

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 2010 to the end of March 2011. For further information, please visit the Trust's website at www.pkht.org.uk





Perth Civic Trust



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> Front Cover: Rebuilding the parapet of the 18th century military bridge at Errochty Water, Trinafour, as part of the Bridging Perthshire's Past project. Back Cover: Making the Bronze Age; Perth a Place in History conference; MacRosty Park.

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Chairman's Report

I am delighted to once again introduce the Trust's annual report which, as usual, contains a round-up of the various high-quality projects and services provided by our staff. It has been a busy and exciting year with many memorable highlights – and one that has also seen many changes in personnel. The successful Bridging Perthshire's Past project has, in its second year, seen conservation work at several bridges, ensuring that they will survive as monuments into the future. Another highlight was the completion of the Trust's major Carpow logboat project through the prestige monograph published by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, accompanied by the Trust's own popular booklet The Carpow Logboat: a Bronze Age vessel brought to life which also records the story of the Loch Tay reconstruction logboat. In what proved to be a bumper year for publications, we also successfully delivered two partnership publications: A History of Blackford: water to whisky and back again with Blackford Historical Society, and the Strathearn Environs & Royal Forteviot Project

2010 saw the 'Perth800' celebrations commemorating the 800th anniversary of Perth's Royal Burgh Charter of 1210. The Trust, in partnership with the AK Bell Local Studies librarian, Perth and Kinross Council Archivist and Perth Museum organised an important two-day conference -**Perth:** a place in bistory. A key cultural event in the year-long programme, it brought together distinguished academics, heritage professionals and local historians to tell the story of Perth from prehistory to the 21st century. The event was a great success and I am delighted that we are to publish a book based on the conference. Perth800 also saw a focus by Doors Open Days on Perth, and another highlight, brought via Perthshire Archaeology Month: Making the Bronze Age, a weekend festival of Bronze Age arts and technology bringing experts from across the UK to demonstrate prehistoric arts and crafts and allowing public participation wherever possible.

Report 2006-2009 with Glasgow University.

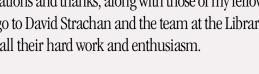
The Trust saw a number of personnel changes over the year: Heritage Officer, Sarah Winlow, who joined the Trust as an Assistant Archaeologist in 2003, moved to France



early in 2011. Her enthusiasm will be a loss to the Trust—and we all wish her well in her new life. Further Oliver O'Grady completed a second and final year with the Trust by carrying out a survey of historic churchyards. The Trust has been delighted to welcome two new members of staff in March 2011, however: Sarah Malone, the replacement Heritage Officer, and Fiona Fisher, the new Historic Churchyards Project Officer. Finally, Stewart MacKenzie and Andrew Wilson, both of whom had served the Trust for a number of years as Treasurer and Secretary respectively, have been replaced by Sandy Rattray and Gillian Taylor. We wish Stewart and Andrew well and welcome Sandy and Gillian.

All in all a busy and successful year - and my congratulations and thanks, along with those of my fellow Trustees, go to David Strachan and the team at the Library Lodge for all their hard work and enthusiasm.

Jue Hendry



Sue Hendry Chairman





The Fair Maid's House, Perth.

The repaired A-listed gates at Blair Atholl castle.



The Cumberland Barracks, Coupar Angus, conserved through the Townscape Heritage Initiative.

Grants

The Trust has revised its eligibility criteria for the **Historic Building Grants Scheme**, which now focuses on addressing publically accessible properties with conservation deficits and on providing support to communal repair schemes and major 'strategic' regeneration and conversion projects. Small scale repair works are funded through this scheme and such long-standing problems as St Paul's Church would be suitable for support.

A major grant of £55,000 was awarded to the Royal Scottish Geographical Society for their re-development of the **Fair Maid's House**, as their new head-quarters, and this, along with other substantial funding, enabled this exciting project to start on site.

Continued support of the **Coupar Angus Townscape Heritage Initiative** has delivered further projects to reinstate architectural detail to the east of the Cross where the visual impact will be highest. The B listed Cumberland Barracks was lime harled and had its lums reinstated. In addition, through the **Blair Atholl** Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme, funding was

made available for the repair of the wing walls either side of the 1869, A listed gates at the castle, designed by David Bryce.

Amongst the smaller grants awarded over the year were upgrades to the sash and case windows at the Scottish Veterans Garden City Association houses in Pitlochry and for work to the stained glass in Muthill Parish Church. The public clock above the Old Library, Glenfarg was repaired with grant support and a contemporary newbuild infill artists and architects studio and flat in Melville Street, Perth, was grant aided to clad its frontage in stone. In addition to consultancy services, the Trust has also award grant support at MacRosty Park, Crieff as part of the larger *Parks For People* scheme.

The Trust awarded a grant to the Museum of The Black Watch at Balhousie Castle, Perth, for the second part of an oral history project entitled *This Happens in War*. Nine oral histories by reminiscers produced online exhibitions and oral history clips, celebrating the activities and rich history of Scotland's oldest Highland Regiment.



5a Melville Street, Perth (© Fergus Purdie Architect).





Bridging Perthshire's Past: before (above) during and after (below left) conservation work at Errochty Bridge, Trinafour.





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. The focus of the project's second year was the conservation of bridges, a vital part of the military infrastructure which allowed speedy movement of Government troops throughout the Highlands.

The year saw major conservation programmes at Errochty Water Bridge, Trinafour, and Dalnamein Bridge, just the north of Calvine, both of which carried roads constructed under the supervision of General Wade. At both bridges elaborate hanging scaffolding was erected to provide safe working platforms to replace, re-pin and re-point distressed masonry, notably in the soffit. At Errochty Water Bridge unrestricted vegetation growth was an acute problem, having caused partial collapse of the parapet. This required the parapet to be dismantled and a tree root to be removed. The parapet was then rebuilt following the original profile using new copes compatible in colour and texture to the original stone. Further work at the Spittal of Glenshee bridge, which carried Major Caulfeild's later Blairgowrie to Braemar road, included improved drainage, re-pinning and re-pointing.

Outreach continued with a range of ever popular guided walks and presentations to local and national groups, and an education day with living history group *Veritas Vincit*, organised for Perthshire Archaeology Month and held at Balhousie Castle. The project also hosted a placement from Stirling University to enter survey data into Trust's Historic Environment Record, ensuring that the roads and bridges will be considered in advance of future development.



Veritas Vincit at the education day at the Black Watch Museum, Balhousie castle.



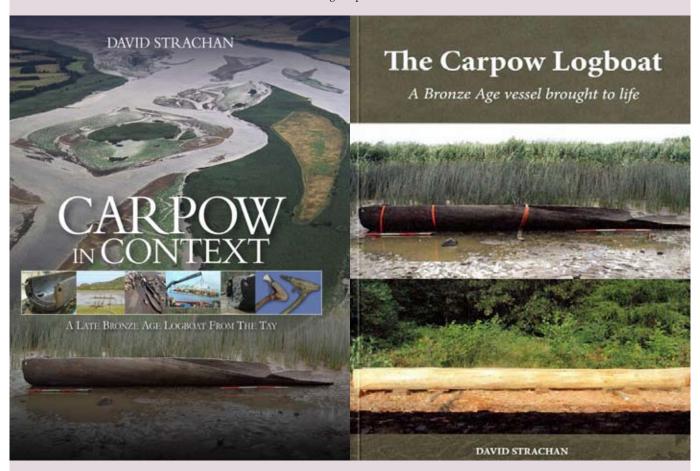
The innovative scaffold carriageway at Dalnamein.







The launch of the Trust's logboat publications at Perth Museum.



The Carpow publications.

One of the Trust's major archaeological projects reached an important milestone with the launch of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland monograph Carpow in Context: A Late Bronze Age Logboat from the Tay and the Trust's own popular booklet The Carpow Logboat: a Bronze Age vessel **brought to life** in June at Perth Museum as part of Perthshire Archaeology Month. The Provost welcomed over 100 people to the appropriate venue, where the logboat will be displayed, before short speeches by Colin Martin of St Andrews University, Noel Fojut of Historic Scotland, the President of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, Barbara Crawford, and the Trust's own Chairman, Sue Hendry. The model of a prestige academic publication matched by a more accessible account has been shown to be very successful.

Following the final season of archaeological excavation in 2009, post-excavation studies have progressed on the **Black Spout Iron Age homestead**, Pitlochry, in preparation for final publication in 2012. This has included the commissioning of specialist studies covering a range of topics including the stone artefacts, soil profiles, charcoal remains, metal-work finds and animal bones. In addition, studies have been carried out of the place-names associated with the sites and of the Iron Age environment. These, along with a suite of bespoke artwork, both technical site drawing and reconstructions, will contribute to telling the full story of the Black Spout building and how it related to other sites in the area at the start of the 1st millennium AD.

The Trust is delighted to have launched another major heritage project, after securing support from the Heritage Lottery Fund, The Gannochy Trust and Perth and Kinross Council. The **Historic Churchyards Project: Eastern Perthshire** will to run for two years to April 2013 and will see significant conservation work at three historic churchyards in that area: Coupar Angus, Meigle and Collace. The project builds on the **Rapid Condition Survey of Historic Churchyards** in Perth and Kinross, completed in 2010, and its prioritised programme of work addresses a range of issues such

as unstable boundary walls, delaminating headstones, and overgrown vegetation, particularly ivy, which can damage monuments and buildings alike. Around forty churchyards will also benefit from minor conservation work and the development of more sustainable management regimes in partnership with Perth and Kinross Council. Important headstones for example, will be conserved, made safe *in situ* or, in exceptional circumstances moved for safe-keeping.

In addition to enhancing management strategies, the project aims to promote public engagement with the sites, which through conservation work and interpretation will connect people with the past and with the lives of those commemorated. A range of outreach events and products, including volunteer opportunities and interpretative leaflets and signs, will promote the churchyards as a valuable and meaningful historical resource. In almost every case these sacred places have been at the centre of not only religious, but also secular, life for centuries. This project will aim to reveal the secrets of historic churchyards and explain their importance, to as wide an audience as possible.



Many 18th century gravestones are in need of conservation.







Replacing the stone pier caps at the AK Bell Library, Perth. $\,$



Stone lined 'souterrains' at Loaninghead (© Headland Archaeology).

Consultancy

The **Boundary Ironwork Replacement Project** at the AK Bell library concluded with two large Woodkirk stone pier caps, each weighing over a tonne, being installed at the west-most end of the run of re-instated railings.

The Trust continues to provide a **planning archaeology service** to both Perth and Kinross Council's Environment Service and the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park, ensuring that planning permissions assess archaeology in line with national planning policy. Over the year this has involved the detailed checking of 136 planning applications and the recommendation of 47 archaeological conditions.

Important archaeological work was carried out following significant damage to Scheduled Monuments during the construction of a borrow pit and compound for the improved Gleneagles Junction on the A9 at Loaninghead. Here, adjacent to the 'Goose Stone' standing stone, with its Pictish symbols, remains of a prehistoric settlement were uncovered and, with retrospective planning permission, remedial archaeological work was carried out to a specification prepared by the Trust. This involved the investigation of two stone-lined souterrains (underground storage cellars) and two graves. The capstone of one of these had been much damaged during the construction work, but was revealed to contain a more-or-less complete individual within a stone-lined cist. The graves are extremely significant, given their proximity to the standing stone with its Pictish symbols, and post-excavation research is ongoing to fully publish the results of the work.

Archaeological evaluations were carried out in advance of residential development at Auchterarder, Cargill, Moulin, Glendelvine, and at North Balloch, near Alyth, to determine the site of the medieval tower-house. Evaluation in **Longforgan** took place at a planned development on the edge of the Scheduled Monument locally known as the 'Roman Knowe'. A possible prehistoric burial cairn, the site was for long known as 'Market Knowe', and was formerly used as a market for the village. The work revealed two cist burials, orientated east-west, which will require full excavation and preservation by record in advance of the development.



Excavation of a cist burial, Loaninghead (© Headland Archaeology).



The 'Goose Stone' with its Pictish symbols, Gleneagles.



Consultancy

The Trust continues to provide archaeological and architectural advice to **Scotland Rural Development Programme** applicants, part-funded through grantaid by Historic Scotland. Over the year, 46 requests for archaeological information and advice have been acted upon and comments made on 34 Forest Plans. This has included archaeological work at Urlar Burn, Aberfeldy, where previously unrecorded cup marked stones were discovered, and architectural reports for the refurbishment of a bothy at Mains of Creuchies and a roofless watermill at Inver.

In Perth, archaeological monitoring of excavation of the garden for the new-build at the **Fair Maid's House** revealed the remains of two tanning pits, while historic fabric exposed during internal alterations were recorded. In addition, small-scale ground breaking works inside **St John's Kirk** revealed burials that had been disturbed by Lorimer's early 20th century renovations, along with medieval pottery and architectural fragments. The post-excavation

analysis and publication of the excavations at **Riggs Road**, Perth in 2008 remain outstanding. The Trust negotiated and arranged transfer of the human remains to the Department of Archaeology, University of Edinburgh for safe storage and study and continues to be committed to ensuring that post-excavation work of this important archaeological site is completed.

At **MacRosty Park** in Crieff the £1.8M refurbishment scheme, funded to a large degree by the Heritage Lottery Fund, started on site during the summer with Trust input to the design team. Work included an extension to the existing pavilion to convert it into a café and meeting room and the refurbishment of the listed 1906 bandstand. Work was largely completed in early 2011 with a formal opening planned for June 2011.

An inspection of failing lime harling on the B-listed, 1694 **Kincarrathie Doo'cot** adjacent to the Gannochy Trust offices was carried out and a scheme of repair planned for implementation during 2011.



The pavilion at MacRosty Park, Crieff.

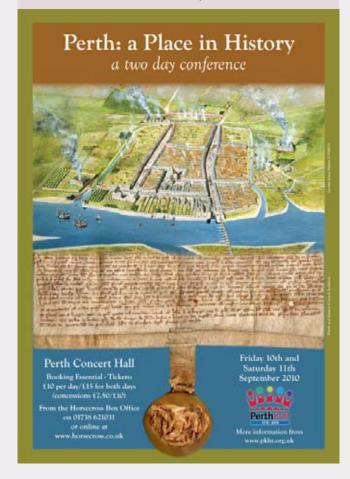
Exploring Perthshire's Past - Learning and Engagement

2010 saw the **Perth800 celebrations** commemorating the 800th anniversary of its King William the Lion charter in 2010 and the Trust contributed to the yearlong programme in a number of ways.

The highly successful two-day conference *Perth: a Place in History* held at Perth Concert Hall on 10-11 September 2010, with attended by over 1,000 people and was presented by the Trust, having been organised in partnership with colleagues from the AK Bell Library and Perth museum. Provost John



Perth: a Place in History conference.



Hulbert introduced the conference which presented 12 illustrated lectures on various aspects of the history and development of Perth, by nationally recognised archaeologists and historians covering a time-span from prehistory to the twentieth century. Feedback by those attending was overwhelmingly positive and requests were made for published proceedings to be made available.

Perthshire Archaeology Month 2010 delivered an unprecedented 55 events and activities throughout June, including contributions from Perth Museum and the Scottish Crannog Centre as well as both national organisations, such as Historic Scotland, and local history and archaeology societies. A highlight of the Trust's guided walks followed the Coronation Way from Scone to Kinfauns, where a salmon cobble carried walkers across the Tay to Elcho castle, and brought together guides from the Trust, PKC Countryside Rangers, Tay Salmon Fisheries and Historic Scotland. The Trust also carried out a fiveday community excavation at **Oakbank crannog** on Loch Tay, in partnership with the Scottish Crannog Centre, to explore geophysical anomalies discovered by Time Team a number of years ago. While results were disappointing, with the only features discovered dating to the 18th century, 25 volunteers gained experience of excavation, scale drawing and photography.



A guided walk, with ferry crossing, along the Coronation Way.



Exploring Perthshire's Past - Learning and Engagement

Finally, the key event was the two-day Bronze Age craft weekend entitled *Making The Bronze Age* held at the Bellwood Riverside Park, Perth, which brought together a team of six specialists to provide demonstrations of ancient crafts including bronze casting, ancient wood-working, dyes and spinning, herbs and cooking, and making and firing prehistoric pottery. The event attracted over 600 visitors of all ages, and in addition to the demonstrations, the emphasis was on 'hands-on' engagement where possible. This innovative approach to learning through living history, emphasising learning through technology rather than warfare, has received very positive feedback.



Learning through doing: making and firing prehistoric pottery.



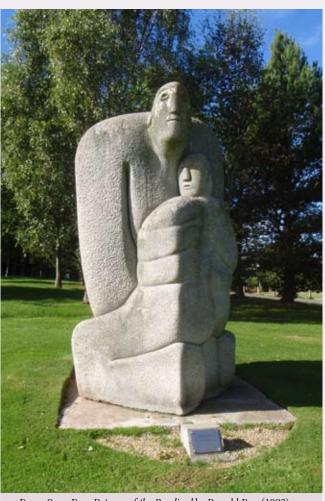


Displays of prehistoric wood-working and spinning.



Exploring Perthshire's Past - Learning and Engagement

The local theme for the **Doors Open Day** weekend in September focussed on Perth as part of the Perth 800 celebrations and a number of new venues were included. Amongst these were the Aviva HQ, The Royal Perth Golfing Society & Country and City Club, The Lodge Scoon and Perth No. 3, Kincarrathie Doocot and Pavilion, Subud House in St Leonard's Bank, The Old Academy building, The Lower City Mills, The 'Vulcan Works' in Melville Street, Moncreiffe Island Allotments and Capability Scotland at Upper Springland. In all 52 sites participated and it is estimated that well over 5000 visits took place.



Doors Open Day: *Return of the Prodigal* by Ronald Rae (1982) on entrance approach to (now) Aviva Offices, Pitheavlis.

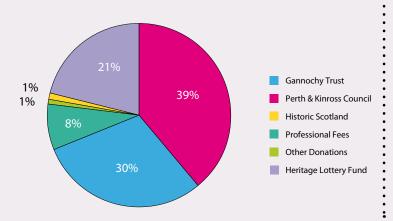
The Trust's published two new titles over the year: *A History of Blackford: water to whisky and back again*, in partnership with Blackford Historical Society, and *Strathearn Environs & Royal Forteviot Project Report 2006-2009*, with Glasgow University.



The Perth Young Archaeologists' Club programme included events at Perth museum and field-trips to Castle Law hill-fort, Abernethy round-tower, Bochastle Roman Fort and Doune Castle. Trust staff also gave public presentations on a variety of topics, including: the Black Spout excavations to Dunkeld and Birnam Historical Society, the Carpow and Loch Tay logboats to the Perth Civic Trust; the Strathearn Archaeology Society, the St Andrews University Archaeology Society, Newburgh History Society, and to the Tayside and Fife Archaeological Committee conference in St Andrews. In addition, presentations were given on the Trust's outreach work to the annual member's day of Archaeology Scotland, and on Buildings at Risk to the West Stormont Historical Society, and guided tours of historic Perth were provided to three delegations of visiting dignitaries, from Aschaffenburg (Germany) Perth (Ontario, Canada) and Fleac in France.

Financial Report

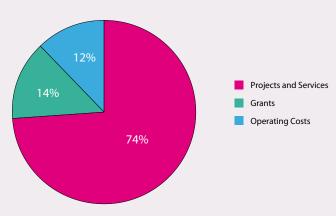
Analysis of Income 2010/2011



The Trust's income and expenditure are analysed in the above charts.

The Trust's total income in financial year 2010/2011 amounted to £399,559. 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, the Heritage Lottery Fund and other contributors to the work of the Heritage Trust have generously provided funding for specific projects amounting to £91,260 and fees have been charged for professional services totalling £33,820.

Analysis of Expenditure 2010/2011



The Trust's expenditure in 2010/2011 totalled £345,960, which resulted in a net operating surplus for the year of £53,599. This surplus is fully committed against ongoing projects. The net assets of the Trust amounted to £437,024 as at 31st March 2011.



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Income & Expenditure Account Year ended 31st March 2011

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2011 £	Total Funds <u>2010</u> £
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(14,361)	67,481	53,120	(310)
Interest and Investment income	479	0	479	416
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	(13,882)	67,481	53,599	106

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 Historic Building Grants Scheme, Carpow Logboat Reserve, Bridging Perthshire's Past Reserve, Heritage Graveyard Project Reserve, Historic Churchyards Project Reserve and Perth History Conference.

Balance Sheet As at 31st March 2011

	2011	2010
TV 1.4	£	£
Fixed Assets Tangible Assets	60,195	61,700
Current Assets		
Debtors	9,896	33,011
Cash at bank and in hand	557,486	481,307
	567,382	514,318
Creditors: Amounts falling due		
within one year	(190,553)	(192,593)
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	376,829	321,725
Total Assets <i>less</i> Current Liabilities	437,024	383,425
Net Assets	437,024	383,425
Funds		
Restricted	293,214	225,733
Unrestricted	143,810	157,692
	437,024	383,425

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with 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 2011 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 Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Johnston Carmichael LLP Statutory Auditor 66 Tay Street, Perth, PH2 8RA The Trust is delighted announce plans to publish the proceedings of the highly successful *Perth: a Place in History* conference held in the Perth Concert Hall last year as part of the Perth800 celebrations. The aim is to produce a high-quality publication within one year of the conference featuring illustrated essays based on the presentations given. Further, a partnership project with **The Museum of the Black Watch** aims to produce an illustrated regimental history of the Black Watch regiment in advance of the proposed major redevelopment at Balhousie Castle.

Many of the Trust's projects over recent years have benefited from the enthusiasm and skills of many hundreds of volunteers from both Perth and Kinross and beyond. It is encouraging that there are now plans to establish a **Friends of Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust** group to support and promote the work of the Trust more widely.



The Trust, having achieved level one of the Practical Quality Assurance System for Organisations (PQASSO) scheme, Small intends to continue further with the scheme, which has been developed specifically for small voluntary organisations with the aim of improving governance, management and the quality of user-centred services. In parallel, the Trust is also in the process of applying for the **Institute for Archaeologists** (IfA) Registered Organisation status, a quality assurance scheme devised specifically for archaeological organisations, covering areas such as fieldwork and post fieldwork manuals, commitment to community involvement and best employment practice. Accreditation through these schemes is recognition of the high quality of approach by the Trust to allow aspects of its work.

Finally the Trust has recognised the potential impact to of forthcoming national and local government budget reviews to funding levels in the short to medium term, and will aim to address changes required through the Service Level Agreement with Perth and Kinross Council covering 2012-2015.



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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