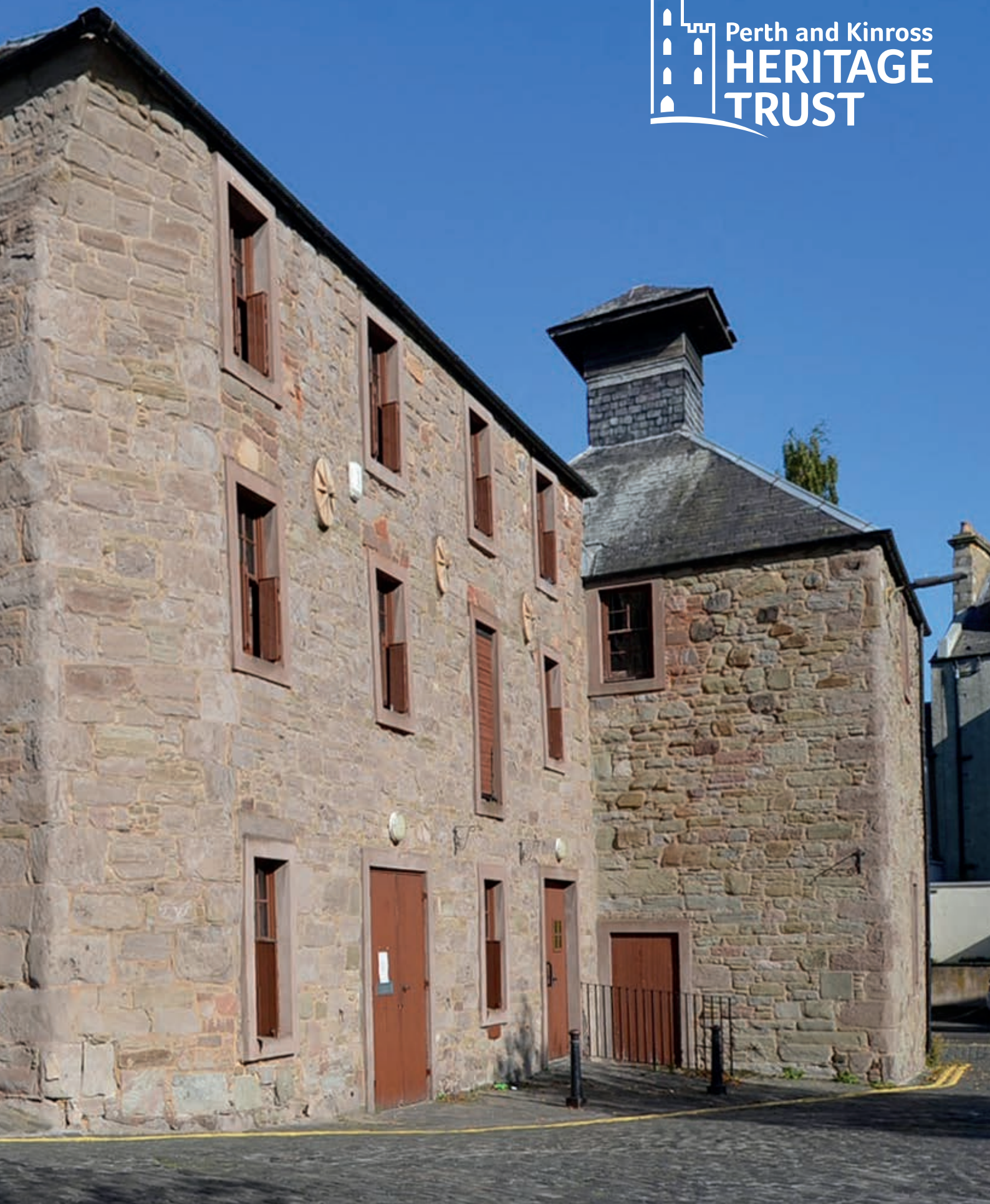


2019-2020 Annual Report



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 is: **The Lower City Mills, West Mill Street, Perth PH1 5QP**



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 2019 to the end of March 2020. For further information, including our Strategic Plan 2017-2022, please visit: www.pkht.org.uk**

The Board of Trustees:

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Historic Buildings Development Manager:

Sara Carruthers BSc (Hons), MA, MCIOB

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Sophie Nicol ACIfA

(maternity leave until mid-Feb 2020)

Development Management Archaeologist:

Clare Henderson BA (Hons) Mlitt

(until mid-Feb 2020)

Research and Engagement Officer:

Gavin Lindsay BA (Hons), MA, PhD

Skills Training Officer

Daniel Postma, MA (Hons) (until Dec 2019)

Historic Environment Record Officer:

Sarah Winlow ACIfA (from Nov 2018)

Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme

Development Officer:

Susie Dibdin Nevo (as of May 2019)

City Mills Development Officer:

Andie Harris (as of Sept 2019)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This report covers an important and exciting period in the Trust's 32-year history with our move to the **Lower City Mills**, Perth, in October 2019 following a long-term lease negotiated with Perth and Kinross Council. The A-listed mills were neglected and in very poor condition throughout the 1970s until restoration work by Perth and Kinross District Council between 1982-88. The Mills were reopened by the Earl of Perth in April 1989 and in 1990 won a Civic Trust Award. The building operated as a working mill and craft centre throughout the 1990s. Sadly from 2000 onwards it saw declining use, maintenance and public accessibility and was added to the Buildings At Risk Register in 2012. In that year, the Trust carried out an options appraisal and feasibility study to make good the previous restoration and bring life once again to the building, and this is the aspiration of the project which we are now developing.

Meanwhile the Trust continues to deliver many established and ongoing projects, including the **Perth City Heritage Fund** in partnership with Perth and Kinross Council and the support of Historic Environment Scotland, the **Perth and Kinross Archaeological Research Framework**, and the community archaeology project at **King's Seat Dunkeld**, amongst others. The launch of the full publication of our **Glenshee Archaeology Project** (above) was a successful event and an appropriate first 'public' event for us in the mill. We have also begun to investigate a Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme for Bridgend and Kinnoull, Perth, and welcome Susie Dibdin Nevo to the team for that purpose. We are sorry to lose Daniel Postma and Clare Henderson and thank them for their contribution to the Trust over the past year and wish them well for the future. We are delighted to welcome back Sophie Nicol, our Historic Environment Manager, from maternity leave.



Sue Hendry at the Glen Shee book launch, November 2019.

Sadly, just as our reporting year was coming to an end the Coronavirus lockdown came into force. This has meant all our staff had to work from home. This does seem to be working well but, obviously, we are keen to return to the Lower City Mills and hope that something can be arranged in the not too distant future. We also look forward to welcoming people to various events at the Mills once restrictions are listed.

The Trust is supported by a wide network of volunteers and I thank in particular, my fellow Trustees for their input over the year, and especially, Colin Longhorn, our Treasurer, Maggie Wilkins and Mike Ballantine, who together form our Management Committee. As usual I could not finish my report without expressing a huge thanks to all our staff, particularly David Strachan our Director, for all their hard work and enthusiasm for what we do.

Sue Hendry
Chairman
May 2020

PROJECTS

The historic environment is of significant economic and social value and our ongoing **Perth City Heritage Fund** enables historic properties in Perth to become active, vibrant workplaces and comfortable, secure homes that provide a positive and inspiring setting for daily life in the city.



The programme is one of seven similar schemes operating in each of Scotland's cities which are supported by the Scottish Government through Historic Environment Scotland and has been operational in Perth since 2012. The scheme aims to stimulate economic regeneration within Perth Centre and Kinnoull Conservation Areas by encouraging owners of historic buildings to undertake high quality repairs using traditional materials and by promoting conservation best practice.



11-14 Rose Terrace: chimney before and after repair.



'The Italian Corner' at 33 Princes Street before and during repairs.

The third funding tranche of £750,000 is being managed by the Trust for the period 2018-2021 and there continues to be high demand from owners for both technical and organisational guidance in taking forward repair schemes as well as grant funding support. In 2019-2020 highlights were offering grant assistance to several worthwhile projects, including comprehensive common repairs to 33 Princes Street, a category C listed tenement which includes The Italian Corner Restaurant and

five flats; comprehensive common repairs to a category B listed tenement known as 57 King Street and 2 Kings Place, a section of the neo-Classical terracing overlooking the South Inch; and 21-23 High Street, a striking two storey shopfront designed in 1905 by Adam Currie and where a first phase of work will include repairs to the first floor windows and cornice. Repairs to the roof and chimneys at 11-14 Rose Terrace has continued throughout the year.



The Dean of Guild Plan of 1902 for 21-23 High Street and before/during repairs.



58 King Street.

PROJECTS



With the support of The Gannochy Trust, we have been developing a funding bid for a **Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) for Bridgend**, within the Kinnoull Conservation Area, Perth. CARS projects establish a 'common fund' from which grant aid is provided to local property owners, businesses and organisations to allow them to carry out high quality repairs and other works to historic properties and shops. The aim of the Bridgend project will be to improve the physical appearance of the area by enhancing the features that make it special and unique, and to create a high quality, vibrant urban environment. If our bid is successful, the funding will be used to:

- **repair and restore important historic buildings to their former glory;**
- **reinstate traditional shopfronts;**
- **improve the public realm;**
- **help local people learn more about their heritage;**
- **provide training and job opportunities linked to the conservation of traditional buildings.**

The Trust has initiated contact with property owners and started compiling justification for our application, including an updated Conservation Area Appraisal. Perth and Kinross Council have also funded an architect to produce condition surveys with estimate costs for key buildings to establish the overall cost of the scheme. A funding full bid will be developed by Autumn 2021, which, if successful, will see a grant scheme established in 2022.



McIntyre's Corner, Bridgend: past and present.

Through the Perth City Heritage Fund, the Trust also coordinated Perth's fourth annual **Traditional Building Skills Roadshow** where young people at career choice stage have the opportunity to try a range of traditional skills under the guidance of professionals. 77 young people from 5 regional secondary schools, Perth College UHI and the Barnardos Works charity, who support youth into employment, attended. Delivered within the pedestrianised city centre, an estimated 290 general public

also stopped to find out more and try traditional skills. Local MSP Murdo Fraser and John Swinney MSP, the Scottish Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, visited to speak with participants, demonstrators and tried the skills for themselves. Event evaluation indicated that 64% of the 53 young people interviewed were interested in a skills career as a result of their experience at the roadshow with 92% keen to have more training opportunities in the future.

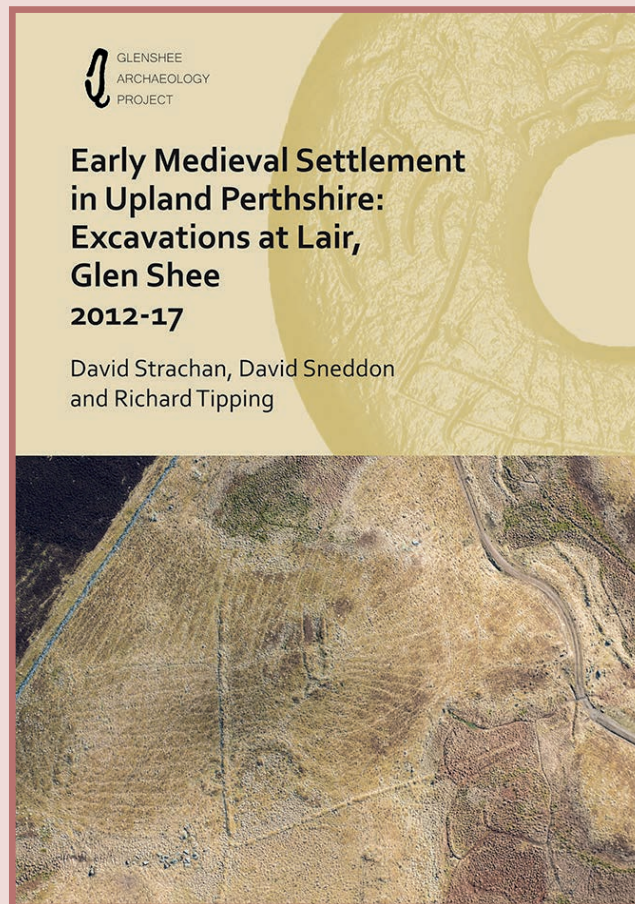
"The pupils from Kinross High had a great experience on their recent trip to the Traditional Skills Roadshow in Perth. This was a unique opportunity for our pupils to find out about the traditional skills and careers that help to maintain and preserve the Historic buildings that we have in Scotland." - Stuart McDonald, Kinross High School CDT Teacher



PROJECTS

The full publication of the **Glenshee Archaeology Project**, was launched as the first major event at the Trust's new offices in Lower City Mills. Around 50 project volunteers, funders, co-authors and contributors gathered to celebrate the

occasion where a keynote endorsement of the publication was received from Prof. Barbara Crawford, Honorary Reader at the University of St Andrews and Chairman of the Strathmartine Trust, who supported the publication.



Prof. Barbara Crawford endorses the Lair publication at its launch in November 2019.

The **King's Seat Archaeology Project**, delivered in partnership with Dunkeld and Birnam Historical Society, saw the third and final season of community archaeology in September 2019 at the King's Seat hillfort, Dunkeld, engaging over 50 local volunteers in this citizen science project. They were joined by undergraduate archaeology students from the University of the Highlands and Islands, and pupils from the Royal School of Dunkeld

primary school and Breadalbane Academy.

Funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the SSE Griffin Community Fund and The Gannochy Trust, the final year of the project will see post-excavation study and publication of the work over the last 3 years, and the production of educational and outreach material in order to share the results with the wider community and visitors to the area.



PROJECTS

The first year of the 3-year **Perth and Kinross Archaeological Research Framework** project has focused on specialists assessing current knowledge with specialists contributing knowledge summaries, identifying gaps and highlighting future research priorities covering human activity in the region from the Mesolithic to Modern periods. A panel of 12 environmental and archaeological science experts has also been established to consider these aspects of archaeological knowledge and advise on how best to integrate them into the wider Framework.

Priorities in Progress was the first major consultation event of the project, held in August 2019 and attended by over 90 people who contributed to thematic workshops initiated by provoking talks delivered by the specialists brought on board at the beginning of the project. The conference successfully encouraged critical and constructive input from a broad range of stake holder representatives, contributing to the creation of an inclusive and effective Framework.



*Trustee Mike Ballantine opens the Priorities in Progress conference
(© Society of Antiquaries of Scotland).*



*Living history re-enactors, representing aspects of the regions archaeology, promote the conference
(© Society of Antiquaries of Scotland).*

PKARF Perth and Kinross
Archaeological
Research
Framework

The project is now in its second year Review Phase with preliminary draft chapters being prepared and released to active researchers, heritage professionals, local community members and interest groups for wider consultation.

The Perth and Kinross Historic Environment Record (PKHER) underpins the planning archaeology service and

many other activities carried out by the Trust. Following an option appraisal, in 2019, of available software for this database and GIS of archaeological sites, historic buildings and significant places, the Trust has migrated the PKHER from proprietary software to open-source software. This switch benefits the Trust in several ways, primarily in that all staff can now access and use the PKHER.

CONSULTANCY

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

Works along the corridor of the A9 between Luncarty and the Pass of Birnam have uncovered an important prehistoric landscape near Loak and Newmill Farm, where a quarry sites near Loak and Newmill Farm produced settlement evidence characterised by pits that indicate a range of timber structures. The

sites also produced quantities of pottery and environmental material that will, in time, inform us on life and subsistence at this time. Access roads for Duntanlich Mine, have also uncovered pits and ditches near Logierait, where initial C14 dates confirm prehistoric and Pictish activity. Alongside large-scale excavations, numerous smaller programmes of monitoring have uncovered finds, including fragments of a Medieval skull from Scone Palace.

Standing Building Surveys were carried out at a variety of historic structures that collectively demonstrate the architectural heritage of the county, including an Edwardian School at Longforgan, a 19th Century Tollhouse in Perth, a WW2 control tower at Balado Airfield, a chapel at Stormontfield, and a disused sawmill at Glengoulandie.



The archaeology of the A9: enormous prehistoric pits, which once held upright timber posts at Newmill Farm on the Luncarty to the Pass of Birnam stretch (© AOC Archaeology Ltd).

OUTREACH

Thirty years of the national **Doors Open Days** festival was celebrated in 2019 with a special arts and entertainment themed programme, delivered in partnership with Perthshire Open Studios. Pairing artists with open doors over two weekends, covering Perth and wider Perth and Kinross, the 36 venues recorded over 4,000 visits, while over 250 volunteers chalked up over 2,000 hours to help make it all happen...

- **4,203 visitors (average 113 per venue; 67% from Perth and Kinross);**
- **57 'Open Days'**
- **Half of visitors aged 51-70 (48%; 0-30 years 9%; 31-50 years 28%; 70+ years 16%);**
- **Events organised by 36 venue staff (273 hours) and 269 volunteers (2,057 hours);**

We saw an increase in visitors came from within Perth and Kinross (58% in 2018), perhaps a result of a large celebratory event at Innerpeffray Library (600 visitors compared to 150 in 2018) and the partnership with Perthshire Open Studios, where, for example, at Pitlochry and Moulin Heritage Centre there was a significant increase in visitors (369 compared to 12 in 2018). The Scottish Civic Trust reported an increase of visitor numbers across Scotland which indicates a continued relevance for this key, long-term annual event.

"Great opportunity to discover unknown or normally closed 'braw buildings'. Doors Open Days also opens minds I think."

local visitor

"Visited 4 venues so far – volunteers gave excellent information – very friendly and knowledgeable. Will definitely visit again."

local visitor



Doors Open; Innerpeffray Library (© G. Logan).

LOOKING AHEAD

As highlighted in the Chairman's Report, the global impact of the **Coronavirus pandemic** was only just becoming apparent at the end of the reporting period. The immediate impact of the Covid-19 lockdown was at that time becoming clearer, and at the time of writing it is certain that almost all areas of work by the Trust will be affected in the short-medium term.

The Trust will aim to deliver the third tranche of the **Perth City Heritage Fund**, however, bringing significant benefits to the city through the conservation of key historic buildings within the city's Conservations Areas. The Trust's wider ambitions for city regeneration are also being explored through two new possible schemes: a **Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) for Bridgend**, and a **Traditional Buildings Health Check Scheme**. The development of the CARS scheme, already the subject of a review by Historic Environment Scotland (HES) announced in Autumn 2019, has been further delayed as part of a wider Covid-19 review of HES funding programmes. A Traditional Buildings Health Check Scheme for Perth and its environs, based on that delivered over the last decade by Stirling City Heritage Trust, has been explored with both HES and Perth and Kinross Council (PKC) and PKC have commissioned an options appraisal for how a

scheme could be delivered and funded in Perth.

The Trust will also aim to continue develop the **Perth and Kinross Archaeological Research Framework** and deliver the final year of the **Kings Seat Archaeology Project** in Dunkeld, which will include public outreach products, and the programme of post-excavation work leading to final publication. Delays to both these projects are inevitable, and where possible, the Trust will endeavour to reschedule and adapt planned training and outreach activities to meet changing guidelines for public gatherings.

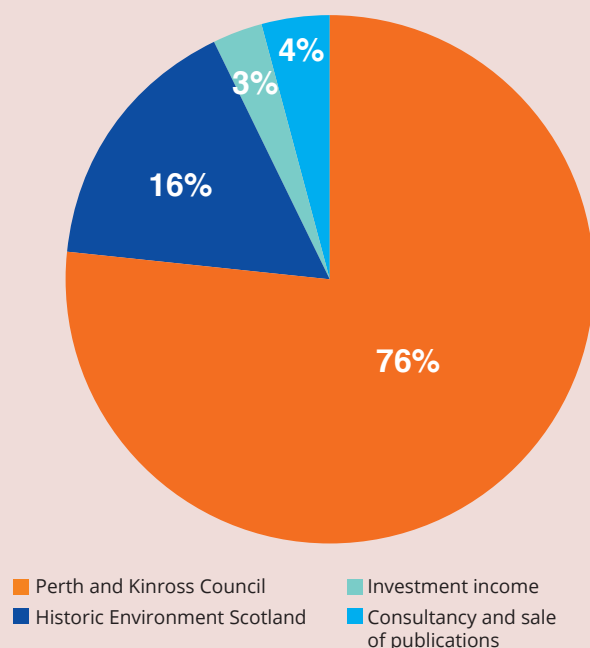
The move of the Trust's office from the Library Lodge to the **Lower City Mills, Perth** was a major development for the Trust, having been based on York Place for almost the last two decades. In late 2019 two key applications were submitted for a £1.5M project to conserve the building and its machinery, improve public access and interpretation of the mills, and create a regional centre for historic environment conservation. The full impact of the Covid-19 lockdown to the development of the project remains unknown, but it is likely to be significant. Our Trustees and staff remain committed to Lower City Mills however, and are agreed that there is arguably no more appropriate building at which the Trust should be based, and that we are the ideal occupant for the building.



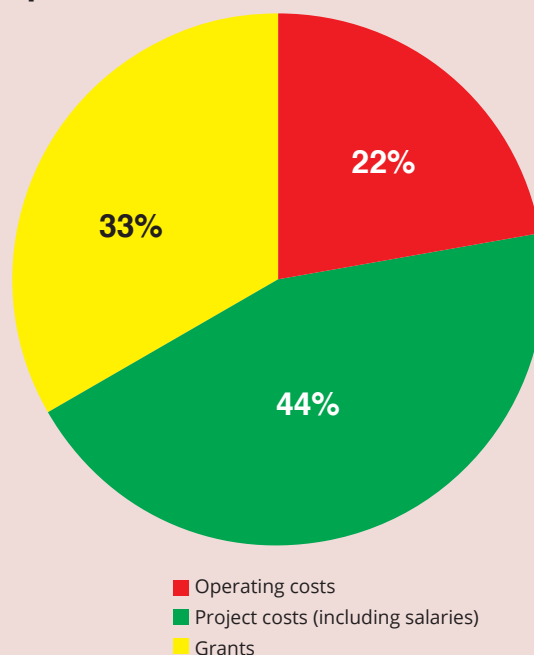
The Trust's new office accommodation at Lower City Mills, Perth.

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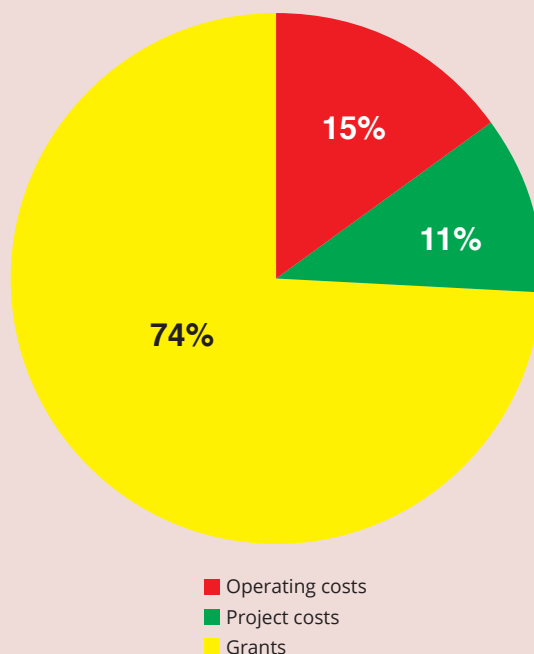
Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust Analysis of Income 2019/2020



Analysis of Total Expenditure 2019/2020



Analysis of Restricted Expenditure 2019/2020



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

The Trust's total income for the financial year 2019/2020 amounted to £123,273. The largest contributor during the year has been Perth & Kinross Council. In addition, Historic Environment Scotland provided support for the Perth City Heritage Fund and the Traditional Building Skills Project. The Trust appreciates the continued support of its founding partners' The Gannochy Trust and Perth & Kinross Council, and appreciates funding from all other sources.

The Trust's expenditure in 2019/2020 totalled £605,646, which resulted in a net operating deficit for the year of £482,373.

The net assets of the Trust amounted to £1,165,925 as at 31st March 2020.

Income & Expenditure Account

Year ended 31st March 2020

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Total income	101,161	2,100	20,011	123,273	1,310,289
Total expenditure	(331,794)	(14,472)	(1259,379)	(605,646)	(557,009)
Net income / (expenditure) for the year	(230,633)	(12,372)	(239,368)	(482,373)	753,280

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 Maintenance Fund, Perth City Heritage Fund, Glenshee Excavation Fund, Kilmagadwood Excavation fund, Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme, Kings Seat Archaeology Project, Traditional Building Skills Project and the Boat Building Project.

Balance sheet

As at 31st March 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	1,813	86,485
Investment properties	85,000	
	<u>86,813</u>	<u>86,485</u>
Current assets		
Debtors	496,994	962,906
Cash at bank and in hand	872,098	838,918
	<u>1,369,092</u>	<u>1,801,824</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>(289,980)</u>	<u>(240,011)</u>
Net current assets	<u>1,079,112</u>	<u>1,561,813</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>1,165,925</u>	<u>1,648,298</u>
Deferred income	-	-
Net assets	<u>1,165,925</u>	<u>1,648,298</u>
The funds of the charity		
Restricted funds	561,134	834,518
Unrestricted funds:		
Designated funds	473,128	162,992
General unrestricted funds	96,348	615,473
Revaluation reserve	35,315	35,315
Total charity funds	<u>1,165,925</u>	<u>1,648,298</u>

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