initially accompanied the departure of Tesco from the main street to a new out-of-town location.

A small award was made to SUAT Ltd to part-fund chemical analysis of a sample of **early ceramics from the Perth High Street excavations** of the 1970s. The study is part of a wider programme, funded by Historic Scotland, to finally publish the extensive and important excavations. The ceramic study will be carried out by University College, London.

Perth Young Archaeologists' Club (YAC) were also been awarded a grant towards the running of the Club, which is a branch of the national Young Archaeologists' Club, promoted by the Council for British Archaeology. The Club currently has 25 members aged between 8 and 16 from Perthshire.





The Carpow logboat during excavation and on the banks of the Tay awaiting recovery.



Westtown Chapel, Carse of Gowrie, before and during clearance work.



Projects

In March 2006 the Trust secured part-funding from Historic Scotland to carry out the planned excavation and lifting of the Bronze Age **Carpow Log-boat** which it has been monitoring for five years. A bespoke team of archaeologists, palaeo-environmental archaeologists and marine salvage operators successfully carried out the operation over seven days in late July and early August, with the vessel being lifted from the Tay on Newburgh quay on the evening of the 11th August 2006. The inter-tidal environment proved logistically very challenging for the excavation and a recovery operation involved floating the 9.25 meter vessel over 3.5km along the Tay Estuary where it was inserted into a lifting frame to be craned on to dry-land. The vessel was then transported to Edinburgh to begin a two to three year period of conservation work at the National Museums of Scotland (NMS).

Post-excavation work on the logboat has continued at the NMS and has included detailed measured drawing of the boat, a dendrochronological study and chemical treatment in preparation for conservation treatment, including freeze-drying. The work has already revealed fascinating details of the well-preserved stern including extensive tool-markings and the survival of both wooden wedges and moss caulking around the transom board. In addition, a wider palaeo-environmental study has involved a total of fifteen additional radiocarbon dates of peat and timber samples which will help to build up a history of the inter-tidal zone at this part of the estuary, ranging from the peat deposits of around 7,000 BC and the submerged forest to the deposition of the logboat.

The project attracted considerable media interest including articles in both local and

national newspapers and a three-minute feature on BBC Scotland's Reporting Scotland. A leaflet for public information has been produced and widely distributed throughout the area and to interested bodies, and a photographic exhibition has been displayed at Abernethy Museum. A three minute feature appeared in late December on BBC Reporting Scotland on the conservation of the boat, and articles on the project have appeared in the lifestyle magazine In Scotland and in the Tay Estuary Forum newsletter. The photographic exhibition of the project has been displayed at the Abernethy Museum and Local Studies section of the A.K. Bell Library over January and February 2007.

At **Westown Chapel**, on the Carse of Gowrie, an exciting project has been developed in partnership with local residents who had expressed concern about the way in which this roofless 16th century chapel was disappearing beneath a cloak of ivy. The stability of the hidden bell-cote was in question and it was clear that ivy roots were penetrating bed joints and threatening the stability of this Scheduled Ancient Monument. As a result, a specification was developed in agreement with Historic Scotland and in the early part of 2007, before the nesting season, much of the ivy and sapling growth was removed by Trust staff working alongside local volunteers. The building that has been revealed is somewhat puzzling: of the two doors and three windows not one is the same, and it is clear that the building materials re-use elements from an earlier building. A geophysical survey was carried out in order to aid understanding of the site however the results of this have proved equally intriguing. The project is planned to continue through 2007 and 2008 and will involve further removal of ivy, stabilisation and re-pointing of the masonry and on-site interpretation.

The Historic Environment Record

(HER) saw completion of the **Perth Urban Archaeological Database (UAD)** Project in August, whereby information from various collections was collated into the HER including pre-Ordnance Survey maps such as Gardiner, MacFarlane, Stobie, Rutherford and Petit. This has been followed by a further year-long enhancement project; the **Early Mapping Project**, which will continue to enhance the HER by the systematic study of the early Ordnance Survey mapping for all of Perth and Kinross. Both projects have been part-funded by Historic Scotland.

The launch of the TRACKS project, which is set to develop a comprehensive circular route around Loch Leven, has prompted the development of a renovation project at the dilapidated **Scotlandwell Wash House** built to designs by David Bryce (1860) beside the elaborate open canopy over the ancient well from which the village takes its name. To date a preliminary condition survey has been conducted and an appropriate long-term use is being sought.





Developer funded archaeological excavation at Abernethy, from the Round Tower.



Buildings at Risk: St Paul's, Perth.



The Fair Maid's House, Perth.



Buildings at Risk: Bartonhill tollhouse (left) and Dalcrue steading (right).

Consultancy

The Historic Environment Record (HER)

continues to be consulted on a regular basis by organisations requiring information and advice on the potential impact on archaeology of planned development, such as quarrying, and Permitted Development work, such as overhead line improvements to the electricity supply network. In addition, the supply of **Agri-Environment archaeological audits** for applicants to the Rural Stewardship Scheme (RSS) saw over 80 audits for the scheme.

The Trust continues to supply a planning archaeology service to Perth and Kinross Council's Environment Service regarding **National Planning Policy Guideline 5: Archaeology and Planning**. A programme of archaeological monitoring required during the demolition and construction of part of Perth Prison, revealed a grave pit containing over 20 individuals (both men and women) which are thought to be Napoleonic Prisoners of War and their families. Extensive evaluation of a mixed development to the west of Gleneagles identified two areas of archaeological sensitivity consisting of at least four prehistoric round houses and a burnt mound. Evaluations in advance of the construction of new high schools revealed the ditch of a Neolithic cursus monument at Crieff and a ditch possibly associated with a prehistoric settlement site at Kinross. Meanwhile work at Dunning Primary School revealed a substantial ditch which may relate to the early medieval settlement of Dunning.

A short length of a buried stone wall at School Wynd, Abernethy, has been tentatively identified as the remains of the elusive early monastic precinct while at Inchture a substantial medieval building has been uncovered during evaluation. At the latter site the remains of the building will be preserved in situ (in line with NPPG 5) by the re-routing of site access. The construction phase of Drumderg Wind Farm has included a programme of evaluations, watching briefs and fencing off of known monuments which include prehistoric hut circles and associated field systems. Similarly, at the Greenknowes Wind Farm the impact to archaeological remains, characterised by medieval and later rural settlement primarily consisting of relict field systems, has involved sample excavation. Finally, the Trust has been consulted on proposed

streetscape improvements around the Perth City Hall where it is envisaged medieval remains of St John's Kirk burial ground may be encountered.

The Trust has been appointed as architects to the Royal Scottish Geographical Society (RSGS) with respect to plans to relocate their head office to the Fair Maid's House, Perth. Along with a design team of locally based consultants, to date work has concentrated on developing the initial feasibility study into a robust set of plans for submission as part of a Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) application. While an initial HLF bid was lodged in May 2007, requirements for detail of RSGS outreach programmes, and other factors, have delayed an outcome. During July an application for Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent was lodged and this was granted in November.

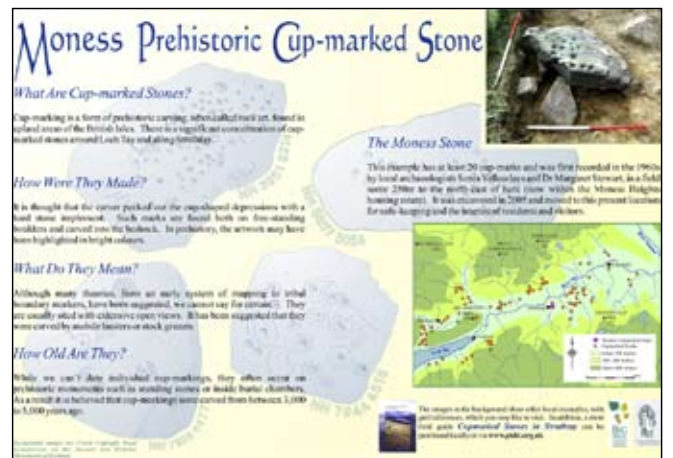
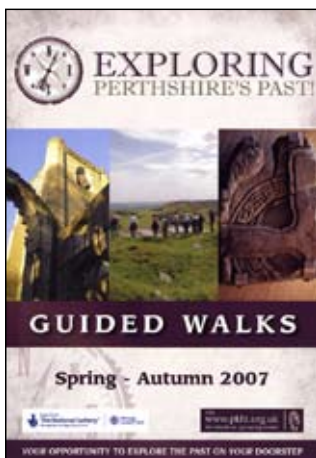
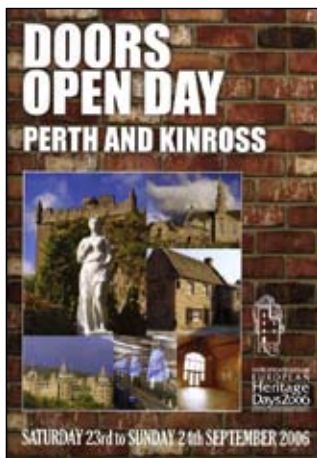
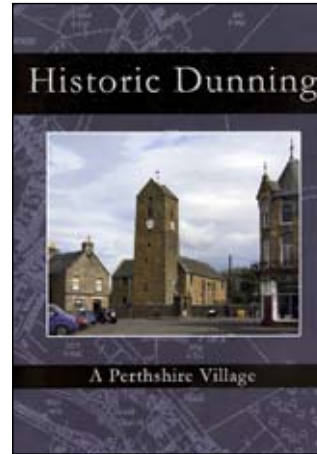
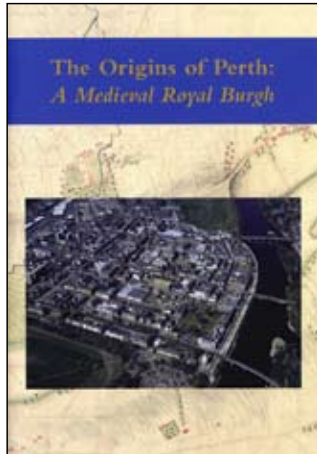
Further, an application to Historic Scotland for grant support has been successful. The scheme will cost in the region of £1M and involves the integration of two B Listed Buildings to form headquarters comprising exhibition, reading and education areas on the ground floor and a climate controlled archive, partially buried in the rear garden, to house the world class collection of 150,000 maps. The upper floors are to house offices, the photograph archive and a common room. The Fair Maid's House, its story confusingly romanticised in Scott's 1828 novel, incorporates substantial elements of a two storey, stone built, late-medieval building which sat on the edge of the Blackfriars monastery precinct. It is the oldest secular building in Perth. An archaeological evaluation and planned investigations of the foundations will inform the design of the new-build elements which will allow for the reinstatement of, and proper access to, the original upper hall floor level. Much interest and support for the project was expressed during guided tours as part of Doors Open Day 2006 and it would appear that, after a number of years, an appropriate long-term use for the building has been found.

The re-establishment of a Conservation Section within Perth and Kinross Council's Environment Service in March 2006 has seen the deployment of some of the statutory powers that a Planning Authority has at its disposal when considering the neglect of Listed Buildings. The Trust's

architect has assisted in discussions with owners, building inspections and the drafting of preliminary schedules of Urgent Works for several significant buildings including the A Listed **Barnhill Toll House**, the B Listed **Dalcruie Steading**, and from early 2007 onwards at the B Listed **St Paul's Church, Perth**, where work on site is expected. In addition a scheme for the improvement, re-organisation and repair of the **Ayton Hall** in Auchterarder was sketched up as assistance for ongoing local discussions, and inspections and advice provided to the bid for lottery funding of major improvements at **Macrosty Park**, Crieff.

The Trust was alerted to problems at the former **Blackford Parish Church** by the Blackford Historical Society and on inspection it became clear that the elaborate birdcage bell-cote was in danger of collapse. In collaboration with Perth and Kinross Council's Property Services, a strategy for dismantling and repair was devised whereby stonemasons copied the failed stone elements and reinstated the bell-cote using stainless steel rather than iron dowels, the failure of which had caused the problem. The Trust has additionally offered grant aid towards other re-pointing and rebuilding tasks which will be progressed once additional funding is in place.





Community archaeology:
The second season at the Black Spout.

Education and Outreach

The Trust is pleased to announce a major new outreach programme: the **Exploring Perthshire's Past!** project, which is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), the Gannochy Trust, the Tay Charitable Trust and the Russell Trust. This three-year project has involved the appointment of a full-time Outreach Officer within the Trust, who will develop a programme of events, based on the success of both Doors Open Day and Perthshire Archaeology Month. The project has three main areas: a **lecture programme**, predominately delivered over the winter months, will engage with both special interest groups, such as local history societies, and "new audiences", such as community councils and other local groups, to present aspects of the archaeological and architectural heritage of the area. Talks have already been delivered to as far a field as Falkirk, Pitlochry and Kirriemuir. A **guided walk programme**, will run from March to October and will involve over a hundred field excursions to buildings, sites and landscapes of archaeological and architectural interest. Finally, a series of **key events** will offer life-long learning opportunities for volunteers to work alongside professionals on projects including archaeological excavation, historic building survey, field-walking and site conservation. Projects will be led either by the Trust, or in partnership with organisations such as the University of Glasgow, the Council for Scottish Archaeology and the Roman Gask Project. In addition, the project will deliver opportunities through the Trust's **website**: enhancing the data available through the online Historic Environment Record (HER) and maintaining an online events diary where all EPP! events are posted, alongside other events organised by the Trust, local societies or national bodies.

Following the success of last years **Historic Dunning** booklet, the latest in the Trust's series of popular publications **The Origins of Perth: A Medieval Royal Burgh** was launched by the Provost at the Archaeological Research in Progress conference in Perth in May 2006. The booklet, written by David Bowler of SUAT Ltd, included a specially commissioned reconstruction painting showing an aerial view of the burgh in the mid-16th century. The original painting is now on display at the A.K. Bell library. The production of 15,000 copies is the Trust's largest print run to date and the booklet will retail at £2 per copy and

be distributed through museums, libraries and Tourist Information Centres in addition to the Trust offices.

The fiftieth anniversary of the **Perth/Aschaffenburg twinning** was the basis of joint project with Aschaffenburg Museum to produce a pair of leaflets celebrating the historic environment of both Perth and Aschaffenburg. An English language leaflet on historic Aschaffenburg and a complementary German language leaflet on historic Perth were launched at Perth Concert Hall in August 2006 as part of wider twinning celebrations. A total of 25,000 leaflets were produced and distributed widely both in Perth and Aschaffenburg.

Following excavation of this cup-marked stone from the site of the new Moness Heights housing development in Aberfeldy, the Trust has installed interpretation alongside the relocated **Moness Cup-marked stone** in partnership with Perth and Kinross Council at the Upper Birks car park. A small stone-built plinth hosts an A3 interpretation board beside a footpath near the car park.

A very successful **Doors Open Day 2006** took place over the weekend of the 23rd and 24th of September with the programme including fifty-seven buildings, including three from Blairgowrie, a town that had not taken part in Doors Open Day previously. Highlight buildings included HMP Castle Huntly (Longforgan), Highland Spring (Blackford), Atholl Palace Hotel (Pitlochry), Newton Castle (Blairgowrie), Morrison's Academy (Crieff) and the Fair Maid's House (Perth). At most of the buildings, owners and custodians led guided tours or put on a special exhibition. Participant feedback forms indicate the event ran smoothly with over 2000 'visits' over the weekend. **Perthshire Archaeology Month 2006** was launched with Perth hosting the annual Archaeology in Progress Conference organised by the Council for Scottish Archaeology. The conference saw two presentations by the Trust and the launch of the Trust's latest popular booklet, *The Origins of Perth: a Medieval Royal Burgh*, by the Provost. Popular events from previous years were added to with new field-trips such as a tour of sites in The Sma' Glen. The event has also included the launch, by the Trust's Chairman, of David Woolliscroft's latest book *Rome's First Frontier*. A second season of

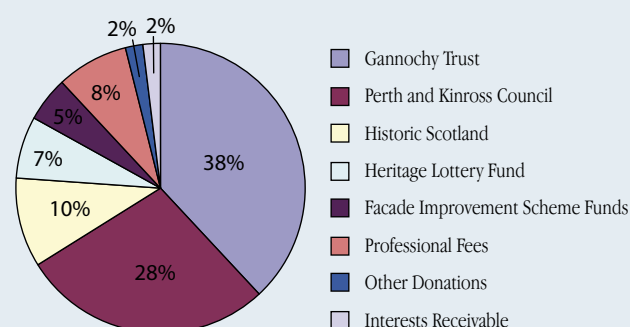
excavations at the **Black Spout Homestead**, Pitlochry, using volunteers proved particularly interesting as two sides of the enclosure wall were exposed, revealing much architectural detail, while the lower occupational levels produced the significant finds including querns, loom-weights and a small glass-bead.

A number of **presentations** were given including those on the Perth Urban Archaeological Database to the Institute of Field Archaeologists and on the Carpow logboat and the Black Spout excavations to the Tayside and Fife Archaeological Committee annual conference in Perth. A photographic exhibition on the Carpow Logboat was well received at the Dover Bronze Age Boat conference. In addition, the Trust hosted a Historic Scotland road show comprising of four talks by experts on the general theme of House Maintenance.

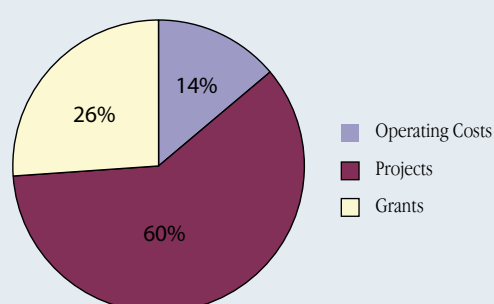


Financial Report

Analysis of Income 2006/2007



Analysis of Expenditure 2006/2007



The Trust's total income in financial year 2006/07 amounted to £347,634. The major contributors to the Trust's activities were once again the Gannochy Trust and Perth & Kinross Council and the Trust appreciates the founding partners' continuing support. Included within this total, Historic Scotland, the Heritage Lottery Fund and other contributors to the work of the Heritage Trust have generously provided funding for specific projects amounting to £69,471 and fees have been charged for professional services totalling £25,821. The Trust's income is analysed in the chart above.

Included in the above, the Trust manages the Perth Central Area, Blairgowrie and Coupar Angus Façade Improvement Schemes under an agreement with Scottish Enterprise Tayside and Perth & Kinross Council who jointly fund the projects. During the course of the year, the Trust administered £36,221 of expenditure and commitments in respect of the Schemes. The balance on the schemes, which is held separately from the Trust's main finances, was £72,292 as at 31st March 2007.

The Trust's expenditure in 2006/07 totalled £309,864, which resulted in a net operating surplus for the year of £37,770. After adjusting for balances held in respect of the Façade Improvement Schemes, the Net Assets of the Trust amounted to £199,901 as at 31st March 2007.



Income & Expenditure Account Year ended 31st March 2007

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2007	Total Funds 2006
			£	£
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(5,950)	35,212	29,262	45,729
Interest and Investment income	6,656	1,852	8,508	5,726
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year	706	37,064	37,770	51,455

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

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 Façade Improvement Schemes, Exploring Perthshire's Project Reserve and Carpow Logboat Reserve.

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Balance Sheet

Year ended 31st March 2007

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	66,215	67,720
Current Assets		
Debtors	11,272	2,632
Cash at bank and in hand	378,839	359,191
	<u>390,111</u>	<u>361,823</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(184,133)</u>	<u>(195,120)</u>
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)	<u>205,978</u>	<u>166,703</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Executive Committee members in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of the information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of affairs of the charity as at 31st March 2007 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended, the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and the information given in the Executive Committee members' Annual Report is consistent with the financial statements.

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Looking Ahead

The Trust has embarked on two new booklets as part of its A5 popular series. **Auchterarder: Strathearn's Royal Burgh** is being produced in partnership with the Auchterarder and District Local History Association (ADLHA) and will be penned by Robin Bell, Chair of ADLHA. It is hoped that the production will involve the commissioning of a second reconstruction painting by Edinburgh artist David Simon. The second publication is being developed in partnership with Blair Atholl Estate, one of the most important estates in Perthshire in terms of its wealth of history, architecture, designed gardens and wildlife. **A History of Blair Atholl Estate** will be written by the Estate Archivist, Jane Anderson, and will cover the many aspects of the history of the estate including archaeology, family history, the deer forests and woodland management.

The Trust is pleased to announce three-years funding to Glasgow University for the **Strathearn Environs and Royal Forteviot (SERF)** project. This exciting project will study the archaeology of Strathearn from Gleneagles to Forgandenny, concentrating on prehistoric and early historic Forteviot, and will involve geophysics, field-walking and excavation. Other partners include Historic Scotland, the British Academy and the Arts and Humanities Research Council. The Trust will provide outreach support through organising volunteers and promoting the project through the Exploring Perthshire's Past! project, and the grant will support outreach through a website, community-based field-work and popular publications on the results of the project.

The Trust has agreed to continue its support of the **Roman Gask Project (RGP)**, founded in 1995 and part-funded by the Trust since 1998. Over the next three years the RGP plans include field-walking and geophysics at three forts in Perth and Kinross; Bertha, Dalginross and Strageath. Minor excavations are planned at Innerpefferay temporary camp and Bertha fort, with larger excavation planned at a possible watch-tower near Wolfhill. Finally, landscape survey around the legionary fortress of Inchtuthil, involving aerial survey, field-walking, geophysics and excavation will again be integrated through Exploring Perthshire's Past!

Following the rapid survey of fifty-seven bridges, six of which were previously

unrecorded, by the **18th Century Military Bridge** survey, a representative sample of the surviving bridges has been selected and initial discussion with the Heritage Lottery Fund has taken place with respect to a bid for a conservation and interpretation project based on the roads and bridges of General Wade.

The conservation of the **Carpow logboat** will continue over the next two years and will run in parallel to further specialist studies, which, along with the results of an existing interim report, will be presented at a one-day conference on the boat planned for the end of the summer 2007. The papers presented to this conference will be the basis of the final academic journal, possibly as a monograph. In addition, a photographic exhibition on the project is planned for the Laing Museum, Newburgh, in April 2007.

A project is being developed to re-instate cast iron railings, removed over sixty years ago, at key sites around Perth. **The Perth Boundary Ironwork project** has already been offered generous funding by the Gannochy Trust and will aim to lever matched funding from owners and other stakeholders. Two pilot projects are being progressed: the A.K. Bell Library, York Place, and Atholl Crescent and Terrace. At both these locations, the street frontages of the A-Listed buildings have lost their original architectural ironwork embellishments. The visual and amenity benefits of railing reinstatement at such sites are significant and well recognised.

Grant Guidelines

The Trust may award **Historic Building Grants** to assist owners of Listed Buildings, or buildings within Conservation Areas, who wish to maintain or restore the traditional character of their properties. Listed Building or Conservation Area status does not automatically qualify a building for grant, the award being entirely at the discretion of the Trust. Eligible works are those carried out specifically to maintain or restore historic or architectural character using traditional materials and techniques. Routine maintenance work, such as paint work or dry rot treatment, is not eligible. The Trust, on behalf of Perth and Kinross Council and Scottish Enterprise Tayside, administers **Façade Enhancement Schemes** currently operating in central Perth and Blairgowrie. Awards for up to 50% of eligible works can be supported for enhancement to the frontages of commercial premises. Applicants for the above should contact the Trust to discuss proposals or grant applications before the outset of a project. The Trust may also award grants towards projects that do not fall within the remit of the above categories. For example, archaeological or historical research, interpretation material, publications or other projects relating to the archaeological or architectural heritage of the area. The level of grant, and any condition attached, will be calculated at the Trust's discretion.





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