



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 Perth and Kinross. Founded by The Gannochy Trust, Perth and Kinross Council, and Perth Civic Trust, PKHT continues to be supported by The Gannochy Trust and Perth and Kinross Council, leveraging additional funding from other sources for specific projects and activities.

A Company Limited by Guarantee (Reg. No. 111258) and a Scottish Charity (SC003139), our registered office over the reporting period was:
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Perth Civic Trust



The Trust achieves its objectives through the delivery of projects, consultancy work, and through a range of outreach initiatives. **This report covers April 2018 to the end of March 2019. For further information, including our Strategic Plan 2017-2022, please visit www.pkht.org.uk**

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Front cover: Viking and Pictish re-enactors from Regia Anglorum at the Picts in the Park event in Dunkeld, part of the King's Seat Archaeology project (photo: Bart Masiukiewicz).

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Our Board of Trustees in March 2018.

Once again I am delighted to introduce our annual report, recording yet another successful and busy year for the Trust. We have been pleased to welcome two new staff members – Daniel Postma, as our Skills Training Officer, and Clare Henderson, our Development Management Archaeologist, who is providing maternity cover for Sophie Nicol, our Historic Environment Officer. Elaine Dunmore, our Management Accountant, departed in January 2019 and we are delighted to have secured Finlaysons Chartered Accountants to provide us with financial services since February.

The year saw completion of the **Tay Landscape Partnership** and we were sorry to bid farewell to Shirley Paterson, the Scheme Manager. Both the TayLP team, and all Trust staff involved, are to be congratulated – the statistics from the project are impressive as outlined both in this report and the TayLP evaluation report. Altogether a very successful project. We were delighted to receive confirmation of the third tranche of **City Heritage Funding** from Historic Environment Scotland and our Historic Buildings Development Manager, Sara Carruthers, has been working hard to help make significant improvements to the streetscape of Perth, however there is still much to do!

In line with our Strategic Plan we have continued our programme of **traditional building skills training** to good effect, while our annual outreach highlight **Doors Open Day** was once again a great success. Our archaeology projects continue with the **King's Seat** community dig in Dunkeld, and with the development of the **Archaeological Research Framework** for the area, an important document which will help to shape research over the coming decades.

Exciting times lie ahead for the Trust as we consider again a move to the **Lower City Mills** in Perth, and a bright future is on the horizon. As usual I could not finish my report without thanking our other Trustees, David Strachan, our Director, and all the staff for their hard work and enthusiasm with all that we do.

Sue Hendry
Chairman

PROJECTS

The historic environment has tremendous potential to foster economic and social benefit and the Trust's ongoing **Perth City Heritage Fund**, enables historic properties in Perth to become active, vibrant places which create employment, become comfortable and secure homes, and provide a positive and inspiring setting for daily life.



Ongoing since 2012, it is supported by Scottish Government through Historic Environment Scotland (HES), and is one of seven similar schemes operating in Scotland's cities. Economic regeneration is enabled by assisting owners of historic buildings with grant aid towards high quality repairs using traditional materials, and by promoting conservation best practice within the Perth Centre and Perth Kinnoull Conservation Areas. HES funding is provided in three-year tranches, and a number of projects assisted over 2015-2018 drew to completion during this year; a highlight being repairs to the C listed tenement at 36 Princes Street.



36 Princes Street: before work began and nearing practical completion in early 2019 (left: above and below); and a replacement lintel ready for installation.

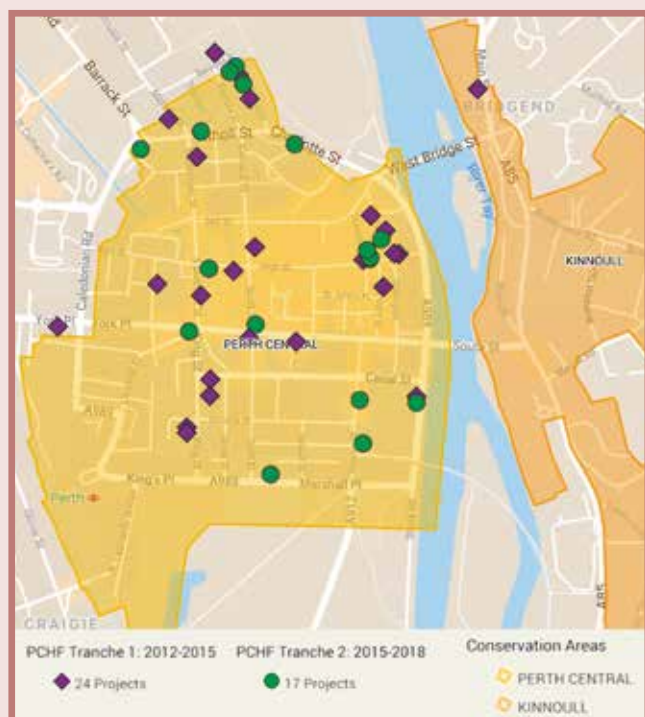
A third funding tranche of £750,000 has been secured to continue the scheme over 2018-2021, with a key theme of encouraging comprehensive common repairs to historic tenements in multiple ownership, offering guidance in the formation of owners associations, and where appropriate, providing grant assistance. Tranche 3 was confirmed by HES in late July 2018, and so focus in the remainder of year one has been on promoting the scheme and encouraging owners to develop projects. A grant offer was made, towards comprehensive roof repairs, at 11-14 Rose Terrace and a start is expected on site in late spring 2019.



Through the fund, the Trust continues to coordinate the Traditional Buildings Skills Roadshow for secondary school pupils and members of the public over two days in September in Perth city centre. In addition, a series of six IHBC-accredited seminars for professionals, on aspects of architectural conservation, and a seminar on traditional building maintenance for property owners have been delivered, the latter in collaboration with Perth Solicitors Property Centre.



Continued Professional Development (CPD) seminar by Trustee Neil Grieve (left) and property owners traditional building maintenance seminar (right).



The impact of Tranches 1 and 2 over 2012-18.

PROJECTS

The four year **Tay Landscape Partnership (TayLP)** project concluded in December 2018 with the final submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund (now the National Lottery Heritage Fund). This £2.6 million initiative was led by the Trust and delivered in partnership with Perth

and Kinross Countryside Trust, Perth and Kinross Council and the Gannochy Trust. The full impact of the scheme is presented in the final evaluation report which can be found at www.taylp.org.

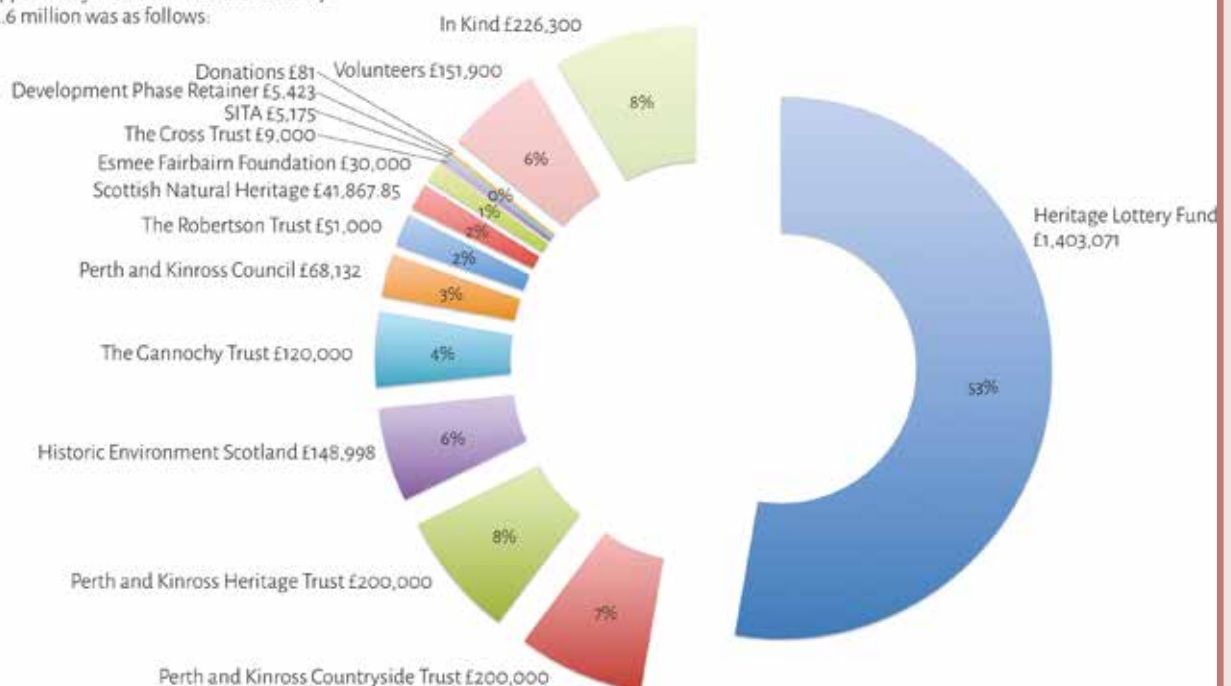


The Trust is grateful to the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Historic Environment Scotland, The Gannochy Trust, Scottish Natural Heritage,

The Robertson Trust, Esmee Fairbairn Foundation, Perth and Kinross Council, and The Cross Trust who supported the project:

Income

TayLP was supported by 11 funders and the make-up income of £2.6 million was as follows:



The TayLP celebrated the unique natural and cultural heritage of the Tay and Earn estuaries by conserving, restoring and improving access to a range of assets through projects

focussing on archaeology, historic buildings, conserving historic orchards, biodiversity and wildlife, paths and trails, interpretation, learning and training.



The TayLP worked closely with a wide range of local stakeholders to support social, economic and environmental benefits. Monitoring and

maintenance and the TayLP legacy will remain a key task for the Trust over the next decade.



The impact of the TayLP from 2014-18; and the Hillforts of the Tay project, which attracted nearly 70% of all volunteer involvement, equating to 1,592 days in total (aerial view by Ken Ward).

PROJECTS

The second season of community archaeological excavation took place in September 2018 at the King's Seat hillfort, Dunkeld. Funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the SSE Griffin Community Fund and The Gannochy Trust, the **King's Seat Archaeology Project** is a partnership with Dunkeld and Birnam Historical Society and delivered as part of Scottish Archaeology Month. Over 50 local volunteers learn new skills while exploring this important, though little understood site. They were joined by pupils from the Royal School of Dunkeld primary school and Breadalbane Academy, along with UHI undergraduate archaeology students.

The *Picts in the Park* living history fair took place in Dunkeld as part of the project and allowed residents and visitors to engage with re-enactors to explore Pictish technology, weaponry, storytelling and hands-on traditional skills, while archaeologists provided talks, artefact handling, and place-name research.



The Picts in The Park event, Dunkeld (photos by Bart Masiukiewicz).

Following the final season of community archaeological excavations through the **Glenshee Archaeology Project**, work has been ongoing on the final publication, carried out in partnership with Northlight Heritage and the University of Stirling, and supported by Historic Environment Scotland and The Strathmartine Trust.



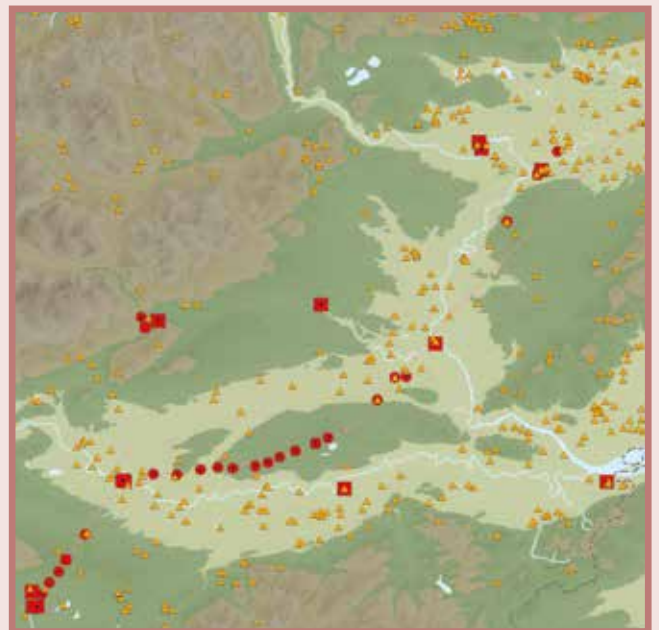
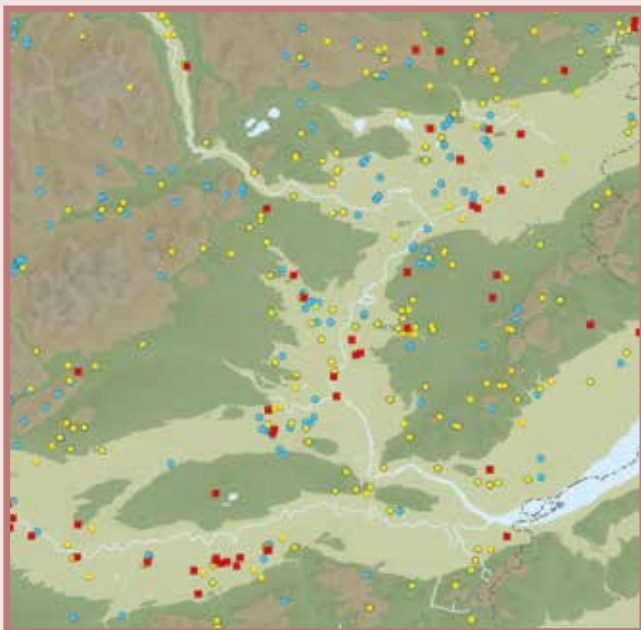
Virtual Reality reconstruction of Lair in Gen Shee by Smart History of The University of St Andrews.

PKARF Perth and Kinross Archaeological Research Framework

In August 2018 the Trust began a 3-year project to produce the **Perth and Kinross Archaeological Research Framework**. The aim is to assess what is known about the area's archaeology, identify knowledge gaps, and establish a series of research priorities to underpin future archaeological research, whether led by development, academic research, or community engagement projects. A steering group of experts from across the heritage sector has been established and work begun on assessing

the Historic Environment Record (HER), while a team of active archaeological researchers have been enlisted as 'Champions' to help inform the production of the framework.

PKARF is designed to complement the *Scottish Archaeological Research Framework* and together they will help inform our understanding of past human activity at regional and national level. The project is funded by Historic Environment Scotland through the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland as part of *Scotland's Archaeology Strategy*.



Extracts from the Perth and Kinross HER: showing known Prehistoric religious, ritual and funerary sites Neolithic (blue), Bronze Age (yellow) and Iron Age (red) (left); and the relationship between known Iron Age native settlements and Roman military sites in red (right).

SKILLS TRAINING

The Trust has appointed a Skills Training Officer to build on our recent successes in the delivery of training projects in line with our current Strategic Plan 2017-22. Our **Building Skills – Inspiring Futures** project aimed to provide social and economic benefit through a series of training placements in basic traditional masonry skills. Directly targeting a skills gap in the building sector this vocational training helps to create pathways for academically disengaged schoolchildren, adults with mental health difficulties and those within the criminal justice system. With funding from Historic Environment Scotland and various smaller funds, the project delivered, in partnership with other organisations, 199 training days to 37 trainees and improvements to historic fabric at Murray Royal walled garden, Castle Huntly open prison and Abernyte churchyard. Participants, trainers, venue managers, parents and teachers all expressed their appreciation for the project, and school children commented:

“This was a brilliant opportunity and I felt very lucky to be able to participate in this course.”

“seriously considering this sort of work to be a career path....”



St John's Academy pupils and trainer racking out cement mortar at Murray Royal Walled Garden, Perth (photo: Craig Frew).



Pupils from St John's Academy learn to repoint a garden wall with hot lime mortar.

CONSULTANCY

The Trust provides a **planning archaeology service** to Perth and Kinross Council's Housing and Environment Service to ensure development is carried out to protect or record the historic environment in line with national planning policy. Screening of planning applications, and subsequent recommendations for archaeological conditions, result in work ranging from archaeological surveys and monitoring, to full-scale excavation, post-excavation analysis and publication.

Standing Building Surveys were carried out at Middlebridge Sawmill, Bridge of Tilt, Kinfauns Church, near Perth, Mucklarie Farmhouse, Snaigow, and at Morenish Chapel, Killin, a memorial chapel built in 1902 with richly symbolic Arts and Crafts decoration.

Archaeological evaluation at Broich Road, Crieff, revealed prehistoric pits of Neolithic date, while at Innerpeffray Library a woodland path near the Roman 'Gask' road was monitored. In

Perth, monitoring at Perth City Hall identified deposits to a depth of 4m during bore-hole and test pitting, while further work at Whitefriars cemetery has been included in an interim report on previous excavations and a post-excavation research design which presents plans for finds analysis and publication.

Transport Scotland carried out further archaeological investigation of Killiecrankie Battlefield comprising landscape analysis, geophysical survey, metal-detecting and trenching, further to objections made on the basis that the impact of the A9 dualling had not been fully established. The Trust was appointed as archaeological curator by Transport Scotland for the A9 Dualling Project, to monitor work carried out by their archaeological contractors, and to date, this has included large scale evaluation from Luncarty to Pass of Birnam, uncovering numerous prehistoric sites, and geotechnical ground investigation monitored between Pitlochry and Glen Garry, and from the Tay Crossing (north of Dunkeld) to Ballinluig.



Archaeological evaluation at Broxy Kennels fort, near Bertha Park, in advance of the proposed Cross Tay Link Road, March 2019: detail shows a section across one of the ditches of this multi-ditched Iron Age enclosure (photo: Red River Archaeology).

OUTREACH



The Trust's key outreach event, **Doors Open Day** was delivered across three weekends in September 2018 and of 55 venues, 9 were new, and included centres of learning past, present and future in line with the

Scottish 'Year of Young People' theme. While overall attendance was slightly less than 2017, there was an increase in under 30's participation and a 7% increase in tourist visitors:

- 55 venues opened for a total of 76 open days, with around 4,552 visits;
- we were supported by 107 professional staff working 629 hours and 259 volunteers, working 1,020 hours;
- 46% of visitors were over 60;
- 31% were aged 35-60;
- 23% were under 30;
- 58% were local visitors/42% tourists.

"The day went extremely well, and there's a very good feeling about Doors Open Day now within Education & Children's Service. It was wonderful to see so many people from the community take an interest in our new school ... Doors Open Day was a fabulous way to really engage parents, pupils and the wider community, bringing the entire project to life."

Stuart Clyde, Headteacher of Bertha Park High School, Perth

"DOD is great for us. The marketing reach of DOD really helps raise awareness of the camp and focusses visitors to come on these days. We have a

really interesting site and just need help reaching our market."

Phil Mestecky, Heritage & Events Manager, Cultybraggan Camp, Comrie



Clockwise from top left: Doors Open programme; 'parading of the prisoners' at Cultybraggan Camp; free admission to the 5-star Black Watch Museum; and family tours for future pupils of the new Bertha Park High School under construction.

LOOKING AHEAD

The confirmation of the third tranche of the **Perth City Heritage Fund** is welcomed by the Trust and will ensure continued regeneration of Perth city centre through conservation until at least 2021. Further, the Trust is seeking to develop a **Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme** for Kinnoull, focussing on Bridgend, to complement this work, and is also hoping to explore the model of the successful Traditional Buildings Health Check Scheme developed and delivered by Stirling City Heritage Trust, with Historic Environment Scotland support, over recent years.

Archaeological projects to be taken forward next year include the **Perth and Kinross Archaeological Research Framework** and the final season of excavation at the **Kings Seat, Dunkeld**, along with final publication of the six

years of excavations carried out through the **Glenshee Archaeology Project**.

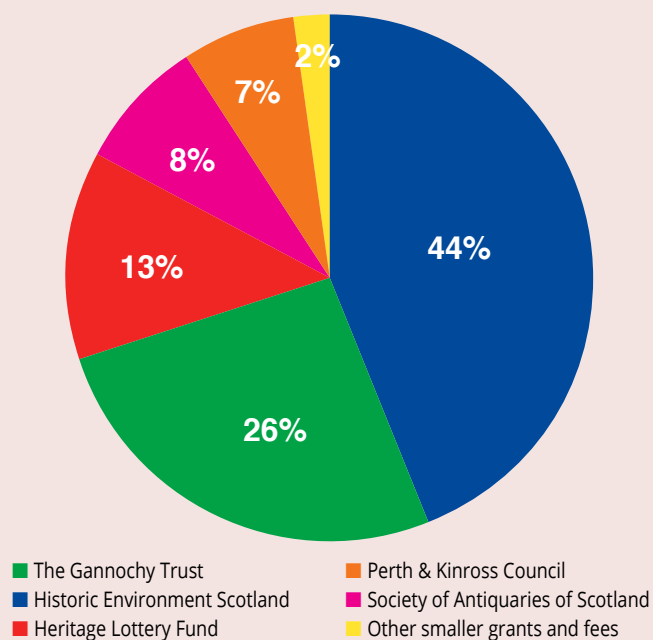
Finally, the Trust submitted a Business Plan to Perth and Kinross Council in October 2018 requesting ownership or lease of the A-listed **Lower City Mills, Perth**. The A-listed mills operated until 1968, and were renovated in 1989 to act as a working mill visitor attraction until 2000/1, after which it has been only partly used as offices for VisitScotland. The Trust carried out a feasibility study in 2013 and has been seeking to develop a project at this important cultural asset since. The proposed project would see the Trust occupy the building as its head-quarters, repairing both the fabric of the building and mill machinery, while improving public access and interpretation of the mills.



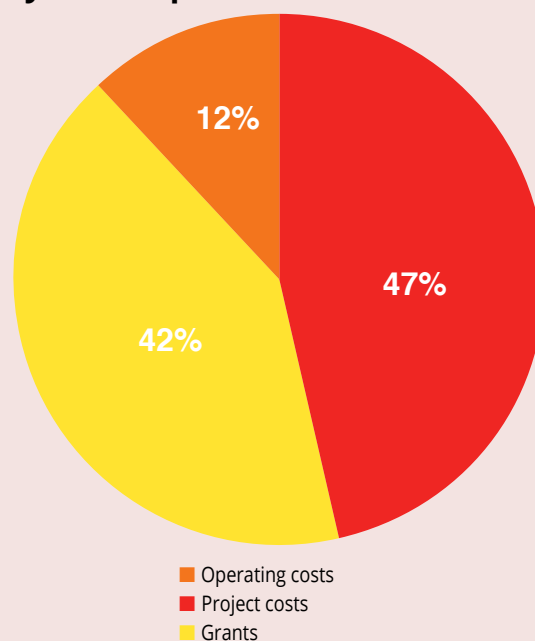
The Lower City Mills, Perth: a new home for the Trust?

FINANCIAL REPORT

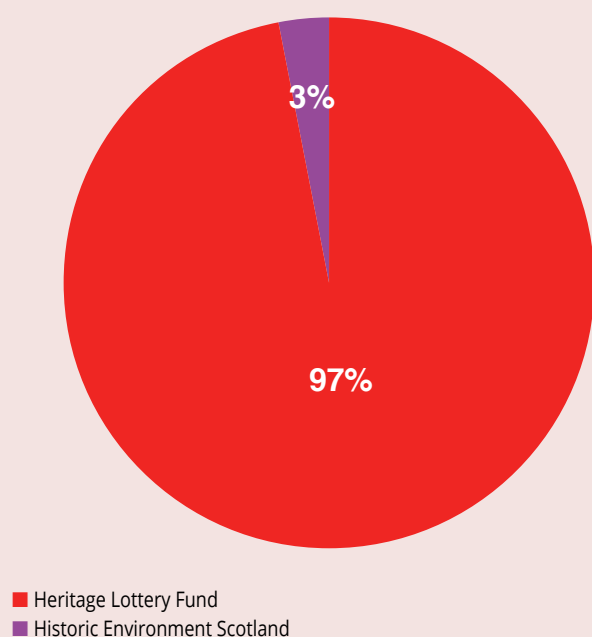
Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust Analysis of Income 2018/2019



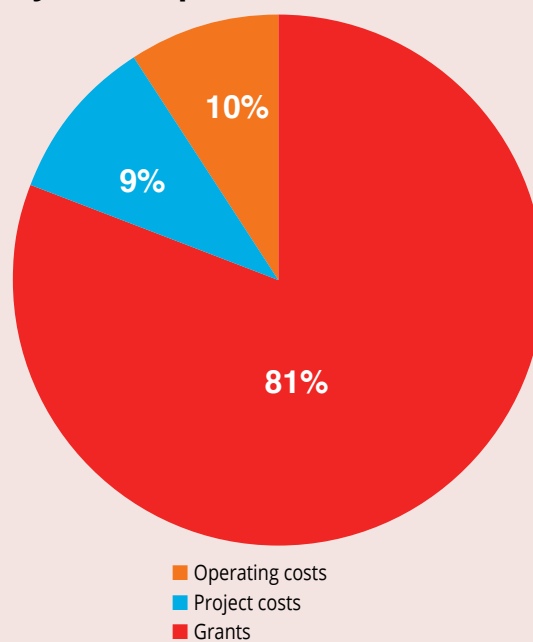
Analysis of Expenditure 2018/2019



Tay Landscape Partnership Analysis of Income 2018/2019



Analysis of Expenditure – 2018/2019



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 2018/2019 amounted to £1,310,289. The three largest contributors during the year have been Historic Environment Scotland, The Gannochy Trust, and The Heritage Lottery Fund. Historic Environment Scotland provided support for the Perth City Heritage Fund and the Heritage Lottery Fund were the major contributor to the Tay Landscape Partnership. Other major contributors to the

Trust's activities were Perth and Kinross Council and the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. The Trust appreciates the continued support of its founding partners' The Gannochy Trust and Perth and Kinross Council, and appreciates funding from all other sources.

The Trust's expenditure in 2018/2019 totalled £557,009, which resulted in a net operating surplus for the year of £753,280.

The net assets of the Trust amounted to £1,640,798 as at 31st March 2019.

Income & Expenditure Account

Year ended 31st March 2019

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £	Total Funds 2018 £
Total income	616,836	0	693,453	1,310,289	873,102
Total expenditure	210,918	0	346,092	557,010	1,017,358
Net income /(expenditure) for the year	827,754	0	1,039,545	1,867,299	-144,256

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 Archaeology Research Framework, Building Preservation Fund, Tay Landscape Partnership, Perth City Heritage Fund, Glenshee Excavation Fund, Kilmagadwood Excavation fund, Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme, Kings Seat Archaeology Project, Traditional Building Skills project and the Building Boats - Inspiring Futures project.

Balance sheet

As at 31st March 2019

	2019 £	2018 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	78,985	69,000
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Current assets		
Debtors	962,906	351,215
Cash at bank and in hand	838,918	696,915
	1,801,824	1,048,130
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	-240,011	-239,612
Net current assets	1,561,813	808,518
Total assets less current liabilities	1,640,798	877,518
Deferred income	-	-
Net assets	1,640,798	877,518
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Restricted funds	834,518	445,950
Unrestricted funds:		
Designated funds	162,992	163,500
General unrestricted funds	615,473	250,253
Revaluation reserve	27,815	17,815
Total charity funds	1,640,798	877,518

Note: Full accounts are available on Companies House website
(<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house>).



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