

PERTH AND KINROSS HERITAGE TRUST

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ANNUAL REPORT
2008 - 2009



About the Trust

Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust (PKHT) was established in 1988, with the aim of conserving, enhancing and promoting the archaeological and architectural heritage of the Perth and Kinross area. The Trust is a partnership of the Gannochy Trust, Perth and Kinross Council and Perth Civic Trust, and is funded by annual grants from the Gannochy Trust and Perth and Kinross Council, which are supplemented by grant aid from other sources for specific projects. The objectives of the Trust are achieved through the combination of projects, the administration of grants, and the provision of information and advice. PKHT is a company registered under the Companies Acts and is limited by guarantee (Company Reg. No. 111258), and a Scottish Charity in terms of the relevant legislation (Scottish Charity No. SC003139). This annual report covers the period from April 2008 to the end of March 2009. For further information, please visit the Trust's web-site at **www.pkht.org.uk**



Perth Civic Trust



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Front Cover (Left to right): Living history group, Veritas Vincit, at the Tay Bridge, Aberfeldy for the launch of Bridging Perthshire's Past project; Results of a Historic Building Grant for a shop-front at Kinnoull Street; and the Trust's volunteer geophysical survey at Burbank, Blairgowrie.

The Executive Committee (Board of Directors) of the Trust for 2008-2009 consisted of representatives nominated by Perth and Kinross Council (PKC), the Gannochy Trust (GT) and Perth Civic Trust (PCT). Members for the period were:

Cllr. A. Cowan (PKC)
Rev. Fergus Harris (PCT)
Chairman until September 2008
Mrs Sue Hendry (PCT)
Chairman as of September 2008
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

Architect:
A. Driver

Heritage Officer:
S. Winlow

Exploring Perthshire's Past Officer:
S. Timoney

Assistant Archaeologist (IfA Bursary)
O. O'Grady *as of August 2008*

Bridging Perthshire's Past Project Officer:
L. Farquharson *as of October 2008*

Secretary:
A. Wilson (PKC)

Treasurer:
S. MacKenzie (PKC)

Administration:
V. Jones (PKC) *until June 2008*

Administration:
P. Frazer (PKC) *as of September 2008*

Financial Assistance:
J. Moy (PKC)

Technical Advisers:
J. McCrone (PKC)
R. Rodger (PKC)
R. Haworth (PKC)

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Chairmans Report



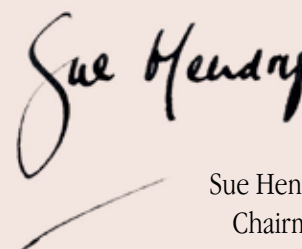
The Trust's new Chairman, Sue Hendry, making a presentation to Fergus Harris, on behalf of the Trustees, in appreciation of his seven year period as Chairman. With Jack Coburn and Provost John Hulbert on the left and Mark Webster and Russell Leather on the right.

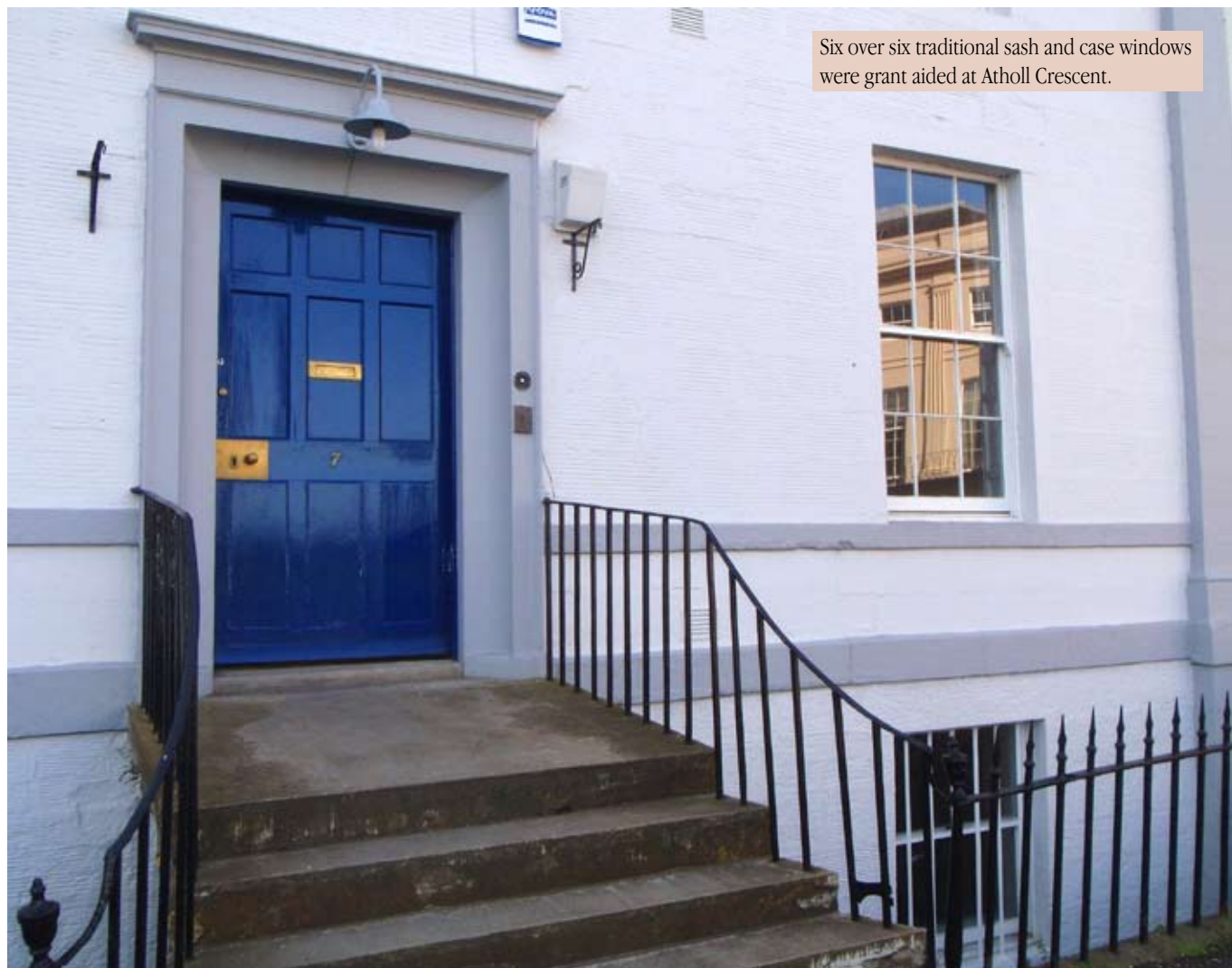
I am delighted to be introducing, for the first time, the annual review of the work of Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust and to praise the hard work of our small team of six who are based in the Library Lodge, Perth. My first task, however, is to pay tribute to Fergus Harris, my predecessor, who will be a hard act to follow. Fergus was a superb Chairman, being not only incredibly knowledgeable, but also truly interested in and supportive of all aspects of the Trust's work. I know the staff at the Lodge always welcomed and appreciated his regular visits and also welcomed his advice and opinion. Like me, they are delighted that he will remain a Trustee.

In last year's report Fergus commented on the departure of Lindsay Farquharson following the successful completion of the Historic Environment Record Mapping Project, however we were delighted to welcome her back to the Trust in September following her success in being appointed to the **Bridging Perthshire's Past** project post, of which there is more later. Another new member of staff is Oliver O'Grady, a recent PhD graduate of Glasgow University, already known to the Trust through his recent research work at Scone Palace. We are delighted that the Trust has been successful in attracting an **Institute for Archaeologists (IfA) workplace bursary**, and that Oliver has been successfully appointed. The bursaries are supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and designed to offer one-year learning placements to develop archaeological skills, addressing identified gaps through providing post-holders with professional experience, in this case curatorial archaeology at a local level. Meanwhile, our Outreach

Officer, Steven Timoney, visited Bulgaria on a study trip organised through the **Innovation in Cultural Heritage Interpretation** programme, funded by the European Union's 'Education and Culture Leonardo da Vinci Scheme'. The programme was coordinated by the Stara Planina Regional Tourist Association with participants visiting a wide range of projects to learn how cultural heritage is used as a resource for economic and social development through the tourist industry. We were sorry to lose Val Jones our Committee Officer during the year but delighted to welcome Paula Frazer in her place and our thanks go to her, and all our supporting officers, for the immense amount of work they do behind the scenes.

Finally, the Trust has completed Level 1 of the **Practical Quality Assurance System for Small Organisations (PQASSO)** scheme and has decided to continue with Level 2 with a view to improve systems of governance, management, training and development. On behalf of all the Trustees, I would like to thank David Strachan, our Manager and Archaeologist, and all the staff at the Lodge for all the work they do to make the Trust a high-quality organisation, and their enthusiasm and commitment in so doing.


Sue Hendry
Chairman



Six over six traditional sash and case windows were grant aided at Atholl Crescent.



The new gateway to the Loch Leven Heritage Trail beside the Watchtower at Kirkgate Graveyard, Kinross.

Grants

Demands made on the **Historic Building Grant Scheme** steadily increased over the period of this report, and within six months the annual allocation of £50,000 had been all but used up with twenty properties assisted. These included grants awarded to upgrade and enhance the sash windows at eight houses in Rie-Achan Road, Pitlochry, owned by the Scottish Veterans Garden City Association. Awards were also made to support other ongoing schemes, as with the Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) in Coupar Angus, and the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) in Blair Atholl. Of the grant awards made over the period, three were to assist Churches, either operational or converted into residential use, with roof repairs and it is notable that seven of the other awards, mostly for sash and case window repairs, were at the maximum level.

2008 also saw preparations for a review of the grant scheme, to take place in 2009, which will aim to identify how best available resources should be targeted to achieve maximum effect. It is probable that the emerging Service Level Agreement between the Trust and Perth and Kinross Council (PKC) may aid the focusing of grant support towards CARS, and other schemes where additional funds have been sourced. The forthcoming review of the Trust's grants schemes will include both the Historic Building Grant Scheme and the Façade Enhancement Schemes. Existing major grant assistance, carried out by PKC in partnership with the Trust included the following:

The **Coupar Angus Townscape Heritage Initiative** is supported by the Trust, attending its Executive Committee meetings at which aspects of the several enhancement projects are addressed. Perthshire Housing Association's conversion of the former Co-operative building into flats, to be known as Crighton Lang Court, was completed in time for Christmas and was formally opened in the spring. The refurbishment of the Royal Hotel is progressing well and, despite delays, the PKC owned Cumberland Barracks is now once again on track with a new builder. The smaller projects restoring architectural detail are also progressing.

The improvement of the Royal George Hotel's conservatory overlooking the Tay was supported by the **Perth Façade Enhancement Scheme**. A new pair of shop fronts for a Chinese restaurant in Hospital Street and replacement

astragalled sash and case windows in Atholl Street received awards. Three small awards: to a photographer, a lawyer and a baker's premises were progressed through the **Blairgowrie Façade Enhancement Scheme** the last three awards of that scheme.

The Trust aided enhancements to the setting of the Watchtower in **Kirkgate Park, Kinross** alongside the entrance to the medieval Kirkgate graveyard. This location is an important node on the Loch Leven Heritage Trail, which the Trust has supported for many years, and which was formally opened in November. The substantial path and new 'gateway' was re-routed to a location some twenty metres away from the Watchtower. The Council's parks development team are now taking the lead role in a larger scheme to install toilets and traffic calming, and in time interpretative signage will be added to the improved handrails and redecorating already completed.

The Trust has also provided small grants and support to three important archaeological research programmes in the area: the Moothill Abbey Survey Scone (MASS) project at **Scone Palace**, through production of a promotional leaflet and board; the University of Glasgow's **Strathearn Environs and Royal Forteviot** (SERF) project, and the **Roman Gask Project** (RGP). The aim of Trust funding has been to ensure that appropriate interpretation and outreach work is carried out by project directors for the benefit of local residents and visitors to the area. MASS carried out the first ever excavations of the Abbey site and Moot Hill at Scone, while the SERF project continued excavations at the crop-mark complex at Forteviot, focusing on one of the henges there. The RGP carried out geophysical survey at Bertha fort, and geophysical survey and excavation at Strageath fort.

The military bridge at Dalnamein on the Dunkeld to Inverness road.

A guided walk along the military road.



Project Officer, Lindsay Farquharson, inspects the Wade stone on the A9.

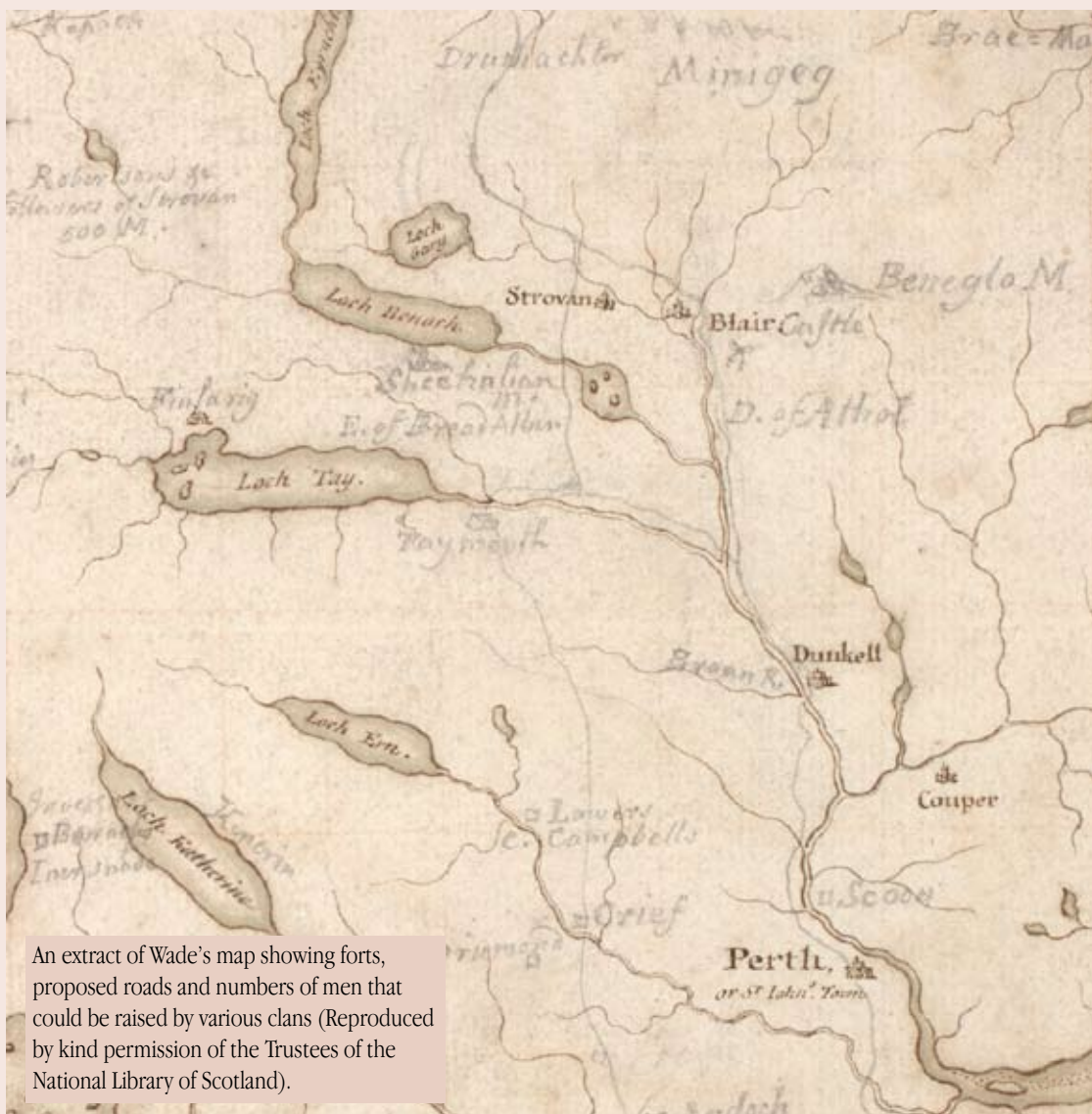


Living history group Verias Vincit on section of military road, Sma' Glen for the launch of the project.

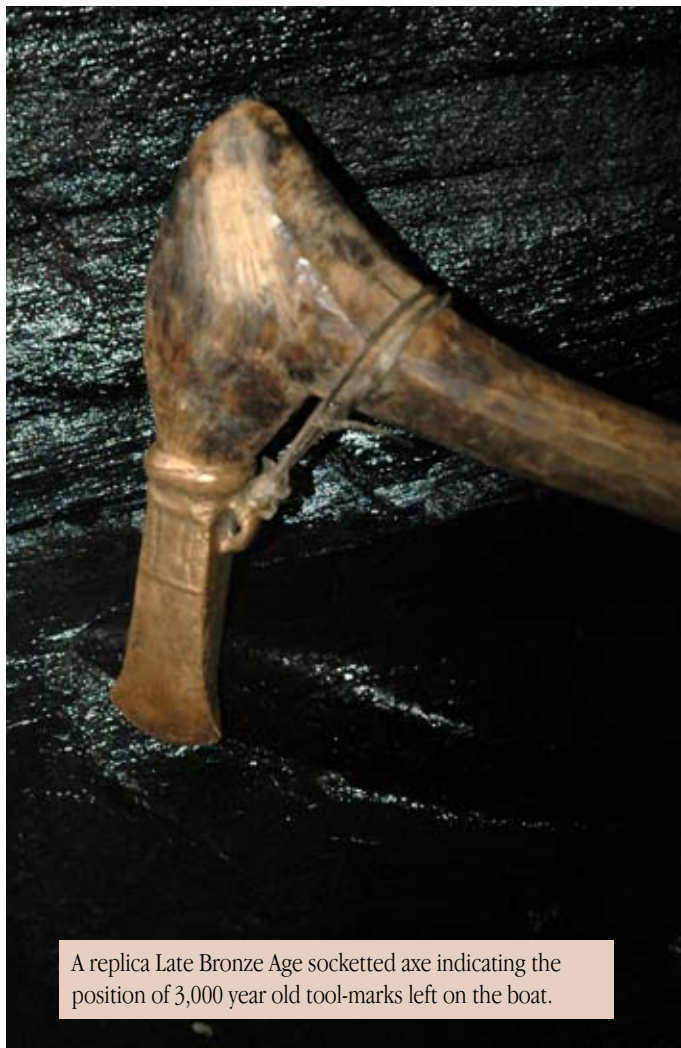
Projects

The Trust is pleased to announce the launch of the major conservation, access and outreach project, **Bridging Perthshire's Past**. This three year project, supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, will focus on the 18th century military roads and bridges, initially conceived by General Wade to aid the movement of troops and supplies between existing and planned forts and barracks across the highlands. The project aims to conserve and repair a range of military bridges, improve access to, and interpretation about, the Perthshire system and establish a series of volunteer and training opportunities. The launch of the project in early November at the Tay Bridge, Aberfeldy was well received locally and attracted both local and national media coverage. Initial work has subsequently included a detailed survey to record the survival and condition of the roads and bridges. The key objective of the survey is to formulate effective conservation and long

term management strategies, although the information gathered will also feed into the production of promotional and interpretive material. The project has also hosted an EEBL (Excellence in Education through Business Links) teacher placement, allowing teachers from Perthshire schools to gain a better understanding of the work of the Trust and the project. In return, the teachers imparted valuable insights on how Bridging Perthshire's Past will tie into the new Curriculum for Excellence, for example through mathematics, technologies and social studies. A Bridging Perthshire's Past School resource pack is already planned.



An extract of Wade's map showing forts, proposed roads and numbers of men that could be raised by various clans (Reproduced by kind permission of the Trustees of the National Library of Scotland).



A replica Late Bronze Age socketed axe indicating the position of 3,000 year old tool-marks left on the boat.



The Trust's Manager (centre) with ancient woodworking expert Damian Goodburn (left) and artist David Hogg (right) discuss the Carpow transom.



The Old Parish Church at Rait was hidden by ivy and saplings until Trust staff and volunteers cleared the vegetation.



Balado Old Bridge, Kinross: Trust volunteers cleared the vegetation from this B-Listed bridge, which had appeared on the Buildings at Risk register but has subsequently been removed.



Projects

The conservation of the prehistoric **Carpow logboat** continues at the National Museums of Scotland, Edinburgh, and it is envisaged that this programme of work will be completed in 2010. Ongoing research into the logboat has included a study by ancient woodworking specialist Damian Goodburn, who has built several logboats using replica prehistoric tools. A very practical understanding of the methods involved in logboat manufacture will shed light on features of the Carpow boat and will feed into reconstruction paintings planned to illustrate the process. Work also continues on the text for the final publication of the project, planned as a monograph in the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland series. This has involved the collation of several other specialist reports and papers to be drawn on to tell the full story of how the boat was made and used around 3,000 years ago.

Perth and Kinross Historic Environment Record (PKHER), the database of over 16,000 historic buildings, archaeological sites and find-spots, is now accessible through the Trust's website at www.pkht.org.uk/HERSearchRecord.asp and through the Pastmap website (<http://jura.rcahms.gov.uk/PASTMAP>). Over the past seven years the Trust, supported through Historic Scotland grants, has carried out several programmes of enhancement, for example, mapping the extent of archaeological sites and adding information from historic maps and fieldwork. This year the PKHER was rolled out to the Perth and Kinross Council Conservation Section, enabling access and enhancement of Listed Buildings information.

Between 1988 and 2003 the Trust created an extensive colour slide collection through photographing historic buildings, archaeological sites and conservation projects. This 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 and 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.

At **Westown Church**, in the Carse of Gowrie, vegetation clearance with assistance from volunteers has gradually revealed an enigmatic medieval, and later, church that has clearly included several building phases. Applications for grant support for the expected £30,000 costs of repairs were prepared and it became clear that the problems of invasive ivy and stone decay were widespread in this type of monument across the region. Responding to an appeal from the Community Council in **Rait**, the Old Parish Church there was cleared of ivy early in the year and found to be not quite so much in need of repairs as Westown. A rolling programme to deal with the dilapidation of such sites, of which there are believed to be about forty, is now in development with a view to developing a future project.

Finally, volunteers also took part in vegetation clearance at **Balado Old Bridge**, the first phase of a project aimed at conserving this late-18th century B-listed bridge, which featured on the Buildings At Risk register. In partnership with Perth and Kinross Council Roads Service, subsequent work was undertaken by contractors to spray the vegetation, lay down a layer of geotextile and gravel, and replace the existing bollards, protecting and preserving this structure for the benefit of the community and future generations.





Excavating a prehistoric pit in advance of development at Gleneagles West.



The cursus ditch at Broich excavated prior to construction of new High School at Creiff.



Excavation of Whitefriars friary by SUAT in advance of development at Riggs Road, Perth.

Consultancy

For some time the Trust has been developing a **Boundary Ironwork Replacement** project in Perth, aimed at reinstating the cast iron railings which were removed for the war effort in 1941, at prominent locations. In September, the Council agreed to fund the installation of railings in front of the A K Bell Library and, following planning consent, this work is now planned for the summer of 2009. Proposals for reinstatements in front of the Terrace and the Crescent at Atholl Street have also been prepared.

At the invitation of the Governors of **Innerpeffray Library** a presentation was made by the Trust in March of two alternative strategies to deal with the housing of an important donated collection of Scottish first editions. The building is a unique and early purpose-built Library dating from 1680. Some form of climate conditioned bookcases will be required and the costs are likely to be substantial, in excess of £65,000. In due course, and once funding has been secured, the Trust may be taken on as consultants to progress the scheme.

The Trust has continued to provide a **planning archaeology service** to both Perth and Kinross Council's Environment Service and the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park. In October 2008 Scottish Planning Policy 23 Planning and the Historic Environment superseded National Planning Policy Guideline 5: Archaeology and Planning (NPPG5), however, the overall remit of the services has remained unaltered. This work included the screening of over 2000 planning applications, with detailed consultation of 275 which resulted in recommendations of 60 archaeological conditions to Council planners.

The archaeological field-work was completed at **GWest Golf Course**, Blackford, recording the remains of numerous previously unknown prehistoric settlements in advance of the development. Discovered during archaeological evaluations in 2006 and 2007, evidence for occupation has been gathered over seven months of field-work, and a post-excavation and publication programme, including radiocarbon-dating and analysis of environmental data and artefacts, has been agreed and is underway for this significant prehistoric landscape.

Planning permission was granted for the construction of a warehouse at **Riggs Road**, on the site of the buried remains of Perth's Carmelite Friary, founded in 1262. Further to two episodes of initial evaluation, full excavation was begun to record the remains of the church, its substantial rebuild and extension in the early 16th century, the friary cloister and the robbed-out western range. As identified in the evaluation work, considerable numbers of human burials were uncovered from within the friary church, including post-Reformation burials, representing a rare and significant opportunity to study the pathology of the medieval population of Perth. In August 2008 the excavations were halted due to the deteriorating financial climate, and the site backfilled to preserve the significant unexcavated remains. The Trust continues to work with the Environment Service and developer to ensure the satisfactory completion of the archaeological works, in particular the analysis of the human remains excavated, from this important site.

The construction of one of many small-scale hydro power schemes planned for Highland Perthshire, the **Innerhadden hydro scheme**, Kinloch Rannoch, involved the protection and recording of a range of archaeological features evidencing medieval and 18th and 19th century land-use in the vicinity of the pipeline. Archaeological advice has also been provided to the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park authority on a small-scale hydro scheme at **Ardvorlich**, Loch Earn.

Rescue excavation carried out on a small section of the **Broich cursus** at Crieff High School uncovered important environmental remains, adding to our understanding of this prehistoric monument following larger-scale excavations in 2007. Fragments of hazel have been radiocarbon dated to the mid 4th millennium BC, indicating the cursus ditch began to infill over 4,500 years ago and was roughly contemporary with the better known cursus monument, the Cleaven Dyke in Strathmore. The results and implications of the excavations will be published to a wider audience in Tayside and Fife Archaeological Journal in due course.



Consultancy

The provision of the planning archaeology services has this year supported an **Institute for Archaeologists (IfA) workplace bursary**, providing a one-year learning placements with the aim of developing skills in local level curation of the archaeological resource.



In addition, various **environmental consultancies** consulted the Trust to gain information from the Historic Environment Record (HER) to inform future development plans. These include requests from Scottish Water; Scottish and Southern Energy; Allen Gordon Consulting Civil and Structural Engineers; Halcrow; Atkins Heritage; Fairhurst & Partners; AMEC; GUARD; and the Commercial Legal Centre, on a proposals varying from road infrastructure to residential developments. Further, the **Scottish Rural Development Programme** became operational in 2008, and the Trust is in receipt of a small grant from Historic Scotland to aid the provision of information and advice on the historic environment.



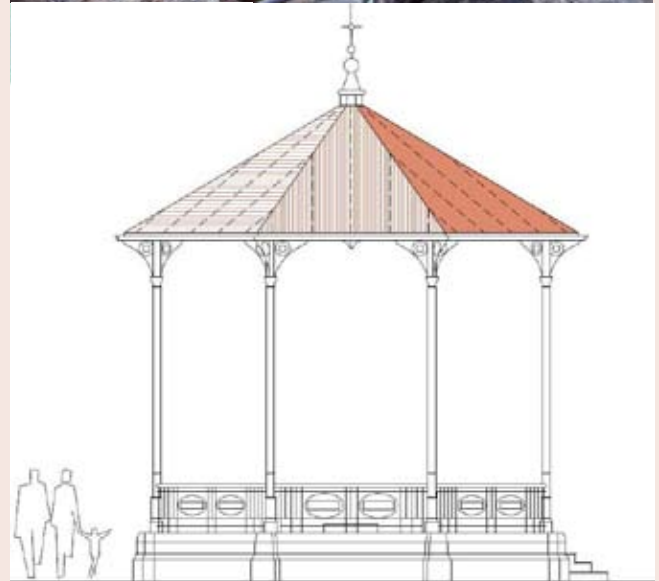
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The Trust joined an in-house Council team working on **MacRosty Park** in Crieff. A Stage Two Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) application was submitted to obtain the core funding for the comprehensive enhancement of the park and the promotion of its use and heritage value. Architectural work focussed on the listed buildings: the Bandstand and boundary railings and on the 1930's Pavilion. The latter is to be refurbished as a small hall and café with much improved WCs and an extended terrace. The Pavilion was opened during Doors Open Day and attracted a number of local residents with robust opinions about the redevelopment. The submission was made in October and a decision by the Heritage Lottery Fund is expected by late spring/summer 2009.

As result of skills held by the IfA bursary holder, in December 2008 the Trust provided Historic Scotland with **geophysical surveys** at two Properties in Care, Broughty Castle by Dundee and St Orland's Cross near Glamis. At the former the site of military primer pits and munitions store buildings were identified, and at the later the extent of an early medieval cemetery was defined, assisting appropriate management of the archaeology.



The IfA workplace holder meets with the developer and contractor during archaeological evaluation in Perth.



The Trust's architects drawing of the bandstand at MacRosty Park, Crieff.

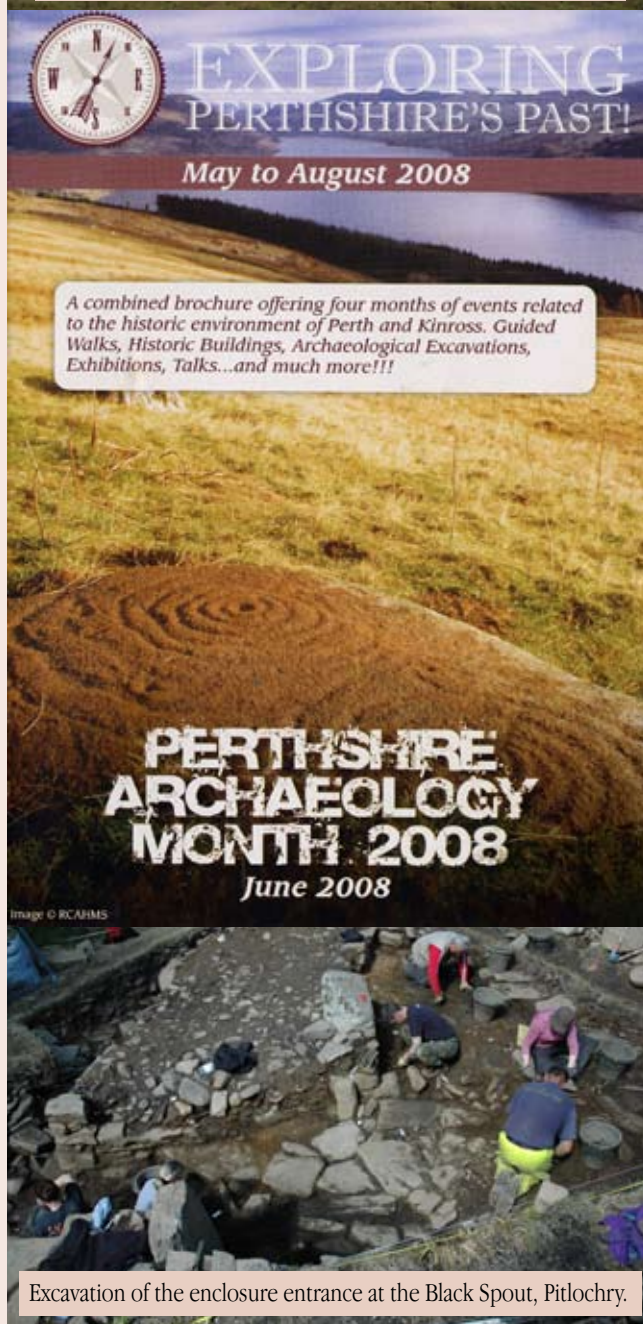


The IfA workplace holder undertaking geophysical survey at St Orland's Cross near Glamis.

Education and Outreach

The Trust's major outreach project **Exploring Perthshire's Past**, supported until August 2008 by the Heritage Lottery Fund, delivered a further programme of walks and activities for members of the public, including fifteen guided walks and tours to archaeological sites and historic buildings, and eight talks to local groups and societies. In addition a walk was led to Craigsheal and Benachally as part of the Perthshire Amber Festival. This second year of the project has included opportunities for the public to volunteer on hands-on projects such as archaeological excavation and the conservation of historic buildings. These have been delivered through placements both on external projects, such as the Strathearn Environs and Royal Forteviot project, the Moothill and Abbey of Scone Survey, and the Roman Gask Project, and in Trust projects, such as the Black Spout homestead excavations and the emerging Historic Graveyards project. The latter has seen volunteers taking part in historic building recording at Westown chapel, and with vegetation removal at Rait Old Parish Church. Volunteers were also involved in a number of geophysical surveys undertaken by the Trust and Dr Peter Morris, with projects at Tullibole churchyard, Kinross; Ardgilzean, Guildtown; Burnbank, Blairgowrie; and Clashbenny, Errol.


The **Perthshire Archaeology Month 2008** programme boasted a total of fifty-seven events, with contributions from Historic Scotland, the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland, the Scottish Crannog Centre, Perth Museum and Art Gallery and nine local societies; the highest number to contribute so far. Highlights included walks to Castle Dow hillfort and the old weaving village of Buttergask, and talks on 'Within prison walls: archaeological work at Perth Prison', and 'Prehistoric settlement across the landscape of Blackford'. Trust events included various guided walks and an evening lecture on the **Black Spout excavations**. A key event in the month was the Trust's annual excavation at the Black Spout homestead, Pitlochry, in the second half of June, which this year saw the entrance of the enclosure uncovered. Over twenty volunteers took part and over 200 members of the public visited the excavations, which were open to visitors daily. The excavations attracted considerable media interest including a radio interview on BBC Radio 5 live and a television feature on STV North Tonight.



Education and Outreach

Once again **Doors Open Day** featured as a key event in the Trust's calendar with seventy buildings participating and eight guided walks taking place over the weekend of the 20th and 21st of September 2008. With the largest programme organised to date, the event saw record numbers of visits made in Perth and Kinross with estimates that over 5,000 visits were made over the dry and sunny weekend. National themes for 2008 included a celebration of '500 Years of Printmaking' included in Perth and Kinross through special events at the 'Press Here' workshop in Coupar Angus, and at Innerpeffray Library. Another theme was Cittaslow Producers, to raise awareness of Perth's status as Scotland's first Cittaslow town. In addition, the event was included within of the Heritage Lottery Fund's (HLF) Heritage Weekend and celebrated the Trust's HLF award for the Bridging Perthshire's Past project through a day-long bus and walking tour looking at Wade roads and bridges in highland Perthshire. As in previous years, the event was largely made a success through the volunteers, ranging from building owners and custodians, local historians and historical societies, members of congregations to professionals from local and national organisations, who enthusiastically commit their time and energy. This year at least 180 people were involved, spending over 700 hours preparing for DOD, supervising and guiding visitors and packing up afterwards.


The Trust published a further two new titles in the series of popular A5 guidebooks. **Around Aberfeldy** was produced in partnership with the Breadalbane Heritage Society as the latest edition of a series of guidebooks dating back to the *Strathtay History Trail*, first printed in 1970. Written by Clare Thomas and David Strachan and launched at the Watermill Bookshop in Aberfeldy, the booklet provides a fully illustrated history of the development of Aberfeldy within the context of the surrounding environs. **The Treasures of the A.K. Bell** was produced in partnership with The Friends of Perth & Kinross Council Archive and the A.K. Bell Library Archives and Local Studies sections. Written by Local Studies Librarian Sara Kelly and Assistant Archivist Jan Merchant, the illustrated publication provides a glimpse of the remarkable collections held by the A.K. Bell Library local studies and Archive collections and was apt as 2008 was the 500th anniversary of printing in Scotland.



DOORS⁰⁸ OPEN DAY
PERTH AND KINROSS
Saturday 20th to Sunday 21st September 08

THE ANNUAL EVENT THAT GIVES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT HISTORIC AND OTHER INTERESTING BUILDINGS THAT AREN'T USUALLY OPEN, FOR FREE.

Around Aberfeldy



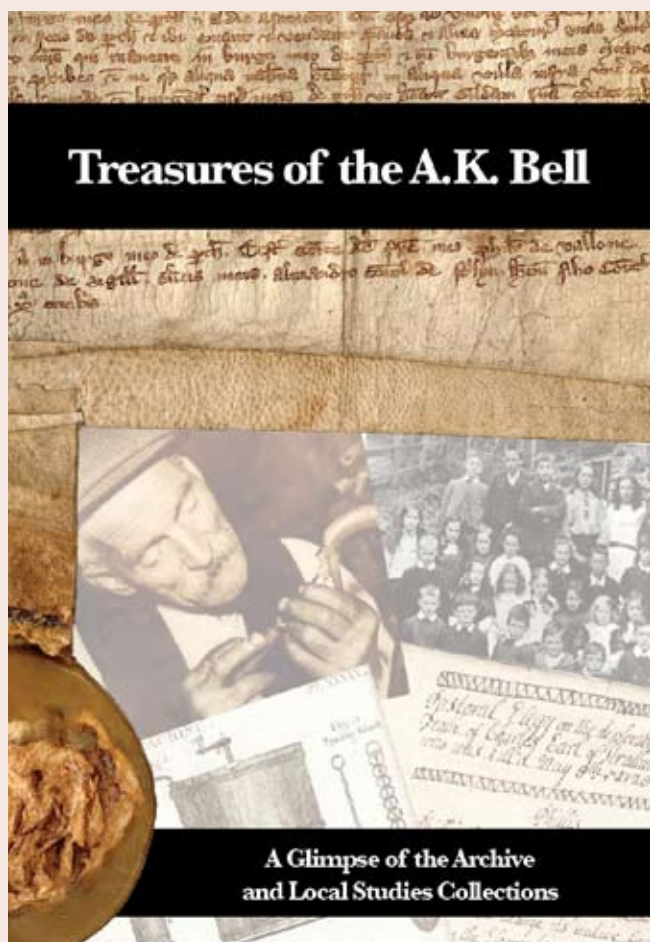
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Education and Outreach

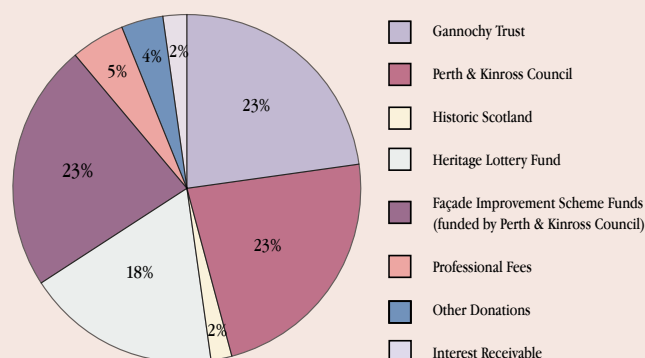
Following the maintenance work carried out to the **Earthquake House**, Comrie, the Trust, in collaboration with the British Geological Survey, has reinstated the seismoscope, an instrument for recording the occurrence of earthquakes, and produced new interpretation through a new roadside sign and a leaflet on the building and the early study of earthquakes in the "Shakey Toon". In addition, the Trust produced a promotional leaflet for the Moulin Kirk Trusts **Pitlochry and Moulin Heritage Centre** and collated, edited and produced the first annual newsletter of **The Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers: Scotland**.

A number of **presentations** were given over the year, including *Buildings at Risk* to the Tay Valley Family History Association at Abertay University and *The Black Spout Excavations and the Circular Homesteads of North Perthshire* to the Breadalbane Heritage Society. The Trust also provided a tour guide for a coach trip by Glasgow Archaeological Society on Saturday in August 2008, when sites around Loch Tay, including Croftmoraig stone circle and Fortingall, were visited.



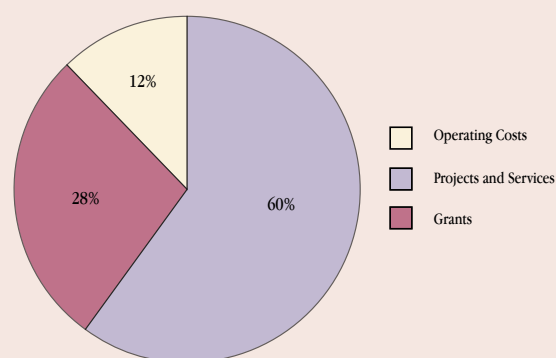
Financial Report

Analysis of Income 2008/2009



The Trust's total income in financial year 2008/09 amounted to £430,342. 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 £101,975 and fees have been charged for professional services totalling £18,455. The Trust's income and expenditure are analysed in the above charts.

Analysis of Expenditure 2009/2010



Included in the above, the Trust manages the Perth Central Area, Blairgowrie and Coupar Angus Façade Improvement Schemes under an agreement with Perth & Kinross Council. During the course of the year, the Trust administered £8,290 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 £154,864 as at 31st March 2009.

The Trust's expenditure in 2008/09 totalled £328,138, which resulted in a net operating surplus for the year of £102,204. After adjusting for balances held in respect of the Façade Improvement Schemes, the Net Assets of the Trust amounted to £228,455 as at 31st March 2008.

Income & Expenditure Account Year ended 31st March 2008

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2009 £	Total Funds 2008 £
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(38,286)	130,077	91,791	(5,195)
Interest and Investment income	6,483	3,930	10,413	14,117
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year	(31,803)	134,007	102,204	8,922

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, Carpow Logboat Reserve, Bridging Perthshire's Past Reserve and Heritage Graveyards Reserve.

Balance Sheet

Year ended 31st March 2009

Fixed Assets

Tangible Assets	63,205	64,710
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Current Assets

Debtors	9,539	2,004
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Cash at bank and in hand	615,091	470,909
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	624,630	472,913
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Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	(304,516)	(256,508)
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Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)

	320,114	216,405
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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 the charitable company's affairs as at 31st March 2009 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended, the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the information given in the Executive Committee Members' Annual Report is consistent with the financial statements.

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Looking Ahead

A **Historic Graveyards** scheme is to be developed to address, at key sites, the ongoing problems of erosion and management that increasingly affect this valuable, though fragile, resource. The aim will be to apply best practice in maintenance and management at significant sites, along with associated outreach leaflets and interpretation signs. It is hoped that these objectives will be met through a rolling programme of works to deal proactively with the accelerating problem of disrepair in heritage graveyards, building on the Trust's conservation project at Westown in recent years.

Plans are ongoing regarding the Trusts input into the celebrations in 2010 to mark the **800th anniversary of Perth**, including tailoring existing Trust events, such as Doors Open Day and Perthshire Archaeology Month, and the development of a bespoke programme called Exploring Perth's Past. This would build on existing projects such as *The Origins of Perth: A Medieval Royal Burgh* booklet and the *Historic Perth* leaflet, and develop an education programme on the history of Perth involving walking tours, lecture programmes, and a school education pack on historic eras and themes, such as water, the railways and whisky. Perth and Kinross Council has confirmed support for the developments and planning continues through meetings of both the steering committee and working group for the celebrations.

The Trust also plans to continue to build on the success of the popular publications series, with discussions ongoing

regarding three new titles, one on the development of **Blackford** with the Blackford Historical Society, a second with Perth Civic Trust to produce a **Perth Heritage Trail** booklet to coincide with the Perth 800 celebrations in 2010 and finally a guide to **Perthshire Crannogs** with Nick Dixon of The Scottish Crannog Centre. The Trust is also in discussion with the Scottish Crannog Centre with a view to an exciting experimental archaeology project to manufacture a replica prehistoric logboat. The **Loch Tay Logboat project** would build both on the Carpow logboat project, and the discovery of another Bronze Age logboat in Loch Tay, to make a logboat in the style of the Late Bronze Age, using tools and techniques known around 3,000 years ago.

Finally, in 2005, Dunning Community Trust purchased **Kincladie Wood**, to the north east of the village, and is in the process of improving access and interpretation of the woodland for residents and visitors. The wood contains the very well preserved remains of the large Roman temporary camp, which is protected as a Scheduled Ancient Monument. The Dunning Trust are being aided by Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust in improving access, and by this Trust in terms of developing appropriate interpretation about the camp. It is planned that this Trust will also write three further interpretation panels, for Maggie Wall's monument, Dun Knock hillfort, and Dunning village, promoting the rich history and archaeology of Dunning and its immediate environs.



Grant Guidelines

Historic Building Grants

The Trust may award grants to assist owners or guardians of Listed Buildings, or historic 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 of which is 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. Works to all 'public' buildings are eligible whilst owner occupiers are only offered support in targeted areas. Routine maintenance work or that which is not directly a consequence of maintaining the historic character of the building is not eligible, i.e. paint work, replacing missing slates, dry rot treatment. Work which would be required on a building to maintain its structural integrity, but which is coincidentally contributing

to the character of a building, is not eligible for grant. The Trust also awards major grants for eligible works to deal with the problem of 'conservation deficit' at significant buildings. Schemes are currently operating in central Perth, Coupar Angus and Blair Atholl and up to 50% of eligible project costs can be supported.

Other Grants

The Trust may award grants towards projects that do not fall within the remit of the above categories. For example, archaeological or historic 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.

Applicants should contact the Trust to discuss proposals or grant applications before the outset of a project.



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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).

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Sponsorship

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