





## 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 the Gannochy Trust and Perth and Kinross Council with this support 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 2014 to the end of March 2015. For further information, please visit [www.pkht.org.uk](http://www.pkht.org.uk)



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*Cover image:* The Glenshee Archaeology Project heritage fair, Blairgowrie in August 2014. Trust volunteers, medieval re-enactors, place-name experts and soils scientists were joined by the local community to provide a day-long celebration of the ancient past of Glenshee and Strathardle. The event was visited by around 800 people who learned from craft workers about ancient woodworking, metalworking, cooking and building, while archaeologists and specialists shared how the information is recovered.

The Trustees consists of the following representatives nominated by the Gannochy Trust (GT), Perth and Kinross Council (PKC) and Perth Civic Trust (PCT):

**Cllr Dave Cuthbert (PKC)**  
**Mrs Sue Hendry (PCT)** *Chairman*  
**Mr David Rice (GT)**  
**Mr Tony Simpson (PCT)**  
**Mr Mark Webster (GT)**  
**Cllr Gordon Walker (PKC)** *as of December 2014*  
**Cllr Anne Younger (PKC)** *until December 2014*

**Trust staff** for the period:

**Manager/Archaeologist:** David Strachan MCIfA

**Conservation Architect:**

Andrew Driver RIAS RIBA

**Heritage Officer:** Sarah Malone

**Heritage Officer (maternity cover):**

Sarah Winlow as of December 2014

**Lifelong Learning Officer:** Barbara Hamilton  
*until July 2014+*

*+one year secondment from Education and Children's Services, PKC.*

**Tay Landscape Partnership Scheme staff**

**Scheme Manager:** Shirley Paterson

**Historic Environment Officer:**

Sophie Nicol

**Access and Biodiversity Officer:**

Catriona Davies

**Learning and Interpretation Officer:**

Lisa Snedden

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Lindsey Gibb

**Supporting staff** for the period:

**Secretary:** Gillian Taylor (PKC)

**Deputy Treasurer:** Sandy Rattray (PKC)

**Secretary:** Paula Frazer (PKC)

**Deputy Treasurer:** Jane Moy (PKC)

**Technical Advisers:** John McCrone  
(PKC: The Environment Service)

Helen Smout

(PKC: Education and Children's Services)

The auditors are Johnston Carmichael, Perth.

## Chairman's Report



Once again I am delighted to introduce our Annual Report of the Trust, outlining the various aspects of our work to bring economic, social and educational benefit while securing a future for the area's rich archaeological sites and historic buildings.

As usual the Trust has had a particularly busy year and overall it has been most successful. *Perth and Kinross Archaeology Month* had a number of interesting and well attended events. We were pleased to be working on the *Glenshee Archaeology Project* again which is proving to have many followers and is providing much to communities in the area. *Doors Open Day* in September saw, once again, a number of interesting buildings opened up to the public.

The Trust's two major ongoing initiatives, the *Perth City Heritage Fund* and the *Tay Landscape Partnership* scheme both feature prominently in our work. The Tay Landscape Partnership has had a particularly busy time getting various projects organised and the enthusiasm and hard work of all the team are to be applauded. The work of the City Heritage Fund is progressing well and we were delighted to receive confirmation of a second tranche of funding from Historic Scotland. Work on the Cunningham Graham Close is well under

way and we look forward to seeing the finished result. Regular requests for funding are received and we hope we can help bring improvement to some of the sadly derelict buildings in our city centre.

The past year has also seen a change of Trustee again. Councillor Anne Younger unfortunately had to step down but we were delighted to welcome Councillor Gordon Walker as her replacement. Gordon's background is in Education which will, we hope, be beneficial to the Trust as we try to increase our dealings with young people.

We have also seen some staff changes in the past year. Sarah Malone, our Heritage Officer, is currently on Maternity Leave having had her second baby – congratulations Sarah - and we were delighted to welcome back Sarah Winlow, our previous Heritage Officer, who is covering Sarah Malone's Maternity Leave. Barbara Hamilton who was on secondment from Perth and Kinross Council as our Lifelong Learning Officer, came to end of her time with us and we can only thank her for her enthusiasm and hard work.



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As usual I could not possibly end my contribution to this report without thanking our Manager, David Strachan, and all the staff and volunteers for their enthusiasm and efforts carried out to help us achieve our objectives.

**Sue Hendry,**  
*Chairman*



## Grants

The Scottish Government funds seven City Heritage Trusts through Historic Scotland to address the dilapidation of historic buildings and thereby foster economic regeneration in Scotland's cities. *The Perth City Heritage Fund*, administered by the Trust since 2012, has supported, over the period of this report, 10 projects within the two conservation areas of Central Perth and Kinnoull. These included initiation of a large-scale project at The Cunningham Graham Close at 13-19 High Street, repairs to 'John Buchan's' house in York Place, and smaller shopfront improvements such as Oxfam in South Street and the office of The Courier in George Street. Overall, the first tranche of the fund, 2012-15, through a total of 24 individual grants has delivered:

- *9 units of unused or substandard accommodation brought back into use.*
- *4 charities assisted with repairs and improvements.*
- *364 m2 of long- term vacant floor space brought into commercial use.*
- *138 m2 of commercial space in dilapidated buildings improved.*
- *177 timber sash and case windows refurbished or reinstated.*
- *173 m of gutters refurbished or reinstated.*
- *4 historic buildings re-slatted.*
- *7 historic shop-fronts repaired or reinstated (picture below).*
- *More than £930,000 invested in property improvements in Perth.*

A second tranche of funding has been secured to run from April 2015 to 2018. Several large projects are in early development stages and there is no shortage of suitable candidates for future support.



Roofing work at The Cunningham Graham Close, 13-19 High Street (L) and 'John Buchan's' house in York Place (R).



Shopfront improvements at the Oxfam bookshop, 118 South Street, Perth.



Grant-aided restoration now in use at The Courier, George Street, Perth.

The wider Perth and Kinross area *Historic Building Grant scheme* has supported the Coupar Angus Townscape Heritage Initiative since its outset and the year saw completion of the project at the Royal Hotel and Bar completed. Other grants support was offered for re-roofing works at three churches: Kinnaird, Kirkmichael and St Stephen's, Blairgowrie.

In 2014, the Trust has started a small community grant scheme, with funds provided by the *Friends of Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust*, to support local groups to carry out new or existing heritage projects with grants of up to £100, and in the year reported, grant offers were made to Abernethy Heritage Group, Kinross Museum and Dunning Community Trust.



## Projects

Following the 2012 pilot project, the second season of the *Glenshee Archaeology Project*, a two-year programme of community archaeology supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Gannochy Trust, Cairngorms National Park and Historic Scotland, was carried out. Delivered in partnership with Northlight Heritage, the excavations of the early medieval longhouses at Lair involved local volunteers and both secondary and tertiary level students, and bespoke activities for pupils from both Pitlochry and Blairgowrie High Schools. The excavations focused on a further longhouse, uncovering a hearth evidence of stone robbing from nearby prehistoric sites, with the full report published online at [www.glenshee-archaeology.co.uk](http://www.glenshee-archaeology.co.uk).

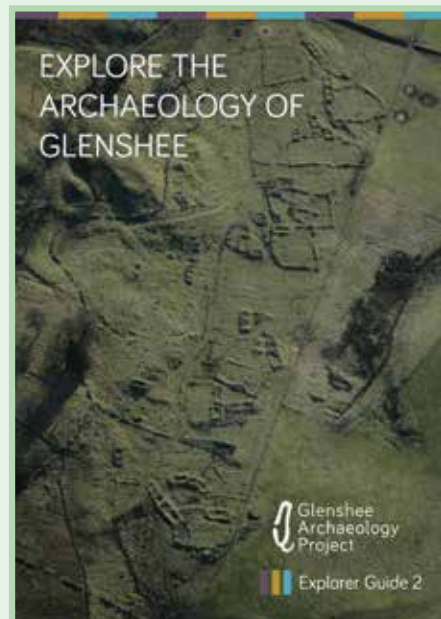
The project's key outreach event took place in Blairgowrie in August 2014, a Living History Fair in the Wellmeadow park to promote the early medieval heritage of the area and the results of the archaeological excavations at Lair. The public were presented with Living history re-enactors, craft-folk, environmental scientists, archaeologists, place-name specialists, and local history societies and groups engaged with the public through activities such as storytelling, pot-making, woodcraft, blacksmithing, and the opportunity to handle original finds from the Glenshee excavations. Attended by over 700 members of the public the event received very positive feedback. Finally, the project produced an A5 fold-out leaflet to promote the archaeology of Glenshee to residents and visitors, highlighting 8 sites to visit. 10,000 copies were distributed through museums, libraries, Visitor Information Centres and through Cateran Trail outlets.



Friends of York Archaeological Trust visit the excavations.



Some of the 700 attendees at the Blairgowrie Heritage Fair in August 2014.



Some of the volunteers from the 2014 excavations at Lair, Glenshee.



The *Tay Landscape Partnership* is a £2.6 million initiative, led by Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust in partnership with Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust, Perth and Kinross Council and the Gannochy Trust. The Heritage Lottery Fund provides £1.4 million support with other major funding bodies including: Historic Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage, The Robertson Trust and the Esmée Fairbairn foundation.



Income for 2014-15 was £365,840 and expenditure was £278,753, while over 380 hours of in-kind contributions has been provided by our lead Partners and over 1,600 hours from volunteers. Over the year, the scheme has delivered the following projects through four programmes of work with the aim of providing social, economic and environmental benefits for both residents and visitors:

#### *TLP: Conserving and Restoring*

- Survey and training excavation at Moncreiffe hillfort with 20 volunteers and 5 professional staff.
- Repair of a 200 year old 2-storey section of a clay wall from Carse vernacular building.
- Consent sought for emergency repairs at Kinfauns Aisle with roof and bat survey.
- 50 site management plans completed identifying habitat locations for priority biodiversity species.
- 300 bat and bird boxes purchased with over 175 installed.

Community excavations at Moncreiffe Hillfort.



Catriona Davies takes delivery of 341 bat and bird boxes.

Stone conservator Eric Waanders inspects the lintel inscription "a mud building is a defence" at Horn Farm (© Becky Little)



Kinfauns churchyard  
Historic Building  
Recording work

#### *TLP: Community Participation*

- Riparian mammal survey completed to inform future watercourse.
- Grants to Tay Ringing Group and Braes of Carse Conservation Group for monitoring equipment.
- Recording of oral histories at Errol Primary School and Abernethy Museum.
- 6 days field walking with 16 volunteers and workshop at the McManus Galleries, Dundee.



# Projects

## TLP: Access and Learning

- 420 people celebrated the fruit heritage at Megginch historic orchard and walled garden, Glendoick Garden Centre, and Cairn O'Mohr winery: bee keeping, tours, fruit identification, juice-making and local produce market.
- 224 school children participated in heritage projects: storytelling at Megginch clay house building at Errol Primary School, wildlife of Perth Lade, and archaeological field walking.
- Work with the Friends of Abernethy Museum to promote this tourist attraction.
- Improved 6km of footpath signage and drainage between Cottown and Port Allen.
- Gathered information, with the support of experts, for future development of the Canoe Trail venture
- Launched a new website which allows our supporters to browse projects and for volunteers to book events online: [www.taylp.org](http://www.taylp.org)



Volunteer archaeological field-walking group at Pitroddie.



Primary 7 from Abernethy primary school, field-walk and learn about the Mesolithic through the Michelle Paver novel 'Wolf Brothers'.

Fun at the Fort: a family day on Moncreiffe hill.



The Fruit Festival at Megginch Orchard and Walled Garden, Carse of Gowrie  
(© Hazel Rogers).





### TLP: Training Skills

- 4 orchard work parties and 1 training workshop with 36 volunteers and 11 trainees.
- 2 volunteers trained to complete a clay building audit of Errol.
- Plans to bring Earth Buildings UK's international CLAYFEST to Scotland kick-started with a community clay coffee morning attended by 60 people.
- Awarded four bursaries in archaeology, landscape art and orchard skills.
- Completed a Woodland Management and Coppice Survey, producing 10 site management plans for future skills training.
- Facilitated a Modern Apprentice who begun training to complete an SVQ in Business and Administration.



Fruit Harvest at Elcho Castle.

- 1 guest speaker • 9 outreach days • 7 heritage events
- 12 contractors • 530 members • 97 volunteers
- 441 attendees at festivals • 236 volunteer days
- 12 educational events • 224 school pupils involved
- 1,658 volunteer hours • 15 presentations & talks to groups

In addition to the Glenshee and Tay projects, smaller projects have included work on the *Cistercian Arch, Coupar Angus*, where almost twenty years ago the Trust repaired the sole upstanding remains, employing an innovative turf capping to the stonework over the gateway. During our recent Historic Churchyards project access and interpretation was improved but the stonework was found to be deteriorating and falling. With grant support from Historic Scotland specialist reports have been completed and a repair and fundraising strategy is now being progressed.

The Trust arranged repainting and gilding of the Listed cast iron *Drinking Fountain, Aberfeldy*, with funds from Perth and Kinross Council, enhancing the former dull black paintwork. The basin and surmounting pierced dome on four columns was installed in 1885 and is a focal piece of the town square.



Clay Heritage Community Coffee Morning, Errol Village Hall (© Angus Findlay).

## Planning Archaeology Service

The Trust provides the *planning archaeology service* to Perth and Kinross Council's Environment Service ensuring that development is carried out in line with national planning policy for the protection of the historic environment. Over the year this has involved the detailed checking of 81 planning applications and the recommendation of 52 archaeological conditions. These recommendations and those from past years have resulted in 26 archaeological interventions over the year, ranging from surveys to archaeological monitoring and full-scale excavation with associated post-excavation analysis and dissemination of results.

The excavation of the *Carmelite Friary of Tullilum* resumed in July after being 'mothballed' for six years as result of the recession. Prior to work commencing onsite, PKHT ensured an interim Data Structure Report was produced and that the developer committed to funding all outstanding post-excavation costs. Derek Hall, the site director for the current excavations and those in 2008, has focussed on the investigation of the friary church, its cloister and the western ranges. Key discoveries include evidence for the systematic post-Reformation demolition of the friary, a substantial redesign of the church by the Bishop of Dunkeld in the late 14th century and a pre-friary chapel or church. Preservation of organic remains

is good, with the recovery of over 100 burials, some with evidence for 'translation' (where burials are removed and reinterred in a different location), with artificial limbs, and with artefacts, such as personal items and, uniquely, wooden staffs.

Following an excavation in 2012 of a small Bronze Age cemetery on the site on the new *Primary School on Broich Road in Crieff*, archaeological monitoring during further groundworks revealed a second prehistoric ritual and funerary site. This enigmatic monument was made up of a circular enclosure some 14m in diameter, defined by large oval pits and postholes. Around and inside the circle were two large pits filled with burned material, five burial cists and five cremation burials. The post-excavation analysis will help to build up a picture of Bronze Age ritual and funerary practices on these south-facing terraces above the river Earn, that appear to have been a focus for prehistoric activity; one of half a dozen such places in Perth and Kinross.

The micro-siting and monitoring of the construction of an underground cable from Girron, near Amulree to Fendoch brought to a close the archaeological fieldwork involved in the construction of the *Beaully to Denny electrical power-line* and post-excavation analysis is underway.



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Excavation of the western range of the Carmelite Friary of Tullilum, Riggs Road, Perth.

An arrowhead is uncovered from a Bronze Age grave at the new Primary School, Crieff (courtesy of CFA Archaeology Ltd).





## Learning and Engagement

*Perth and Kinross Archaeology Month (PKAM) 2014* took place from the 31 May until the end of June and presented 38 bespoke events; seven of which were delivered by Trust, with the remaining by Perth Museum and Art Gallery, the Scottish Crannog Centre, the University of Glasgow, both the Tay and Living Lomonds Landscape Partnerships, and several local societies and trusts. Key events over the month were the Trust's day-long history and heritage market in King Edward Street, Perth, the work of the Glenshee Archaeology Project, and various projects presented by the Landscape Partnerships.

Around 1,000 people attended the King Edward Street 'History and Heritage Fair' alone, to engage with 20 stalls with attractions ranging from museums and local history groups to living history re-enactors such as *The Antonine Guard and Fire and Sword*. The event proved to be a great success in attracting new audiences to local heritage institutions and initiatives, and overwhelmingly positive feedback was received in evaluation.

"We are fortunate to have such a well thought out Archaeology event. It is the envy of other parts of the country and does much to boost the status of Perth and Kinross."

*feedback from Place-Names along the Loch Level Heritage Trail event.*



Legionaries of The Antonine Guard celebrate the area's Roman past at the King Edward Street heritage market in Perth.

The Trust also provided a number of archaeological guided walks in partnership with community-based Crieff and Strathearn's Drovers' Tryst walking festival and the Perthshire Amber music festival led by singer-songwriter Dougie MacLean.



International visitors enjoy a visit to the Queen's View through the Perthshire Amber music festival.

*The Doors Open Days (DOD)* programme for 2014, widely distributed through libraries, museums, visitor attractions, VisitScotland Information Centres and local businesses, included 53 bespoke events across the area over the weekend of the 20-21 September. With many events booked to full capacity Scottish Civic Trust's evaluation for Perth and Kinross estimate at total of 66 'days open' visited by around 4,000 people, with events being supported by 51 professional staff working 281 hours and 226 volunteers working 1,134 hours. Highlights included St Johns Kirk tower, Castle Huntly Open Prison, Cairn O Mohr Winery and special events at St Ninian's Cathedral, Cultybraggan camp, and Megginch Orchard and Walled Garden, which hosted a fruit festival delivered through the Tay Landscape Partnership Scheme.

"Doors Open Day went extremely well... It's one of my favourite days of the year to deliver because our guests are always highly interested. Thank you for including us again this year."

Veronica Formosa-Hamilton  
Waste Awareness Coordinator  
Perth & Kinross Council

## Learning and Engagement

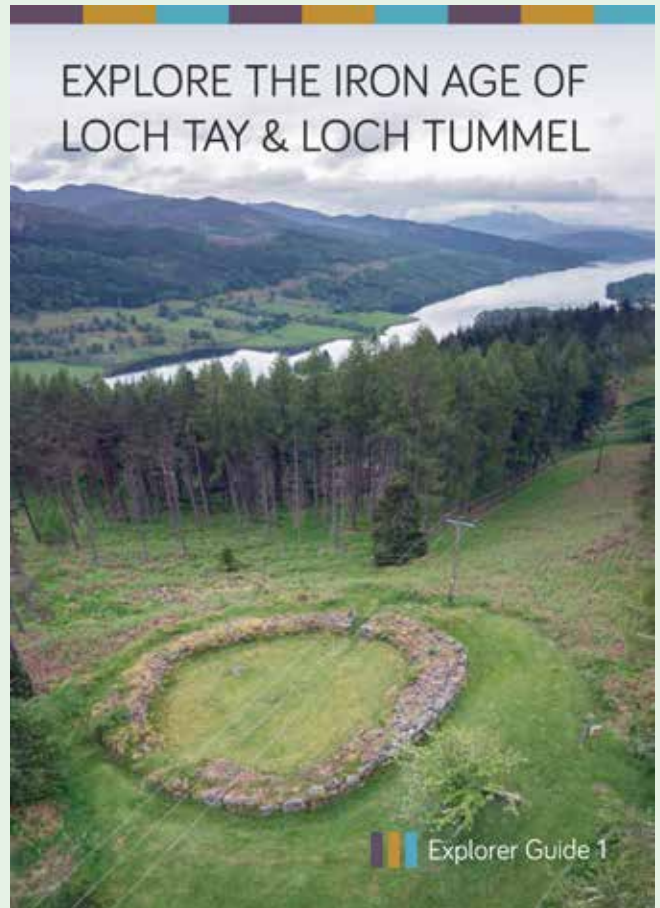


Doors Open: visitors take the view from St John's Kirk tower, Perth, and the bell machinery within.



Doors Open: visitors prepare to explore the ancient Yew tree outside Castle Huntley Open Prison.

Finally, a companion to the Glenshee heritage explorer leaflet mentioned above was produced to promote *the Iron Age of Loch Tay and Loch Tummel*. Developed in partnership with Forestry Commission Scotland and the Scottish Crannog Centre, the leaflet promotes 9 sites to visit and thus with the Glenshee leaflet offers walking guides to highland Perthshire west and east of the Tay respectively. The leaflets have been distributed through museums, local libraries, Forestry Commission Scotland and the Scottish Crannog Centre.





## Looking Ahead

A significant role for the Trust will be as lead partner in the *Tay Landscape Partnership* (TayLP) and in supporting the delivery of projects with our partners Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust, the Gannochy Trust, and Perth and Kinross Council. A suite of inter-connected projects are planned for delivery over the next 3 years, many of which are outwith our usual remit. These include historic orchard conservation, improvements to the path network, farmland biodiversity and countryside skills, and improved access to the Tay reed-beds, including a pilot canoe trail.

The suite of projects focussing on the historic environment, include archaeology projects such as *Hillforts of the Tay*; the *Early Settlers* field-walking project, and the conservation of the Forteviot Pictish stones, as well as historic buildings projects such as *Ancient Abernethy*, *Kinfauns Churchyard* conservation project, and the *Clay Biggins o' the Carse*, that will aim to conserve and promote the earth building tradition that survives on the Carse of Gowrie. The value of integrating these projects and delivering them seamlessly is for the enjoyment of a public who want to experience the countryside as a whole. It is one of the key strengths to this ambitious celebration of what is arguably one of the most iconic landscapes in Perth and Kinross.

In addition to our annual life-long learning events of *Doors Open Days* and *Archaeology Month*, it is hoped that the success to date of the *Glenshee Archaeology Project* will attract further funding for a 2-year project focussing on the remaining unexcavated longhouse at Lair site, again combining archaeological research, education and training in the field for primary, secondary and university level students, as well as ling-long learners.

The *Perth City Heritage Fund* is set to continue as a major work stream for the Trust over the period 2015-18 with confirmation of continued Historic Scotland funding over that period. The Trust is working with owners to develop projects on several significant buildings, including at 1-5 George Street, and will also seek to provide investment on a smaller scale such as for shop fronts, chimney and window repairs. The Trust plans to appoint a Historic Buildings Development Officer to aid with the fund, while initiating new projects focussing on historic buildings and training in traditional historic building skills.

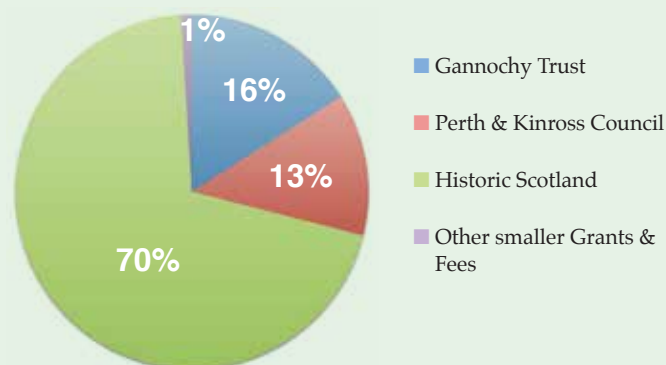


Planning has been ongoing for work through The Perth City Heritage Fund at 1-5 George Street, Perth.

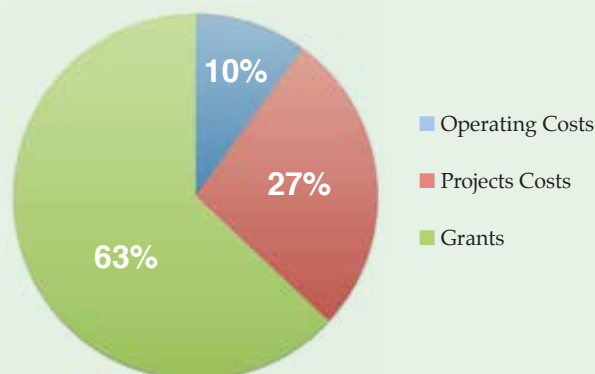
# Financial Report

## Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust

### Analysis of Income 2014/2015

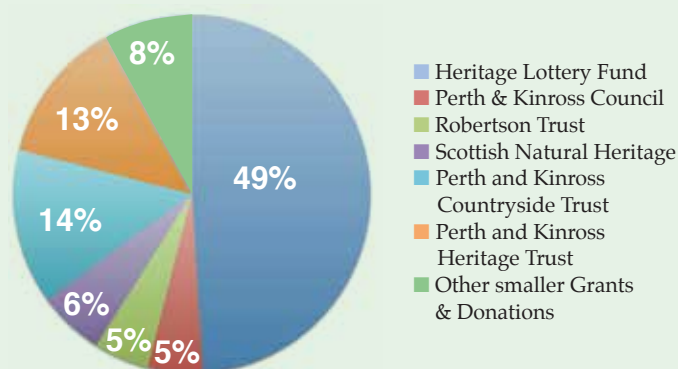


### Analysis of Expenditure 2014/2015

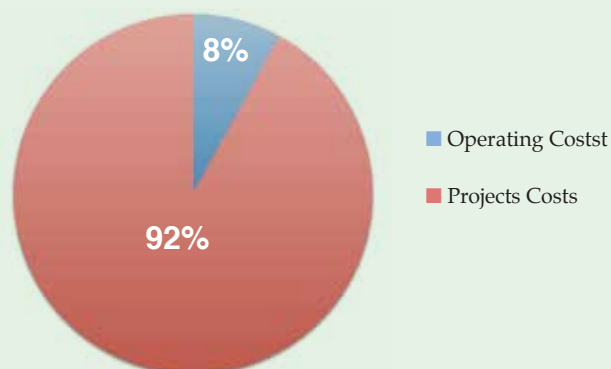


## Tay Landscape Partnership

### Analysis of Income 2014/2015



### Analysis of Expenditure 2014/2015



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

The Trust's total income for the financial year 2014/2015 amounted to £985,957. The two largest contributors during the year have been Historic Scotland and the Heritage Lottery Fund. Historic Scotland provided support for the Perth City Heritage Fund and the Heritage Lottery Fund is the major contributor to the Tay Landscape Partnership. Other major contributors to the Trust's activities were once again the Gannochy

Trust and Perth and Kinross Council. The Trust appreciates the founding partners' continuing support. The Trust also appreciates funding from all other sources.

The Trust's expenditure in 2014/2015 totalled £736,839, which resulted in a net operating surplus for the year of £249,118.

The net assets of the Trust amounted to £819,690 as at 31st March 2015.

## Consolidated Income & Expenditure Account

### Year ended 31st March 2015

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2015 £	Total Funds 2014 £
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	53,592	194,460	248,052	101,854
Interest and Investment income	1,066	0	1,066	439
Other Recognised Gain	0	0	0	17,815
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	54,658	194,460	249,118	120,108

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal. In respect of the Trust this relates to the Historic Building Grants Scheme, Tay Landscape Partnership, Perth City Heritage Fund, Glenshee Excavation Fund, Lower City Mills Option Appraisal, History and Heritage Market Fund and Friends of Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust Grants Fund.



## Consolidated Balance Sheet

### Year ended 31st March 2015

	2015 £	2014 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Tangible Assets	73,500	75,000
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Debtors	114,385	13,151
Cash at Bank and In Hand	815,213	590,571
	<u>929,598</u>	<u>603,722</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	(119,908)	(108,150)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<u>809,690</u>	<u>495,572</u>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>	883,190	570,572
Deferred Income	(63,500)	0
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>819,690</u>	<u>570,572</u>
<b>Funds</b>		
Restricted	459,153	264,693
Unrestricted		
Designated	130,541	135,05
Other	229,996	170,828
	<u>819,690</u>	<u>570,572</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The audit was conducted in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

### Opinion on accounts

In our opinion the accounts:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st March 2015 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

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