

PERTH AND KINROSS HERITAGE TRUST

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ANNUAL REPORT
2009 - 2010



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 2009 to the end of March 2010. For further information, please visit the Trust's website at www.pkht.org.uk



Perth Civic Trust



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Front Cover (Left to right): Grant-aided roof-repairs at Crown Buildings on South Street, Perth; volunteers paddle the Loch Tay logboat towards a berth at the Scottish Crannog Centre; and the 1765 Patrick Thomson monument at Cargill prior to repair.

The Executive Committee (Board of Directors) of the Trust for 2009-2010 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. J. Coburn (PKC)

Cllr. A. Cowan (PKC)

Rev. Fergus Harris (PCT)

Chairman

Mrs Sue Hendry (PCT)

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 *until February 2010*

Assistant Archaeologist (IfA Bursary)

O. O'Grady *until July 2009*

Archaeologist:

O. O'Grady *as of August 2009*

Bridging Perthshire's Past Project Officer:

L. Farquharson

Secretary:

A. Wilson (PKC)

Treasurer:

S. MacKenzie (PKC)

Administration:

P. Frazer (PKC)

Financial Assistance:

J. Moy (PKC)

Technical Advisers:

J. McCrone (PKC)

J. Harding (PKC) *as of August 2009*

R. Haworth (PKC)

R. Rodger (PKC)

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Chairmans Report

I am delighted to once again introduce the annual report of Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust. As usual this contains a round-up of the varied high-quality projects and services carried out and provided by the Trust staff.

It is most rewarding to see the developing success of the Bridging Perthshire's Past project, which embraces all of the core values of the Trust: conservation, education and access. Within the first year, the project has already made significant progress with all areas: a result of the well-developed project planning, agreed with the Heritage Lottery Fund at the outset of the project. The overall plan is for the project to deliver much of the conservation and access work in years 1 and 2, and to then concentrate on the outreach products, including interpretation boards, leaflets and a guidebook, in year 3. On that subject, the Trust's wider publication series continues to grow from strength to strength with two new titles again this year. The ongoing research into the Carpow logboat will eventually see the publication of a Society of Antiquaries monograph, although plans are already underway for a new branch of the Trust's publications which offer more detail and narrative. Provisional titles include the Carpow logboat, Wade's Roads and Bridges, and the Black Spout homestead.

The very successful Institute for Archaeologists (IfA) workplace bursary concluded in July 2009 and the Trust is delighted to have been able to extend, for one year, Oliver O'Grady's post to continue to assist with the Trust's Planning Archaeology Service while investigating the potential of geophysics consultancy work and aiding in the rapid survey of historic churchyards.

I am also happy to welcome as a new Technical Advisor to the Trust John Harding, Service Manager of Cultural & Community Services from Education and Children's Services within Perth and Kinross Council. With the ever increasing outreach and education work of the Trust it is hoped that John's input will enable us to coordinate closer working with children both within schools and through extra-curricular activities. We were sorry to



lose our Outreach Officer, Steven Timoney, who has moved onto pastures new by taking up a research and teaching post based in the University of Highlands and Islands (UHI) in Perth. Steven came to us as the Exploring Perthshire's Past Officer in September 2006, and over his four years with the Trust has done much to develop both the scope and quality of our outreach work. I am sure that the practical experience that he gained with the Trust will be of great value to him in his return to academia and we wish him well in this.

Finally I must extend my thanks, and that of my fellow Trustees, to David Strachan and all the staff at the Trust for all their hard work and enthusiasm. This never fails to do anything but impress me on my regular visits to the Lodge and we are most fortunate to have them all working for the Trust.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Hendry". Below the signature is a long, thin horizontal line.

Sue Hendry
Chairman



Members of Perth Young Archaeologists' Club.



The *First Contact: Rome and Northern Britain* monograph.



Gleneagles House window grant.



The large scale version of David Simon's painting opposite Perth Concert Hall.



The rare bow-fronted window at Deuchars in South Street.

Grants

Since its inception, the Trust has provided grant aid of around £45,000 annually towards domestic conservation repairs to listed and conservation area buildings. Individual grants have been averaging around £2,000 over the past three years. Over the period 2003-2008, acting as consultants for the Perth Central Area Façade Scheme, an additional £300,000 was disbursed as 50% support to over 80 improvement projects in the Town centre. This scheme was funded by the Council and Scottish Enterprise Tayside and was paralleled in a Council funded scheme (£50,000) run in Blairgowrie in 2005-2008. In June 2009 the Trust revised the eligibility criteria for its **Historic Building Grants Scheme**, and has agreed to combine both the **Historic Building Grants Scheme** and **Façade Enhancement Schemes** to focus on addressing publically accessible properties with conservation deficits and on providing support to communal repair schemes and more major regeneration and conversion projects. Thus small scale repair works are to be funded through this scheme and clearly such long-standing problems as St Paul's Church would be suitable for support.

Over the year the Grant Scheme supported a number of works, including a thatched roof for the Weavers Cottage in Rait; and common roofing repairs at Victoria Chambers on Tay Street and Crown Buildings on South Street in Perth. At the latter the curved cast iron gutter at the base of the copper cupola was reinstated (see front cover). Repairs to the clock on the roof of the former Library in Glenfarg and timber sash and case windows at Gleneagles House and in Comrie, Pitlochry and Atholl Crescent in Perth have also received awards. The very rare bow fronted shop window at Deuchars in South Street has been refurbished and repainted. At Muthill Parish Church windows have been repaired and in Alyth stonework at St Ninian's has been re-pointed. A major grant has been offered to the Royal Scottish Geographical Society to assist in their re-development of the **Fair Maid's House** in the light of confirmation

that funds from the Town Centre Regeneration Fund are to be deployed on this project. To mark the start of **Perth 800** the banner covering the end wall of the old Pullars Building alongside the Concert Hall was replaced with a large fabric reproduction of David Simon's reconstruction painting of Perth in 1559, originally commissioned by the Trust to feature in the *Origins of Perth* booklet.

Funding from the Council and the Heritage Lottery Fund for the **Coupar Angus Townscape Heritage Initiative** has helped to progress three major projects: Perthshire Housing Association's redevelopment of the former Co-op, Crichton Lang Court, the conversion of the Royal Hotel, and the Cumberland Barracks. The Restoration of Architectural Detail programme addressing 14 other properties continues. **The Blair Atholl Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme** will enhance the southern gateway to the Cairngorm National Park and was initiated during the year with an overall spend of up to £900,000 over five years planned. While the Council and Historic Scotland are main funders, the Trust is to provide grant funding of £25,000 towards the small grants scheme and administrative and architectural input. The Application Forms and Guidelines for the small grants scheme, towards which the Trust has committed £25,000, have been prepared and initial enquiries have been received. The Trust is also providing grant support of £10,000 over two years towards **the MacRosty Park, Crieff** and, as a result, a Trustee sits on the Project Board.

The Trust has provided a number of smaller grants in support of the **Radiocarbon Dating Pictish Burials Project**, dating skeletal remains from two burials excavated in the early 20th century from Inchtuthil and Kingoodie; the Tayside and Fife Archaeological Committee monograph entitled **First Contact: Rome and Northern Britain**, based on the conference held in Perth in May 2008; and the **Perth Young Archaeologists' Club**, to continue their activities.





Bridging Perthshire's Past: Volunteers survey the bridge at Newton of Ballinreigh (top left); Students on the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme (top right); Conservation at Allt Ach'mheinich, Aberfeldy (bottom right); Pinning and pointing at Newton Burn Bridge in the Sma' Glen (bottom left).



Carpow and Loch Tay logboats: One of David Hogg's drawings of the manufacture of Carpow (top left); Volunteers use Bronze Age axes at Loch Tay (top right); The logboat crosses the Loch, August 2009 (bottom right); The Loch Tay logboat during manufacture (bottom left).

Projects

Bridging Perthshire's Past is a three year project supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund which aims to conserve, enhance and promote the 18th century military bridges and roads in the area. Over the first year, the project has delivered a full programme of events and activities, including talks and guided walks, while establishing a volunteer group who have been active through carrying out documentary research, measured survey of bridges, and clearing sites of vegetation prior to conservation work.

A school pack has been produced and is available online through the Trust's website and the Learning and Teaching Scotland new history portal *Scotland's History*. At a local and national level, sections of military road are also being promoted as a Duke of Edinburgh bronze award expedition route.

Conservation work to date has focused on two of the smaller bridges - Allt Ach'mheinich near Aberfeldy, and the C-Listed Newton Burn Bridge in the Sma' Glen - where work has included pinning and pointing, controlled down-taking and resetting dislodged masonry.



The conservation and study of the Bronze Age **Carpow logboat** has been a long-term project by the Trust and a model in partnership working, involving Historic Scotland, the National Museums of Scotland, and Perth Museum and Art Gallery in addition to numerous other contractors and specialist consultants. While the conservation process has been progressed, in preparation for return of the boat to Perth in 2011, work over the year has focussed on bringing together the mass of

information gathered by the project in the form of the monograph to be published by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.

This has included the completion of a series of reconstruction drawings and technical illustrations for use in the monograph, the forthcoming popular publication, and in the future display of the logboat at Perth Museum and Art Gallery.

In August 2009, the Trust carried out an educational project, inspired by the Carpow logboat, to make a logboat using replica Late Bronze Age tools and techniques. The **Loch Tay logboat** was made from a 12m long Douglas Fir tree trunk over a three week period. The project was carried out in partnership with the Scottish Crannog Centre, and involved around 30 volunteers, including archaeology students, local residents and members of the "bush-craft" fraternity, working under the supervision of ancient woodworking expert Damian Goodburn.

A number of features found on the Carpow boat, for example the footrests at the stern, which were assumed to be associated with punting, and the use of moss caulking at the transom, were incorporated into the Loch Tay vessel. The completed 8.5m long logboat was tested on Loch Tay and paddled across the Loch to the Crannog Centre, where it is now on display. The project attracted considerable media attention, including coverage by BBC Radio 4; Radio Scotland and Reporting Scotland television, as well as features in both local and national newspapers.

The Trust has, since 2005 has conducted annual archaeological excavations at the **Black Spout Iron Age homestead**, near Pitlochry. While carried out as a community educational project under the auspices of Perthshire Archaeology Month, the research agenda was to focus on this peculiarly Perthshire site-type, while providing opportunities for volunteers to participate in archaeological excavation.



The final season at the Black Spout, Pitlochry: The fully excavated entrance (left); The Volunteers in 2009 (right).



Conservation work at Westown Church.

Projects

The project has built on previous work by the antiquarian and place-name expert WJ Watson in the early 20th century and by Perthshire archaeologist Margaret Stewart in the 1970s. The final season in 2009 concentrated on the entrance of the building, uncovering a sequence of re-modelling probably resulting from a collapse in the structure's wall. The excavation also investigated a quarry ditch, and possible souterrain, and revealed an intra-mural chamber built into part of the wall, a feature more associated with brochs and duns. The final season of excavation, which featured in a BBC Alba Gaelic language culture programme, will lead to a programme of post-excavation work with the ultimate aim of publication in 2012.

Perth and Kinross Historic Environment Record (PKHER), a database of nearly 17,000 historic buildings, archaeological sites and find-spots, is managed by the Trust. Over the past year, enhancement of the Record has improved Listed Building data, following the roll-out of the PKHER to the Perth and Kinross Council Conservation and Regeneration Section last year, and has included

the completion of the polygonisation of the RCAHMS Ben Lawers survey data and the creation of a geophysics 'layer' for display in GIS.

At **Westown Church**, a ruined pre-reformation site in the Carse of Gowrie, extensive repairs to the stonework were carried out over the summer by masons following a lengthy programme of vegetation removal and building recording by volunteers. The wall heads were rough-raked to prevent water ingress and re-infestation by ivy and the walls were re-pointed. The building incorporates much re-used stonework and research to inform the interpretative signage is under way. At **Cargill Church** repairs to an 18th century sundial, damaged by contractors, were organised and further repair and enhancement works have been identified. A rapid condition survey of **Historic Churchyards** in the area was begun during the winter months with the aim of underpinning a bid seeking external funding for a rolling programme of works in 'at risk churchyards' overseen by a dedicated project officer.



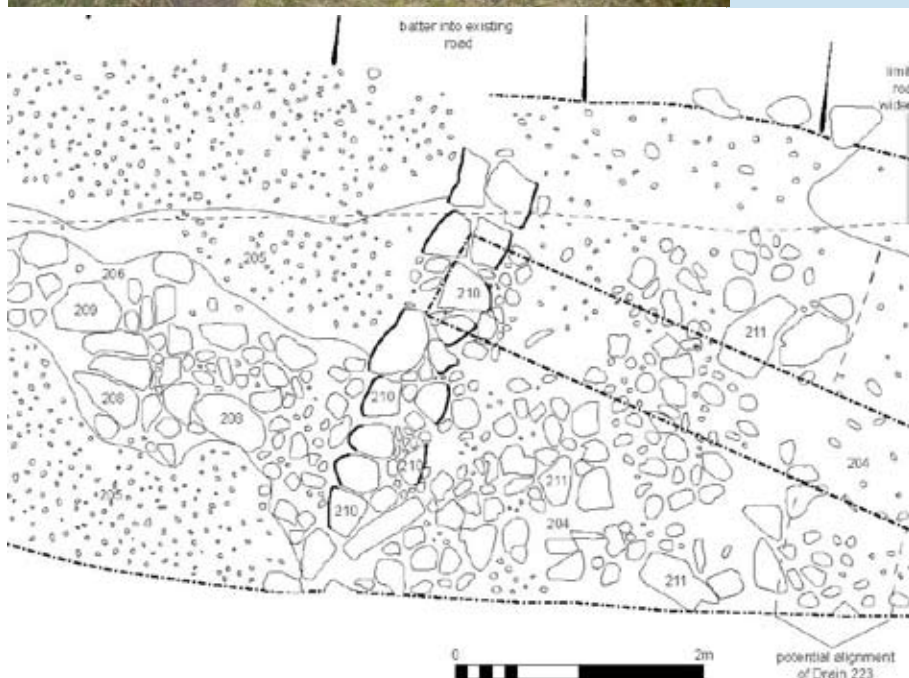
The repaired sundial and gate at Cargill graveyard.



Replacement iron railings at AK Bell Library, Perth.



A dovehole recorded at Tullymorran before demolition (© Derek Hall).



Developer-funded archaeology at Burnfoot (© CFA Archaeology).



Geophysical survey at Inchmahome Priory for Historic Scotland.

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The **Boundary Ironwork Replacement** project arranged on behalf of the Council for the re-installation of a 90 metre stretch of cast iron railings at the A-Listed AK Bell Library on York Place in Perth. These specially designed cast posts and railings recall the originals which were removed in 1941. The bespoke fabrication and traditional leaded-in installation by Ballantines of Bo'ness has attracted much favourable comment and is to be accompanied by the replacement of stone pier caps on the west entrance. Matching cast notice boards were also fixed to the gate piers.

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 February 2010 the new, condensed Scottish Planning Policy superseded Scottish Planning Policy 23 Planning and the Historic Environment, however, the overall remit of the services has remained unchanged. This work included the screening of over 1,500 planning applications, with detailed consultation of 226 which has resulted in recommendations of 80 archaeological conditions for the mitigation of impact of development.

In 2008, an excavation of the site of Perth's Carmelite Friary was undertaken prior to the redevelopment of **Riggs Road** for warehousing. Unfortunately this archaeological investigation of this significant site was halted due to a downturn in the economic climate. Since then the developer has sought permission for a higher value development at Riggs Road; this application was refused by Perth and Kinross Council and dismissed by the Directorate of Planning and Environmental Appeals. SUAT Ltd, archaeological contractors for Riggs Road and a long established Perth firm, went into liquidation in August 2009. Concerns over the storage of the human remains from Riggs Road prompted the Trust to facilitate the removal of the assemblage to secure storage at the School of History, Classics and Archaeology at the University of Edinburgh. The Trust continues to work with the Environment Service and developer to ensure the satisfactory completion of the archaeological works from this important site.

A number of archaeological evaluations and building surveys have been carried out over the year. These include the photographic survey of the **Fair Maid's House** prior to conversion works to transform the building to the headquarters of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society, the recording of the remains of ruin clipped by widening of access to **Burnfoot Windfarm** and trial trenching at **Amulree New Bridge** to locate Wade's road. The construction of the new electricity line between **Beaully and Denny** was granted permission by the Scottish Government in January. Following a number of meetings with Scottish and Southern Energy and their archaeological contractor, GUARD, project specifications for the mitigative archaeological works required have been approved, with work on this large infrastructure project due to begin in summer 2010.

In addition, various **commercial companies** consulted the Trust to gather information from the Historic Environment Record (HER) to inform future development plans. These include requests from Scottish and Southern Energy; CFA Archaeology; R J McLeod; and Bidwells on a proposals varying from mineral extraction to residential developments. The **Scottish Rural Development Programme** is in its second year 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. Consultation has largely been from the Forestry Commission Scotland and involves assessing proposals for new planting. Two archaeological surveys have been commissioned and many other archaeological sites avoided. The Trust's Architect has also provided specialist advice to three farmers applying for grants to repair vernacular buildings.

The one year **Institute for Archaeologists (IfA) workplace bursary** with the Trust was completed with the placement holder gaining experience of archaeological development management and use of the Historic Environment Record. As part of this, the Trust hosted an ALGAO: Scotland conference, supported by the IfA, entitled *A Role for Geophysics in Scottish Developer-funded Archaeology?* to stimulate

Consultancy

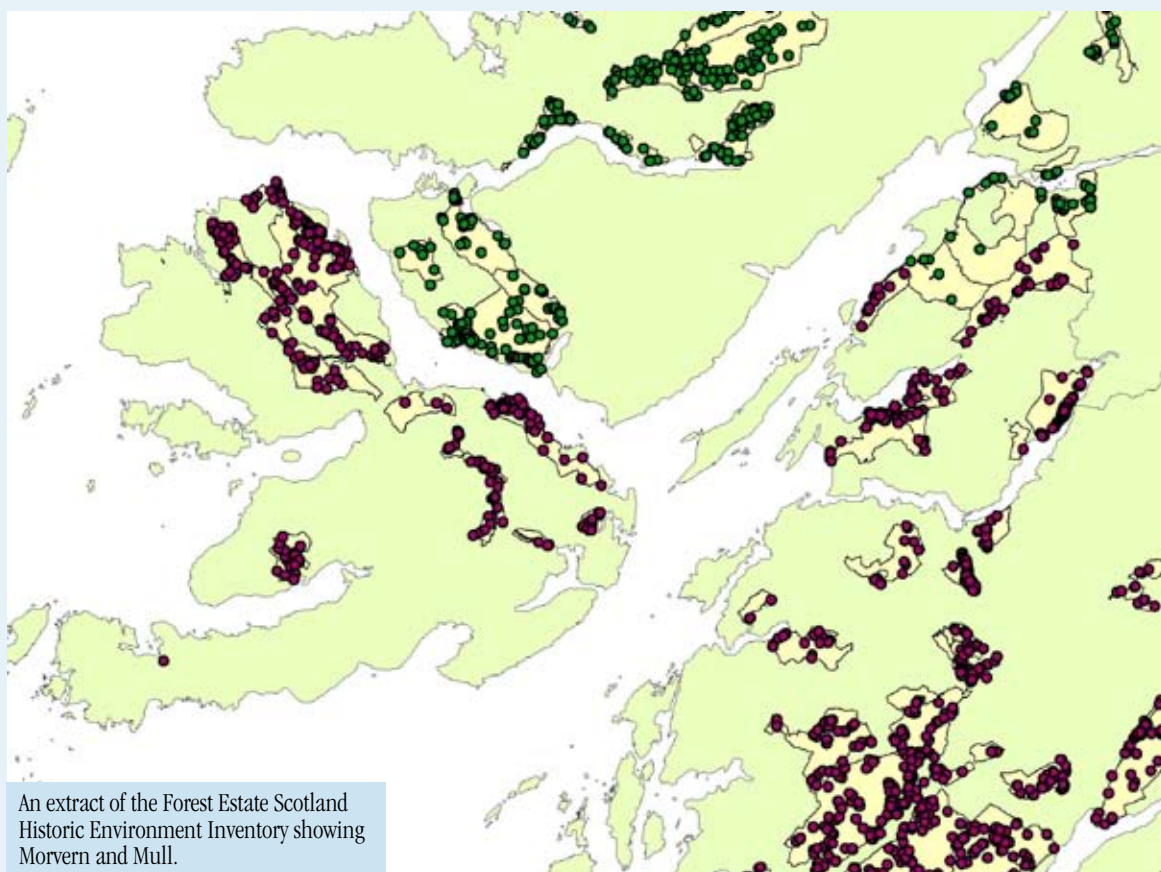
discussion about the use of this prospection technique in commercial archaeology. Presentations were given by leading practitioners, curatorial archaeologists and commercial unit managers from Scotland and England, with over sixty delegates travelling to Perth to attend. The conference was a successful outcome of the bursary placement; providing additional work experience in organising such an event for the bursary holder and, for the delegates, an informative day.

With the success of the Stage Two Heritage Lottery Fund bid by Perth and Kinross Council at **MacRosty Park, Crieff** the Trust has continued to provide architectural services, and contract drawings were prepared in autumn 2009 with a view to work commencing in the spring of 2010. While the architectural work is limited to an extension of the Pavilion, refurbishment of the B-Listed cast iron bandstand and the boundary ironwork, the overall project will realign paths, install play equipment, a footbridge, new parking and re-introduce water to the lade running through the Park.

Using skills developed through the curation of the Perth and Kinross Historic Environment Record, the

Trust was successful in tendering for the creation of an inventory of all archaeological sites and historic buildings on the national forest estate for the Forestry Commission Scotland. The **Forest Estate Scotland Historic Environment Inventory** will enable the protection and appropriate management of the historic environment in Scotland's ten Forest Districts. The Inventory was created from existing data sources (Local Authority Historic Environment Records, the National Monuments Record of Scotland and from Forestry Commission Scotland) and contains over 15,000 records.

The Trust has trialled a **geophysics consultancy service** for archaeological clients with surveys provided for Renfrewshire Local History Forum at Castle Semple Collegiate Church and at two Properties in Care - Caerlaverock Castle near Dumfries and Inchmahome Priory, on the Lake of Menteith, Stirling - for Historic Scotland. At the former the remains of a late medieval enclosure wall were located in advance of plans for a new visitors' carpark, and at the latter the site of previously unknown monastic buildings were discovered prior to the installation of new interpretation panels.



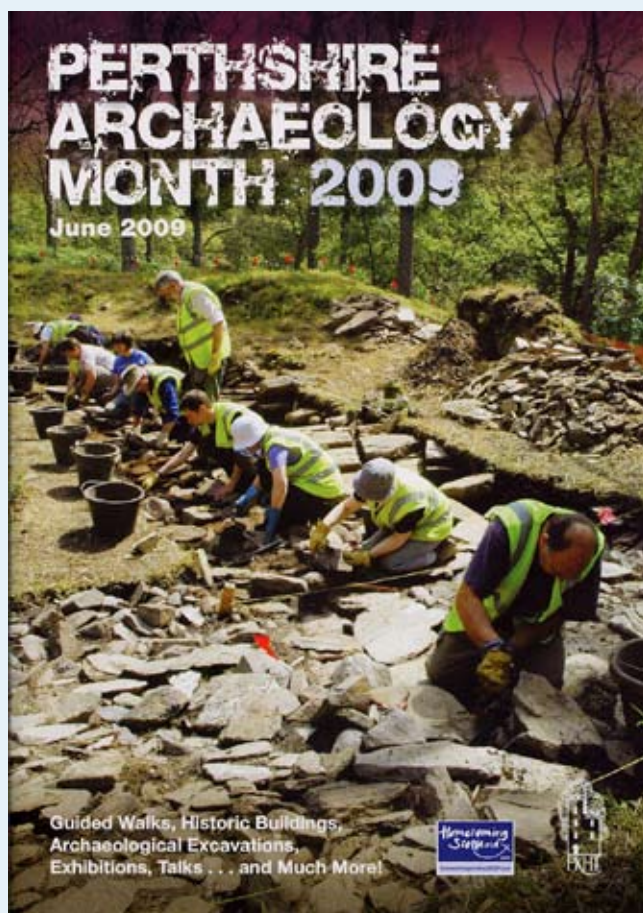
Education and Outreach

Following the success of the Trust's major outreach project **Exploring Perthshire's Past**, supported until 2008 by the Heritage Lottery Fund, the name has become synonymous with a range of high-quality learning opportunities ranging from passive engagement through publications and guided walks, to more challenging involvement through "hand-on" activities such as building recording, site clearance and archaeological work, either with the Trust, or with external projects such as the Strathearn Environs and Royal Forteviot project and the Roman Gask Project. As such the phrase 'Exploring Perthshire's Past' has effectively become the brand for the suite of products and events provided each year by the Trust.

Participant feedback from the **Perthshire Archaeology Month** event has highlighted another successful year with a total of 54 events and activities in the programme: including 24 guided walks; 19 events (including repeated events); seven talks; and four displays. In addition to the Trust, contributors included the Scottish Crannog Centre, Perth Museum and Art Gallery, the University of Glasgow, Historic Scotland and a number of local societies. Over 1,600 participants booked places on the programme with many more visiting the various displays and exhibitions over the month. The highlight of the event was the final year of excavation at the Black Spout homestead, which over the last five years has involved approximately 1,125 person days of archaeological work carried out by Trust staff and some 250 volunteers. Over the five seasons, the excavations have been visited by around 3,000 members of the public. In addition, the Trust organised guided walks to the hill-forts at Castlelaw (Abernethy), Pole Hill and Evelick, and a tour of the ruined churches in the Carse of Gowrie. Historic building recording was carried out by volunteers at Westtown Chapel.



A volunteer undertaking a geophysical survey.



Education and Outreach

The **Doors Open Day** event took place over the weekend of 26-27 September and through access to over 50 buildings and sites explored the key national themes of the Year of Homecoming and Storytelling. For example, the Perth Registration Office, in the Old Council Chambers, was featured, which is used both for registering contemporary life events, such as civil marriages and citizenship ceremonies, in addition to family history research. Story telling events were held at Balhousie Castle, St Ninian's Cathedral and the Soutar House in Perth, and at The Watermill, Blair Atholl.

The Trust continues to expand the series of popular guidebooks. ***The Crannogs of Perthshire*** has been written by Nick Dixon of the Scottish Crannog Centre and is a fascinating overview of these important artificial islands constructed as dwellings from the Iron Age until the 17th century. It includes a section on the 20 years of underwater excavations at Oakbank crannog; the inspiration behind the Scottish Crannog Centre.

In addition, in partnership with Perth Civic Trust, the Trust launched ***Walks Around Historic Perth:*** an illustrated guide to four walks around the city based on the series of guided walks organised by Perth Civic Trust over a number of years. The publication was written by three Perth Civic Trust authors - Rhoda Fothergill, Rita Hartley and Sue Hendry - to coincide with the Perth 800 celebrations, and promotes walks covering the River Tay, the medieval burgh, and the North and South Inches.

A number of **presentations**, on a variety of topics, were given over the year, including those to Coupar Angus and District Historical Society, the Auld Abernethy Association, Coupar Historical Society, Blackford Historical Society, Friends of the AK Bell Archive, Letham Adult Literacy Group, Carse Association of Continuing Education and a guided walk around Perth as part of the Perthshire Amber festival. Presentations on the Carpow and Loch Tay logboats were given at

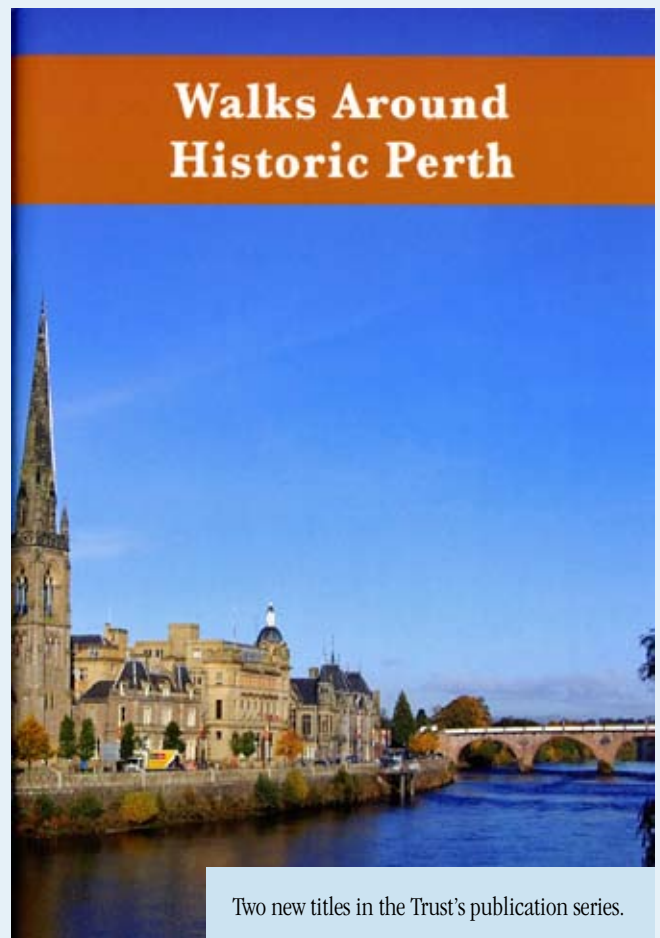
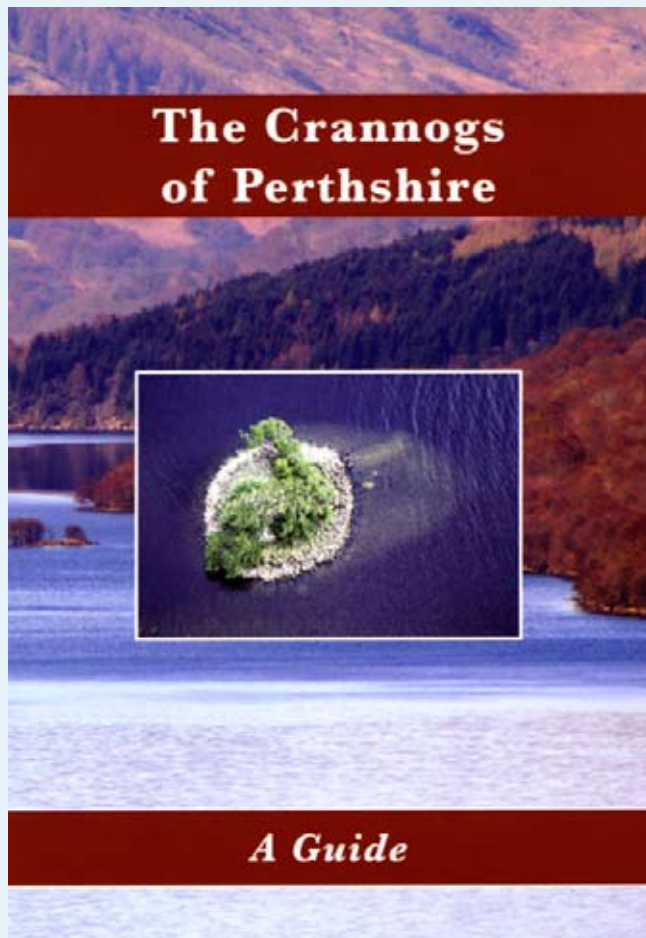


a fund-raising event organised by Perthshire Save the Children; the 4th Experimental Archaeology Conference, entitled 'Experimental Archaeology: Craft, Skill and Performance' hosted by the University of Aberdeen; the Perth University of the Third Age; and to archaeology students and staff of the University of Glasgow as part of their departmental seminar series. Presentations on the Black Spout excavations and the Bridging Perthshire's Past project were given to the Tayside and Fife Archaeological Committee conference in Perth.


Finally, the Trust updated its **website** with the third version since an online presence was established in 2003. Each development has seen increased functionality with an overall trend of becoming more interactive. The new version includes a 'What's On' section featuring 'Latest News' and 'Upcoming Events' and the provision for image galleries, allowing the Trust to promote the visual nature of much of its work and activities. The original domain name of www.pkht.co.uk has been retained.



Education and Outreach



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Conserving, enhancing and promoting the historic environment of Perth and Kinross.


The Trust achieves its objectives through the development and execution of projects, the administration of grants, the provision of information and advice, and a programme of outreach events and publications. Explore the links above and features below to find out more...

Featured




Supporting Us

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 to continue with our work.




Perthshire Archaeology Month

A month long series of walks, talks, displays and hands-on events focusing on the archaeology of Perth and Kinross.



Planning Archaeology Services

Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust




Historic Graveyards

The Historic Graveyards project aims to conserve and promote a number of

What's On


Upcoming Events



Perth: A Place in History conference

Date: 10/09/2010


A two-day conference to celebrate Perth800



Making The Bronze Age

Date: 10/07/2010

Inspired by the excavation of the 3,000 year old Carpow logboat, the Trust organised a special weekend event to celebrate with the public Bronze Age technology and crafts.



Carpow Logboat publications

Date: 01/07/2010

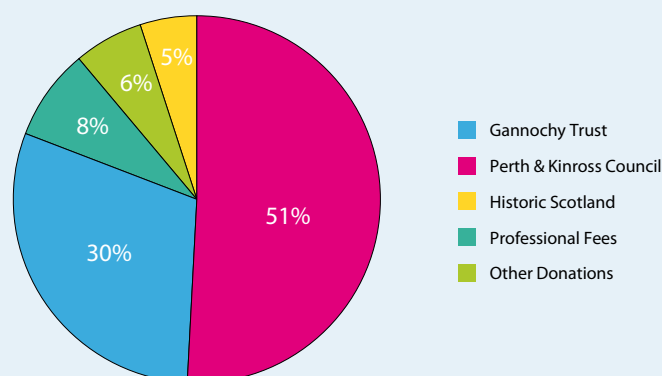
Two major new publications are announced.

Latest News

The new homepage at www.pkht.org.uk.

Financial Report

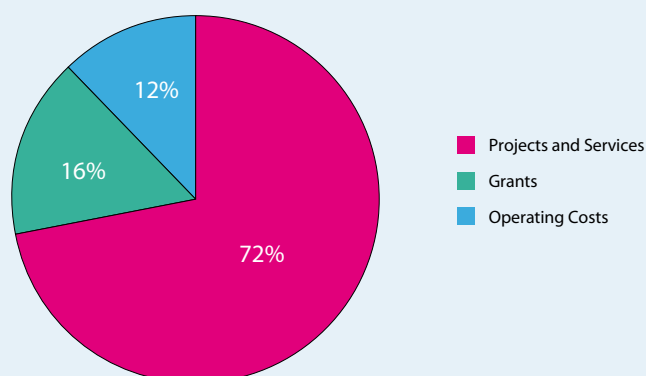
Analysis of Income 2009/2010



The Trust's total income in financial year 2009/10 amounted to £338,639. 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 and other contributors to the work of the Heritage Trust have generously provided funding for specific projects amounting to £36,261 and fees have been charged for professional services totalling £27,252. The Trust's income and expenditure are analysed in the above charts.

Included in the above, the Trust holds funds for the Perth Central Area, Blairgowrie and Coupar Angus Façade Improvement Schemes under an agreement with Perth & Kinross Council. The balance on the schemes, which is held separately from the Trust's main finances, was £156,104 as at 31st March 2010.

Analysis of Expenditure 2009/2010



The Trust's expenditure in 2009/10 totalled £338,533, which resulted in a net operating surplus for the year of £106. After adjusting for balances held in respect of the Façade Improvement Schemes, the Net Assets of the Trust amounted to £227,321 as at 31st March 2010.

Income & Expenditure Account Year ended 31st March 2010

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds <u>2010</u> £	Total Funds <u>2009</u> £
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	26,164	(26,474)	(310)	91,791
Interest and Investment income	200	216	416	10,413
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year	<u>26,364</u>	<u>(26,258)</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>102,204</u>

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 2010

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	61,700	63,205
Current Assets		
Debtors	33,011	9,539
Cash at bank and in hand	481,307	615,091
	<u>514,318</u>	<u>624,630</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(192,593)</u>	<u>(304,516)</u>
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)	<u>321,725</u>	<u>320,114</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	383,425	383,319
Net Assets	<u><u>383,425</u></u>	<u><u>383,319</u></u>
Funds		
Restricted	225,733	251,991
Unrestricted	157,692	131,328
	<u><u>383,425</u></u>	<u><u>383,319</u></u>



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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 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 charity'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 of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31st March 2010 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 United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, 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

The pilot work on **Historic Churchyards** in the Carse of Gowrie will inform the submission of a bid for substantial project funding to the Heritage Lottery Fund and others. The intention is to have a project officer to co-ordinate initiatives (often involving volunteers), to instil collaboration and best practice management and to develop education centred on the increasingly fragile historic churchyards. The first phase will involve work in Eastern Perthshire.

The Trust continues to plan a range of events and projects to feed into the celebrations in 2010 to mark the **800th anniversary of Perth**. Existing events, such as Doors Open Day and Perthshire Archaeology Month, will focus on Perth and the themes of Perth 800, and a special 2-day conference is to be co-ordinated by Local Studies Librarian Sara Kelly, Archivist Steve Connolley and Sue Payne of Perth Museum and Art gallery, and supported by a range of local bodies including Perth Civic Trust, The Guildry Incorporation of Perth and the Glover Incorporation of Perth. Provisional entitled **Perth: A Place in History** the conference will see a number of distinguished speakers explore the history and development of one of Scotland's most important medieval royal burghs, from its origins to the present day. It is envisaged that the conference will be a

landmark event in the cultural programme of what will be a very important year for Perth.

The Trust also plans to continue to build on the success of its popular publication series and is looking to produce a guide to the origins and history of **Blackford** with the Blackford Historical Society. In addition, 2010 will see the Trust's first major publication: the **Carpow logboat monograph**, produced by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland and funded by Historic Scotland. In parallel with this, the Trust also intends to produce a complementary popular publication, to include the reconstruction logboat made on Loch Tay in 2009, provisionally entitled ***The Carpow Logboat: A Bronze Age Vessel brought to life.***

In March, the Trust agreed to partner with **Perth Young Archaeologists' Club**, a branch of the national Young Archaeologists' Club (YAC) co-ordinated by the Council for British Archaeology and supported by Archaeology Scotland. The Trust has supported Perth YAC with grants aid over the past five years however by hosting the branch and providing an in-kind contribution of staff time, Perth YAC will be on a firmer footing to develop and continue offering opportunities for youngsters between eight and 16 to experience archaeology and their local heritage.

Grant Guidelines

Conservation Grants

The Trust, on behalf of the Council and other funders, awards major grants for eligible works to deal with the problem of 'conservation deficit' at significant buildings. The Trust supports more major conservation regeneration schemes in conjunction with the Council, the Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic Scotland. Major regeneration schemes are currently operating in Coupar Angus and Blair Atholl and 50% to 90% of eligible project costs can be supported. Further consideration will be given to providing further support to potential major schemes in Kinross and Perth depending on partnership support.

Other Grants

The Trust may also 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.



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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