

PERTH AND KINROSS HERITAGE TRUST

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About the Trust

Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust (PKHT) was established in 1988, with the aims 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. 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 2007 to the end of March 2008.

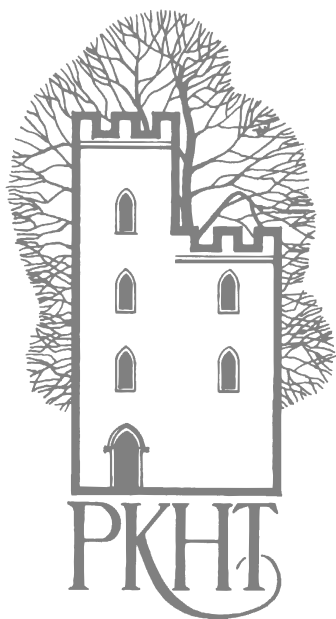
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Front Cover: (Left to right) The Carpow logboat prior to initial conservation appraisal at the National Museums of Scotland, Granton, Edinburgh; Telford's bridge at Dunkeld, which featured in Doors Open Days 2007; and participants in the Exploring Perthshire's Past! programme are guided around Balvaird Castle.

The Executive Committee (Board of Directors) of the Trust for 2007-2008 consisted of representatives nominated by Perth and Kinross Council (PKC), the Gannochy Trust (GT) and Perth Civic Trust (PCT).

Members for the period were:

Rev. Fergus Harris (Chairman) (PCT)
Cllr. A. Cowan (PKC)
Mrs S. Hendry (PCT)
Cllr. J. Coburn (PKC)
Dr. R. A. Leather (GT)
Mr. M. Webster (GT)

The Trust's officers for the period were:

Manager/Archaeologist:

D. Strachan (PKHT)

Architect:

A. Driver (PKHT)

Heritage Officer:

S. Winlow (PKHT)

Early Mapping Project Officer:

L. Farquharson (PKHT) *until Aug. 2007*

Exploring Perthshire's Past Officer:

S. Timoney (PKHT)

Secretary:

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J. Moy (PKC)

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R. A. Bean (PKC) *until Mar. 2008*
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R. Haworth (PKC) *from Mar. 2008*

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Chairmans Report



Once again it is the time of year for me to review the work of Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust, and the small team based in the Library Lodge building beside the A.K. Bell library in Perth. The Trust has a surprisingly wide remit, covering as it does the conservation, protection interpretation and promotion of both archaeology and historic buildings throughout the Perth and Kinross area. It achieves these aims through a variety of methods: the distribution of various grants, carrying out projects, and the provision of information and advice. Often this work is carried out on a consultancy basis, commissioned by other organisations, or in partnership with other organisations from a local to a national level. The headings below will guide the reader to each area of the Trust's work, it is clear however, that the area of Outreach and Education is one which has been developed significantly in recent years. The **Exploring Perthshire's Past!** project has proved to be a huge success in terms of providing outdoor life-long learning opportunities for both residents and visitors. All staff involved are to be congratulated on their commitment and dedication in what is surely a model of best practice in the delivery of such events. While I was pleased to see the successful completion of the Historic Environment Record (HER) **1st Edition Mapping Project** as outlined within, I was sad to see the resulting departure of our temporary Assistant Archaeologist, Lindsay Farquharson, who joined the Trust in 2005 to carry out another Historic Scotland funded project, the Perth Urban Archaeology Database. Lindsay's work on both of these projects has greatly enhanced the HER and provided a valuable new resource. I wish her great success in continuing her career within archaeology, where she can put the skills and experience gained during her time with the Trust to great use.

The **Innovation in Cultural Heritage Interpretation Project** is funded by the 'Leonardo da Vinci' programme with funds from the European Union, and aims to develop the skills of Scottish professionals in the field of heritage interpretation through a programme of exchanges with partners in other European countries. This year the Trust's Heritage Officer, Sarah Winlow, and Assistant Archaeologist Lindsay Farquharson visited Turkey and Iceland respectively to take part in a busy schedule of workshops, site visits and hands-on activities over a ten day period as part of this professional development.

The Trust has decided to adopt the **Practical Quality Assurance System for Small Organisations (PQASSO)** and has established a small working group to forward this. PQASSO was developed by the Charities Evaluation Services specifically as a tool for voluntary sector organisations and it is widely used in England and Wales to improve systems of governance, management, training and development. While the Trust has already achieved most of the criteria for the initial level of compliance, there are undoubtedly considerable benefits to the Trust in demonstrating quality, for example to other potential funding partners. We look forward to achieving the goals which PQASSO sets out, while acknowledging that "excellence is a journey not a destination. . ."

Finally, on behalf of the Executive Committee, I would like to express our thanks to Roland Bean, Head of Planning with Perth and Kinross Council, who has acted as a Technical Advisor to the Trust for many years. He has now stepped aside to make way for Rachel Haworth, recently appointed Conservation Officer with the Council. I hereby welcome her to the Trust and look forward to her input in forthcoming years.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rev. Fergus Harris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Rev. Fergus Harris
Chairman



The Coad stone prancing horse.

Behind the Turks Head Tavern
which once stood on this site was the Meeting Hall where the
HAMMERMAN INCORPORATION
met until 1895. Medieval **Perth** was one of the richest towns in
the country, and by the 15th century all metalworkers in the
burgh - from iron to gold & silver - were obliged to join the
Hammermen. This craft guild was first incorporated in **1518**
and served to uphold standards, and provide enhanced status
and trade protection for its membership. In 1907 Reid's
Building replaced the old tenements and housed, up until
1950, The Hammerman Tavern.

'By Hammer and Hand all Arts do stand' - Guild motto

Hammerman Incorporation signage, Perth High Street.



Historic Building Grants and Façade Schemes:
Railing reinstatement in Marshall Place, Perth.



The Dome Café, Blairgowrie.

Grants

Over the year twenty one offers of grant assistance were made under the Trust's **Historic Building Grant Scheme** and eighteen projects were completed. These grants enable appropriate repairs or enhancements of buildings which are either listed or situated within conservation areas.

Just over £35,000 of support has been offered, with more than half of the grants being for window repairs and upgrading with the retention of most of the original fabric. Other grants included: conservation work on a Coade stone prancing horse, which used to stand over the arch into the Atholl Arms stables and is now in the nearby Country Life Museum; the replacement of a Scottish slate roof in diminishing courses at Moulin village; the repair of two stained glass windows in Auchterarder Parish church; roof and frontage repairs at Struan House in Aberfeldy Square; the third in a run of reinstated railings in Marshall Place, Perth; and the repair of an arts and crafts balcony in Crieff. The Historic Building Grant scheme is also being deployed, in a targeted fashion, through the **Coupar Angus Townscape Heritage Initiative** (THI). The Trust is a partner in this major regeneration initiative, primarily funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Historic Scotland and Perth and Kinross Council. In addition to financial aid, the Trust provides architectural advice through the Committee that approves the allocation of grants. Three major projects make up the THI: the façade retention and conversion to Housing Association flats of the former Co-op building at 1-7 George Street; the repair of the Cumberland Barracks; and the restoration and conversion of the Royal Hotel into housing with a bar on the ground floor. Some fourteen other minor schemes, mainly to reinstate architectural detail, are in preparation.

After six years of support for the **Façade Enhancement Scheme** in **Perth**, Scottish Enterprise Tayside indicated that they will no longer be providing funding for environmental improvements of this type, and consequently a re-focussing of the scheme is underway. Nevertheless a new shop front for The New Hong Kong Restaurant in Leonard Street, an important gateway route, has been agreed. This ties in with surfacing and railing improvements by the Council who own the flats above the shops in this modern block. Attempts have been made to encourage improvements at County Place, and there remains keen interest in the smaller value enhancement projects, with The Royal George Hotel in Perth to receive substantial funding to assist in the rebuilding of their conservatory along Tay Street.

In **Blairgowrie** a total of eighteen schemes have been supported, amounting to almost £45,000. Notably a grant has been agreed for Irvine's the Pork Butchers in Perth Road where a major, but traditional, shop-front expansion is under way. The long-established electrical retailers on the Wellmeadow, W.M. Coupar, have been awarded a grant to reinstate some elements of their 1950's period frontage, including a projecting clock. In addition, the Dome Café, established in Leslie Street in 1905, has also been assisted. All of these frontages are important in maintaining the special character of Blairgowrie.

Other small grants have included **The Cock Stane**, Glen Shee, at the Clan MacThomas gathering site, a massive boulder in woodland near the Spittal of Glen Shee. The trees have recently been felled and replanted, and the site has been provided with off-road parking and interpretation signs. The Trust agreed to fund some of the interpretation costs to a total of £1,000. At the request of the last members of the **Hammerman Incorporation** a stainless steel interpretative sign recording the location of the Hammermen's Hall was unveiled on Ascension Day in Perth High Street close to the Repertory Theatre. This important Incorporation, founded in 1518, has now been wound up.





Kirkgate watchtower, Kinross.

**Archaeology at Scone:
Seat of Scottish
Medieval Kingship**



**Moothill and Abbey Survey
Scone MASS Project**



Exploring Perthshire's Past! volunteers working with Glasgow University students on excavations at Forteviot as part of the SERF project.

Grants

Further to initial partner funding of the feasibility studies which led to the major **Loch Leven Heritage Trail** initiative, the Trust has continued to support the scheme, agreeing to collaborate in a joint heritage project associated with the circular walk. Scotlandwell Wash House was originally considered as a project, but after further study, the Kirkgate burying ground and its enigmatic Watchtower emerged as a more viable project. Subsequently, design work is ongoing in collaboration with the Council's Parks Development Team, to carry out substantial environmental enhancements to the adjoining park and the curtilage of the Watchtower. The Trust has agreed to provide a grant of £10,000 and architectural services.

The Trust continues to support academic research in the area, and in particular the dissemination of results to local communities, through grant aid to the **Roman Gask Project**, carried out through the University of Liverpool, and two major new research projects: the **Strathearn Environs and Royal Forteviot (SERF)**, which is planned to be carried out by Glasgow University for the next five to ten years; and the **Moothill and Abbey of Scone Survey (MASS)** project, an independent research programme to undertake the first archaeological survey at Scone Palace, in the initial year involving geophysical survey. This year saw the Roman Gask Project excavate where the Gask Ridge road crosses a Roman temporary camp near Innerpefferay Library, while carrying out geophysical survey at the "glen-blocker" fort of Strageath. The first season of field-work by SERF involved study of the large Neolithic pit-defined enclosure and Pictish cemetery at Forteviot and the Iron Age hillfort at the nearby Jacksairs Wood. In addition to grant aid, these two projects benefit from volunteers enrolled through the Trust's own **Exploring Perthshire's Past!** project. At Scone, the Trust also provided a promotional leaflet and volunteers from EPP, who received expert training and the rare opportunity to carry out ground penetrating radar survey.



The late Bronze Age Carpow logboat following initial cleaning, revealing much of the detail at the stern.



The detail of the transom grooves at the stern of the boat.



The Carpow logboat transom, showing 3,000 year old tool-marks.



The late Bronze Age Carpow logboat.

Projects

Conservation work proper has begun on the Carpow Logboat at the National Museums of Scotland (NMS) in Edinburgh. The vessel was cut into three pieces and placed in water-filled tanks in preparation for treatment with polyethylene glycol prior to freeze drying, a process that will take between two and three years. In addition, a series of specialist studies have been commissioned, including one by Dr. Rob Sands, of University College Dublin, on the wood-working marks on the transom board, which may establish the type, and possibly the number, of tools used to facet the board. In addition a final C14 date, the sixteenth of the project, from the transom board has shown it to be contemporary to the parent log.

A one-day conference on the project, attended by over 110 people, was held in September at the Jamesfield Farm Organic Centre, Abernethy, adjacent to the location of the excavation. In addition to trust staff, speakers included Prof. Sean McGrail, a world expert on prehistoric boats, staff from the National Museums of Scotland, and Peter Clark of the Canterbury Archaeological Trust, who oversaw the Dover Bronze Age boat project from discovery to museum display. The papers delivered at the conference will form the basis of the final publication of the boat. In March 2007 the logboat became the legal property of Perth & Kinross Council having been transferred to the care of Perth Museum & Art Gallery via Treasure Trove allocation. Further, an illustrated article was published in the newsletter of The International Journal of Nautical Archaeology, and an interview on the project appeared as part of a BBC Radio Scotland programme entitled 'Tales of the Tay'.

The **Historic Environment Record 1st Edition Mapping Project** continued to enhance the existing record through the systematic study of the Ordnance Survey 1st edition 6" map series. Over the year, the southern part of Perthshire and Kinross-shire was completed and included the mapping of rural townships, and their related enclosures. The mapping of the associated enclosures, head dykes and field systems can indicate the date of sites, for example pre-improvement period dykes tend to be sinuous and attuned to the topography whereas improvement

period boundaries drive a straight line across the landscape. Other sites that have been mapped include improvement period farmsteads, limekilns and mills with associated lades and dams. The project, part-funded by Historic Scotland, was completed at the end of August 2007 and significantly added to the Historic Environment Record with the inclusion of around 1,200 previously unrecorded sites.

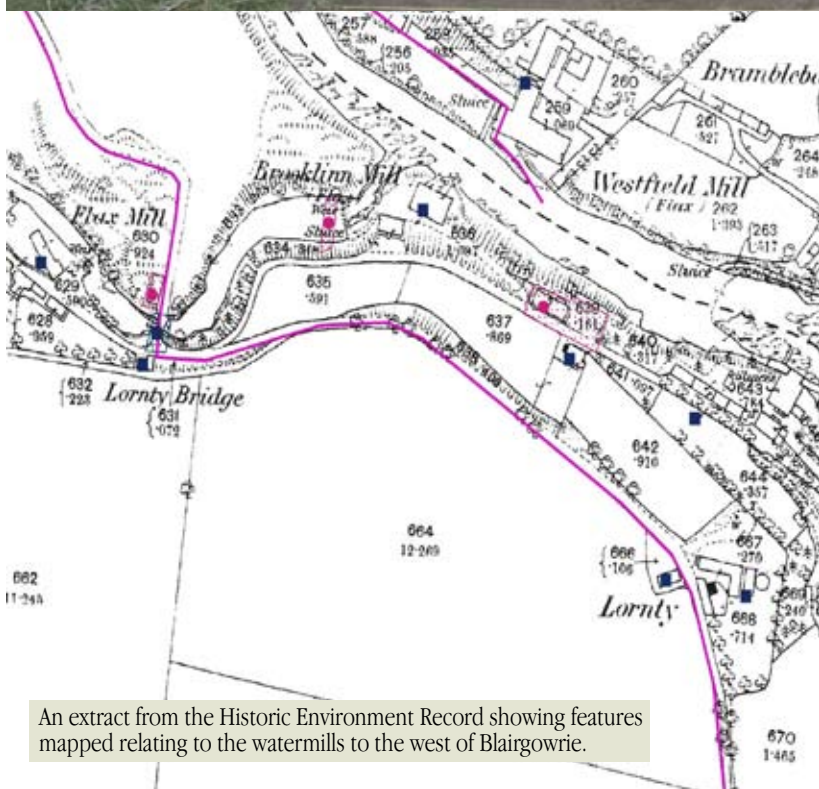
The digital mapping of archaeological sites and historic buildings held for Perth and Kinross on the **Historic Environment Record has now been made available online** through the Pastmap website (www.pastmap.org.uk). A Scottish Government initiative, PASTMAP is an online digital map and query system, allowing access to Scottish national and regional archaeological and architectural datasets. It allows users to view the following datasets shown against Ordnance Survey mapping:

- Listed Buildings of Scotland (Historic Scotland)
- Scheduled Ancient Monuments of Scotland (Historic Scotland)
- National Monuments Record of Scotland (RCAHMS)
- Scottish Sites and Monuments Records (ALGAO: Scotland)
- Gardens and Designed Landscapes (Historic Scotland)





Archaeological evaluation by the Trust at Tom Orain Iron Age homestead in Glen Quaich.



An extract from the Historic Environment Record showing features mapped relating to the watermills to the west of Blairgowrie.



The bun-shaped rotary quern from Tom Orain Iron Age homestead.



Innerpeffray Library.



Earthquake House, Comrie.

Projects

For Perth and Kinross, the mapped data will link directly to the Trust's own online database for the Historic Environment Record, which will complement the mapped data with text descriptions and bibliographies. As such the development is significant for both public and commercial use of the Historic Environment Record.

The Trust carried out a small-scale excavation at an Iron Age homestead called **Tom Orain** (or "singing knoll"), in Glen Quaich. While the remains of the building enclosure had been recorded in 1958, they had been almost completely removed by piece-meal quarrying for gravel over the last fifty years. The rescue excavation, carried out by Trust staff and volunteers, showed that the homestead had been completely destroyed by gravel extraction, though they did produce a fragment of a rotary quern of probable Iron Age date.

Between 1988 and 2003 the Trust created an extensive colour slide collection through photographing historic buildings, archaeological sites and conservation projects. This slide collection consists of approximately 4,000 slides and forms a significant archive. The use of digital photography and presentation has, however, meant that the slide collection is now underused. The ongoing **Photographic Index and Scanning Project** will index and digitally scan the slide collection, and locate a suitable long-term archive for the original material.

The Historic Scotland architects report on the dilapidated pre-reformation **Westown Church** in Errol was received at the year end and triggered the commissioning of sampling and laboratory analysis of the lime mortars by experts at the Scottish Lime Centre. These will inform the specification of repair mortars. A levelled digital survey of the Scheduled Ancient Monument has also now been completed. Contractor's quotations for the re-pointing and wall-head capping works indicate that the overall cost will be in the region of £40,000. Funding partners are being sought and meanwhile the intrusive ivy is being kept at bay with the assistance of volunteer labour.

Following local concerns about **Earthquake House**, Comrie the Trust revisited a project first carried out almost twenty years ago, and a schedule of maintenance work was developed in conjunction with Perth and Kinross Council. In collaboration with the British Geological Survey, a revamp of the display of modern seismographic recording technology, the interpretative boards and the original instrument, a skittles on a sand bed arrangement, is underway. This was the first Seismological Observatory to be built and dates from the mid 19th century.

At the request of the Governors of **Innerpeffray Library**, a scheme has been prepared for introducing enclosed shelving to the ground floor to accommodate a valuable collection of over 450 Scottish first editions. The lower room in the building, which was built in 1758, is somewhat at odds with the remainder and needs upgrading. In addition the needs of visiting researchers are to be addressed through the formation of two study spaces.



Urgent Works at St Paul's, Perth: aerial inspection of parapet.



Removal of contamination inside steeple.



Planning and Archaeology Service: A massive prehistoric palisaded enclosure containing a round house at Gleneagles West © CFA Archaeology Ltd/Landlines Heritage.



Archaeological evaluation at Gleneagles West.

Consultancy

While the proposed conversion of the **Fair Maid's House**, as headquarters for the Royal Scottish Geographical Society (RSGS), had received an indicative offer for a grant of over £70,000 from Historic Scotland, the Heritage Lottery Fund's sixteen month scrutiny of the RSGS's application concluded that the project was not supportable. The RSGS still intend to relocate to Perth in the third quarter of 2008 but will do few repair works prior to the move and consequently the architectural commission has ended.

In March 2007 Perth and Kinross Council instituted Urgent Works procedures, under the 1997 Planning Act, against the owner of **St Paul's Church** in Perth. The Trust was appointed to specify and organise the site operations at this important derelict 18th century church. The development of a comprehensive Health and Safety Plan was complex and during the summer, over an eight week period, contractors removed fifteen tonnes of accessible pigeon dung and debris, propped rotten internal beams and checked and restrained external stonework. Unfortunately the future of the building remains uncertain, since there are currently no viable re-use schemes and so the building remains arguably one of the most important 'at risk' in the area.

At the important B listed **Dalcruie Steadings** at Pitcairngreen, an application for listed building consent and planning permission to re-roof with metal sheeting for three years has been lodged with Perth and Kinross Council, on behalf of Scone Estates. This is in the nature of a temporary repair to arrest further decline to the italianate steading and adjoining A-listed farmhouse, designed by W H Playfair in 1832.

The Trust continues to supply information and advice to Perth and Kinross Council's Environment Service regarding National Planning Policy Guideline 5: **Archaeology and Planning** (NPPG5). This advice has resulted in a number of significant archaeological investigations and surveys over the year. These have included the full excavation of a prehistoric enclosure, possibly a settlement, in advance of quarrying at **Burnside Quarry**, to the west of Blairgowrie. Prior to development at **Kinross High School** two areas of archaeological features were discovered during evaluation, leading to excavation of a medieval settlement enclosure and various pits and hearths associated with industrial use. The proposed golf course, residential

and leisure development at **Gleneagles West**, north of Blackford, uncovered significant archaeological remains during evaluation, resulting in a multi-phase programme of archaeological work involving excavation of a suite of prehistoric features, including roundhouses, a palisaded enclosure, a cremation cemetery, a burnt mound, and a large palisaded enclosure containing two round houses. Some of the round houses have been tentatively dated from pottery finds to around 1,500 – 1,000 BC. The excavation of a row of five roundhouses is complete, with samples taken for dating to investigate whether the houses are contemporary. CFA Archaeology is currently excavating a further group of houses, a cremation burial, and a burnt mound. The total area to be archaeologically evaluated is around 133 ha, which will involve around 6.7 ha of archaeological excavation.

The Trust has also overseen archaeological works in advance of wind farms at **Drumderg Wind Farm**, **Bridge of Cally** and **Greenknowes Wind Farm**, **Glendevon**. While the targeted evaluation recommended by the Trust found no significant deposits, a number of upstanding remains were fenced off for protection during the construction phase. The site of the new Crieff High School, to the south of the town centre, required partial archaeological excavation of the **Broich cursus**, a Neolithic ditched enclosure similar to the Cleaven Dyke near Blairgowrie.

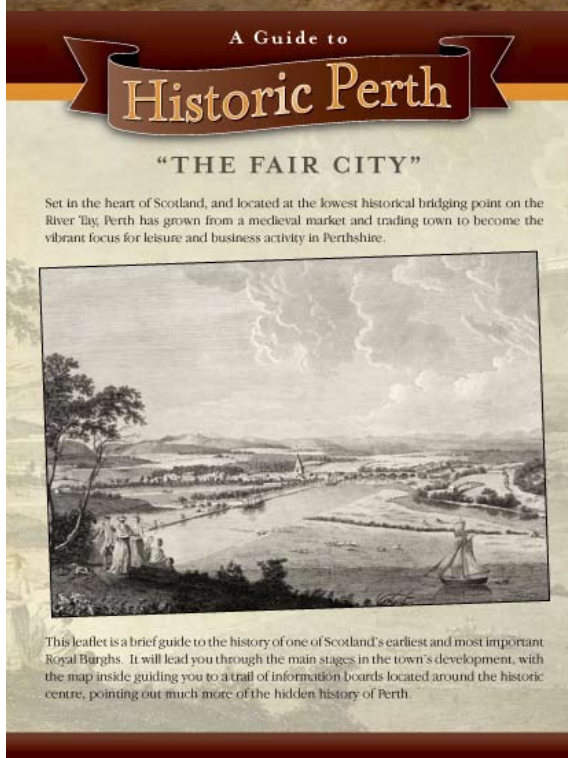




Former pavilion at MacRosty Park, Crieff.



Excavation of a prehistoric circular enclosure at Burnside Quarry, Blairgowrie.



The 1907 bandstand at MacRosty Park, Crieff.

Consultancy

The excavation revealed over 150m of the western ditch and discovered that this was constructed in sections. The former Normand & Sons Joiners on the corner of **Riggs Road** is the site of the Whitefriars Monastery, dating from the mid 13th to mid 16th century. The eastern half of this, the first Carmelite Friary in Scotland, was previously revealed in the 1980s and a programme of work has been developed to establish the depth of archaeological remains and how best to mitigate against impact of the proposed new industrial units. Standing building recording has been carried out at **East Tempar farmstead**, Kinloch Rannoch, and at the ruined farmstead of **Lower Kiltyrie**, Loch Tay, prior to conversion to housing. In addition there were numerous other consultations from permitted developers and environmental consultancies gathering information to inform imminent work or future development. These have included work for Atkins Ltd, Scottish and Southern Energy, Scottish Water and structural engineers Allen Gordon and Fairhurst. In addition, the Trust continues to provide a planning archaeology service to the **Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park (LLTNP)** monitoring the potential impact of development in line with National Planning Policy Guideline 5.

At **MacRosty Park** in Crieff the Trust has been appointed to join a Council team, providing the consultancy services for this major, Lottery funded refurbishment project. The construction work, for which architectural services are required, will involve the renovation of the 1907 bandstand, alterations to turn the former pavilion and toilets into a lettable hall, and repair or replacement of the boundary ironwork along the A85. In addition, the overall scheme includes a new bridge, the reinstatement of the mill lade, new paths, parking and planting and an extensive equipped play area.

The Trust was commissioned by Scottish Enterprise Tayside (SET) to produce the **Historic Perth** leaflet which gives a concise history of the town for visitors. This free leaflet provides an easily read publication which can give visitors to the area a sense of the town's history. It links in with the existing information panels located around the town centre, pointing out features on the ground where relevant. The leaflet, with a print-run of 30,000 copies, will be distributed through Tourist Information Centres (TICS) and other outlets, as well as being sent out as part of the visitor information packs for Perth.

Other work commissioned from the Trust has included an **underwater archaeology Desk Based Assessment** for the Perth and Kinross area, by the Scottish Trust for Underwater Archaeology (STUA), and digital mapping of fifty historic orchards within the Carse of Gowrie as part of the **Carse Orchard Survey**, by Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust, to encourage the survival and appreciation of the few remaining Carse orchards.





On top of the Iron Age fort at Pole Hill in the Sidlaw Hills.



Viewing a Neolithic hand axe at Perth Museum and Art Gallery before visiting the axe factory at Creag na Caillich.



Exploring Perthshire's Past!: Participants on site at Pitcarmick with the Project Officer © George Logan.



Discovering earth buildings on the Carse of Gowrie.



Exterior of Stanley Mills.

Education and Outreach

The Trust's major programme of outreach, **Exploring Perthshire's Past!** has throughout the year delivered over 81 guided walks involving a total of 1,215 participants, and 20 talks to local societies and organisations. As part of this initiative a volunteer list, with over 120 members, has been developed offering opportunities for the public to become involved in practical activities such as archaeological field-walking, geophysics, excavation, historic building recording and site clearance.

Participants have already become involved in geophysical survey at Scone Palace through the Moothill and Abbey of Scone Survey (MASS) project, excavation with the University of Glasgow through their Strathearn Environs and Royal Forteviot (SERF) project; the Black Spout excavations as part of Perthshire Archaeology Month; and excavations of the Roman road at Innerpeffray and geophysical survey of Strageath Roman fort, both with the Roman Gask Project. Twenty talks and presentations were given to local community organisations and special interest groups on a variety of themes including: the Carpow logboat; the Black Spout homestead; the origins of Perth; the Romans in Perthshire; and the Exploring Perthshire's Past project. In addition, two walks were undertaken, as part of the Perthshire Amber festival, to Craigsheal, Butterstone, and around Dunkeld. Updating of the Historic Environment Record (HER) has also continued, providing mediated summaries of sites for online public access, from the often technical and detailed professional notes and accounts available.

Coordinated by the Trust, **Perthshire Archaeology Month 2007** included a total of forty-five events organised by fourteen partner organisations, including eight local history and archaeology societies, the Scottish Crannog Centre, Perth Museum and Art Gallery and Historic Scotland. The key event of the month was the third season of excavations at the Black Spout, Pitlochry, by the Trust. The excavations proved very popular with 120 visitors to the site, and included the involvement of 17 Exploring Perthshire's Past! (EPP) volunteers. The volunteer group also conducted tours of the site for members of the public and, in partnership with Perth and Kinross Council Countryside Rangers, school trips from Pitlochry visited the site to view both the ongoing excavations and to learn about woodland management. A promotional leaflet on the excavations to date has also been produced and widely distributed.

Doors Open Day 2007 ran successfully over the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd of September, with the majority of the buildings receiving good numbers of visitors from the local area and further afield. Over 10,000 leaflets were distributed to promote the programme, which included over 50 buildings, 15 of which were buildings taking part in Doors Open Day for the first time. The national themes for 2007 were the anniversary of Thomas Telford, and Green Doors, showcasing environmentally friendly buildings. In Perth and Kinross, Telford engineered the Dunkeld Bridge and built two parliamentary churches. A leaflet about Telford's Dunkeld Bridge was produced to celebrate the former, and the most popular event of the year saw the opening of the vaults within the northern abutment of the Bridge receive over 700 visitors. The Forestry Commission, the Scottish Environmental Design Association, the recycling centre at Friarton, and eco-schools within Perth and Kinross all featured to celebrate 'green' building and processes. Four local history societies (West Stormont, Coupar Angus, Abernethy and Blackford) led guided walks/tours, and local residents led a walk at Comrie. Other highlights included: a talk on the Battle of Tippermuir at Tibbermore Church; the RCAHMS's Telford exhibition at Glen Lyon Kirk; the Scottish Lime Centre's demonstrations of lime slaking and harling at Tullibole Castle; and music at St Ninian's Cathedral. It is estimated that over 3,000 visits were made during the weekend.



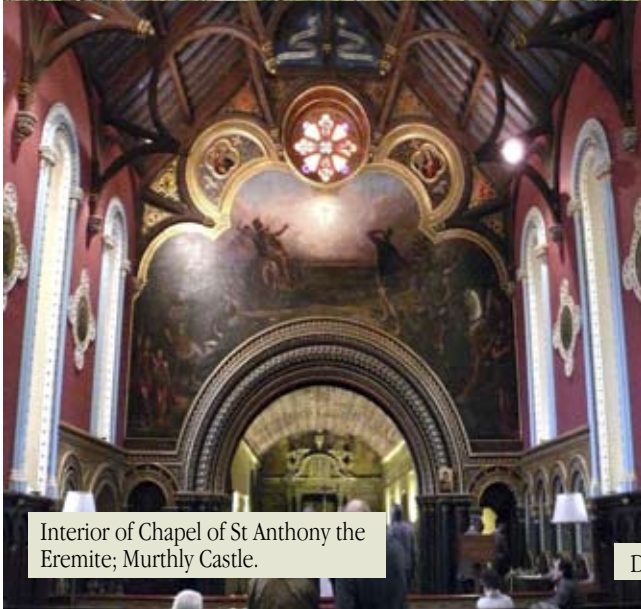


The third year of excavations at the Black Spout Wood, Pitlochry.



THE BLACKSPOUT PITLOCHRY

Excavation of an Iron Age Homestead

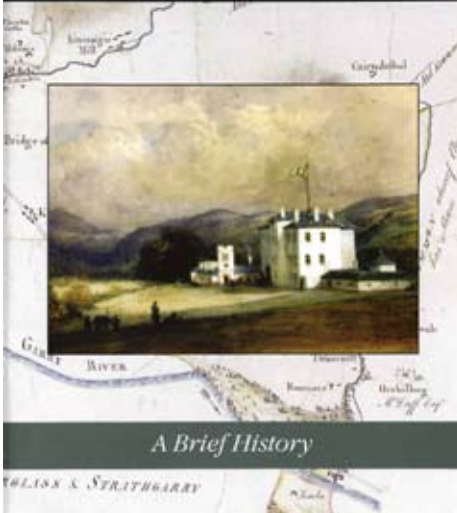


Interior of Chapel of St Anthony the Eremit; Murthly Castle.



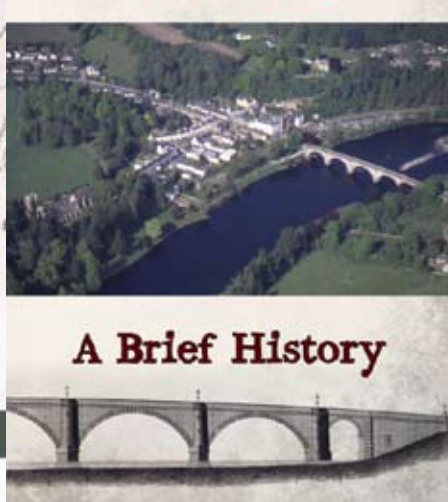
Doors Open Days 2007: Murthly Castle.

Atholl Estates



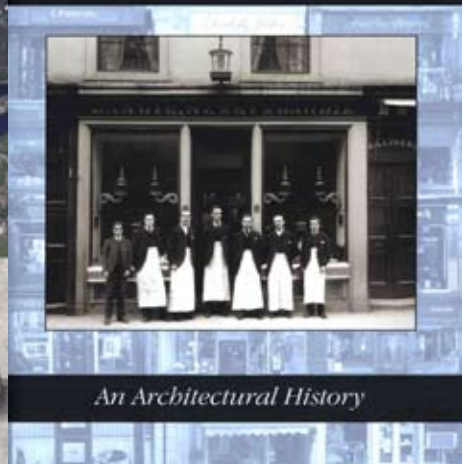
A Brief History

Telford's Bridge at Dunkeld



A Brief History

The Historic Shopfronts of Perth



An Architectural History

Education and Outreach

The Trust has continued to develop its publication programme with the production of two new publications. **Atholl Estates: A Brief History** was developed in partnership with Atholl Estates and written by Jane Anderson, the Blair Castle archivist. This 36 page, full colour, booklet tells the story of this hugely important Perthshire Estate, covering topics such as the Deer Forest, Forestry and Policies, and Grounds and Gardens.

It is beautifully illustrated using the wealth of original material, notably early maps and photographs, much of it previously unpublished, and held within the Blair Castle archive. A well-attended launch of the booklet was held at Blair Castle to celebrate the production.

The Historic Shopfronts of Perth, another in the Trust's series of A5 booklets, was written by Dr Lindsay Lennie of Historic Scotland. This fascinating account of the history and development of Perth's shopfronts also highlights the survival of many important examples within the burgh. Another impressive collection of illustrations complement the text, including early photographs, many of which were provided by Perth Museum and Art Gallery, and Dean of Guild Court plans supplied by the Archives section of the AK Bell Library, Perth. Supported by The Guildry Incorporation of Perth and Perth Civic Trust, a launch at the A.K. Bell Library, Perth, included a short illustrated presentation by the author. The Trust was encouraged to see the re-print of one of its early joint publications **Fortingall: Kirk and Village** by Fortingall and Glenlyon Church of Scotland, who re-printed the booklet using the funds accrued from sales as originally intended.

A folding A3 leaflet celebrating the **250th anniversary of the birth of Telford**, and the 200th anniversary of the opening of the Dunkeld Bridge, was also produced, with 5,000 copies being distributed through Doors Open Day and the remainder planned for distribution in 2008 as part of the 200th anniversary of the bridge's construction. Mr Chris Ford, Chair of Dunkeld and Birnam Historical Society, provided extensive notes based on his book *Dunkeld: Telford's Finest Highland Bridge*.

During the year **two photographic exhibitions** were displayed by the Trust. A 30 image exhibition of photographs of the Carpow logboat project were displayed at the Local Studies section of the A.K. Bell Library, Perth, and subsequently at the Laing Museum, Newburgh, along with relevant archaeological finds including prehistoric pottery, funeral urns, brooches and seals from the collection of Fife Council museums. A smaller duplicate exhibition on the logboat has been donated to Abernethy

Museum for permanent display. A similar exhibition of photographs of the excavations at the Black Spout homestead, Pitlochry, was displayed at Moulin Kirk, in partnership with the Moulin Kirk Trust, and included finds from the excavation, including the stone querns and the glass bead. The exhibition was subsequently donated to Moulin Kirk Trust as part of their permanent exhibition.

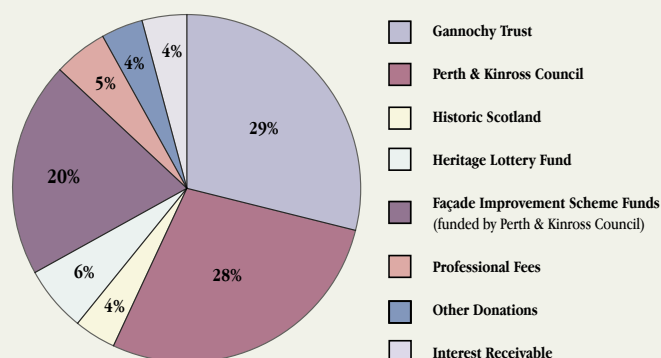
A number of **presentations** were given over the year, including: on the outreach work of the Trust to a one-day workshop on Heritage Interpretation, hosted by The Scottish Crannog Centre and organised through EXARC (a European network of Open Air Museums and other facilities involved in Experimental Archaeology); on the Carpow log boat to the Tay Estuary Forum (TEF) conference hosted by the University of Dundee; the Archaeological Research in Progress conference, hosted by The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, in the National Museums of Scotland in Chambers Street, Edinburgh; the Glasgow Archaeology Society; and on the excavations at the Black Spout homestead to the First Millennium Studies Group at Glasgow University. Finally, a presentation outlining how historic environment outreach is provided by the Trust was given to the **East Lothian Heritage Forum** at their request. The group, who consist of representatives from East Lothian Council, local history societies, conservation bodies and local museums, indicated that they are keen to emulate a number of the Trust's initiatives and are keen to adopt, where possible, the Trust as a model for good practice.

The Trust has provided information and advice during the development of two interpretation boards at **Allean Forest**, near the Queen's View, Loch Tummel. The boards are being funded through the Big Tree Country project, administered by Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust, and focus on the Iron Age homestead at the Queen's View, excavated by Dr Margaret Stewart in the 1970s, and a nearby clachan farmstead.

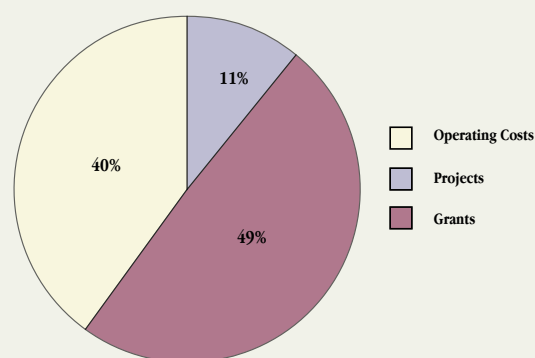


Financial Report

Analysis of Income 2007/2008



Analysis of Expenditure 2007/2008



The Trust's total income in financial year 2007/08 amounted to £344,906. 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 £47,410 and fees have been charged for professional services totalling £15,380. The Trust's income and expenditure are analysed in the above charts.

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. During the course of the year, the Trust administered £88,058 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 £59,224 as at 31st March 2008.

The Trust's expenditure in 2007/08 totalled £335,984, which resulted in a net operating surplus for the year of £8,922. After adjusting for balances held in respect of the Façade Improvement Schemes, the Net Assets of the Trust amounted to £221,891 as at 31st March 2008.

Income & Expenditure Account Year ended 31st March 2008

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2008 £	Total Funds 2007 £
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	9,703	(14,898)	(5,195)	29,262
Interest and Investment income	9,126	4,991	14,117	8,508
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	18,829	(9,907)	8,922	37,770

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 Past! Project Reserve and Carpow Logboat Reserve.

Balance Sheet

Year ended 31st March 2008

Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	64,710	66,215
Current Assets		
Debtors	2,004	11,272
Cash at bank and in hand	470,909	378,839
	<u>472,913</u>	<u>390,111</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(256,508)</u>	<u>(184,133)</u>
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	<u>216,405</u>	<u>205,978</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 2008 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 been successful with funding applications for two new projects which will commence in 2008. **Bridging the Past – General Wade** is a project developed by the Trust, and supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, which focuses on the 18th century bridges and surviving stretches of roads that were primarily constructed by General Wade (1724-1740), and his successor Major Cauldfeild. The network of roads constructed by Wade in the area, in response to the 1715 rebellion, run from Crieff to Aberfeldy and on to Dalnacardoch, and from Dunkeld north to Inverness, via Blair Atholl. Later, Caulfeild added routes from Amulree to Dunkeld and from Blairgowrie north though Bridge of Cally and Glenshee. As the first proper road network to be built through the Highlands, the impact of the scheme was hugely significant both culturally, and in the longer term, economically. Perth and Kinross boasts the “jewel in the crown” of Wade’s entire Scottish system, the A-listed Tay Bridge at Aberfeldy, which will be a focal point of the project. There is a recognised interest from both UK and international visitors in this important period of British history, with many visiting contemporary sites such as Fort George in Moray. The three year project, planned to begin in October 2008, will aim to conserve, enhance and promote the 18th century military roads and bridges in Perthshire and will involve the appointment of a project officer. A number of military bridges in urgent need of repair will be conserved, and interpretation and promotion will take the form of on-site interpretation boards, leaflets, a guidebook and school packs. The project will also provide professional tuition on traditional building skills, such as the use of lime mortars and masonry arch construction and repair, and develop a “monument watch” scheme for local communities/societies.



The second project is the **Institute of Field Archaeologists (IFA) Workplace learning bursary**, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and administered by the IFA, with the aim of providing a one-year placement in archaeological skills development. These bursaries aim to address identified skills gaps, and to create opportunities for new graduates to gain professional skills and experience. The Trust’s placement will focus on the role of curatorial archaeologists working in developer-funded archaeology. While there is no formal training procedure, “Development Control Archaeologists” working for local authorities, or their service providers, have a crucial role in the selection, nature and quality of developer funded archaeology carried out in the UK. The placement will last for one year and is planned

to begin in August 2008. Following the success of the recent publication on the Cupmarked Stones in Strathtay, produced in collaboration with Breadalbane Heritage Society, the Trust is planning another in its series entitled **Around Aberfeldy**, the fourth edition of a booklet originally produced by the Breadalbane Archaeological Society in 1970, and subsequently revised in 1994 and 1998. In addition, the Trust is looking to produce leaflets for Moulin Kirk Trust to help promote the **Moulin Kirk Heritage Centre**, and on the **Battle of Tippermuir** with the 1st Marquis of Montrose Society.

Perth & Kinross Council is developing plans for celebrations in 2010 for the **800th anniversary of Perth** as a city. While Perth as a Royal burgh dates back to c.1125, the celebration date refers to the earliest surviving Royal Charter, granted by King William the Lion. The Trust is well placed to advise and support plans for the celebrations, having recently completed several relevant initiatives, including the Origins of Perth: A Medieval Royal Burgh booklet and the Historic Perth leaflet. In addition, the Trust is liaising with other stakeholders to consider appropriate events for the forthcoming 2009 Year of Homecoming.

Finally, the Trust will be supporting the Scottish Stone Liaison Group in a Tayside-wide Stone Audit: a historical review of indigenous stone types and investigation of new sources of compatible stone winnable through ‘snatch’ quarrying methods. A similar study has been carried out in Glasgow in conjunction with the British Geological Survey, and there are many potential benefits likely to result from the much larger Perthshire and Angus study.



Support the work of the Trust



Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust is a charity and as such we depend on a wide variety of support to remain viable. Please help us carry on with the work that we do.

Give a donation

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

Leave a legacy

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

Sponsorship

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

Volunteer

If you would like to support us by providing practical help in a number of small projects please contact the Trust.

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