

PERTH AND KINROSS HERITAGE TRUST

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ANNUAL REPORT 2003 - 2004



About the Trust

- Established in 1988, Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust is a company registered under the Companies Acts and is limited by guarantee (*Company Reg No 111258*).
- The Trust's Office is at:
The Lodge,
4 York Place,
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Tel: 01738 477080
- Its Registered Office is at 2 High Street, Perth PH1 5PH.
- It 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 Trust exists to:

- Maintain and enhance the architectural heritage in Perth and Kinross.
 - Promote practical preservation of the amenity and character of rural and urban areas.
 - Help to maintain ancient monuments.
 - Stimulate awareness of the environment through education and conservation.
- It achieves its objects by awarding grants and carrying out projects.
 - The Trust is a Scottish Charity in terms of the relevant legislation (*Scottish Charity No. SC003139*).
 - Its Executive Committee (Board of Directors) for 2003-2004 consisted of representatives nominated by Perth and Kinross Council (PKC), the Gannochy Trust (GT) and Perth Civic Trust (PCT). The members as at March 2004 were:

Rev. F. Harris (PCT) Chairman
Mrs S. Hendry (PCT)
Cllr. J. K. M. Hulbert (PKC)
Cllr. H. A. Jack (PKC)
Mr. R. A. Leather (GT)
Mr. M. Webster (GT)

- The Trust's officers are:

Secretary:	A. Wilson
Treasurer:	S. Mackenzie, assisted by J. Moy
Manager/Archaeologist:	D. Strachan
Conservation Officer:	R. F. Tilling
Architect:	A. Driver
Assistant Archaeologist:	S. Winlow (<i>as of July 2003</i>)
Technical Advisers	R. A. Bean and M. Taylor
Administration	A. Easton

- Please visit the Trust's web-site at **www.pkht.org.uk**
- The Auditors are Blueprint Scotland.

Front Cover: Carpow logboat/Marshall Place enhancements/Excavations at Upper Glendevon Reservoir/Birnhill Tower.



It gives me great pleasure to report a busy and rewarding year in all aspects of the work of the Trust. Perhaps the highlight of the year has been the first Perthshire Archaeology Week held in June. Carried out in partnership with the Perthshire Tourist Board, the programme of events included guided walks and evening talks in addition to various hands-on projects. Organised through a consortium of organisations it is also a model of partnership working. The event complements well the ongoing success of Doors Open Day, which in September also saw great success with new venues in and around Pitlochry and importantly St Serf's Church, Dunning where the Dupplin Cross is now on display.

Further success has been achieved in the ongoing study and management of the prehistoric logboat at Carpow. The project is in effect Rescue Archaeology, in contrast to the extensive developer-funded archaeological work triggered by the Trust's service to the Planning Officers within Perth and Kinross Council. Another example of such work this year is the excavations at Upper Glendevon Reservoir, where a Bronze Age burial was excavated when the reservoir was almost emptied during the exceptionally dry summer. Such work would not be carried out but for the Trust and so it is heartening to see the archaeological work of the Trust being strengthened this year with the appointment for a year of a second archaeologist, Sarah Winlow, to extend and enhance the Historic Environment Record.

We are also very proud to report the award to Rachel Tilling of a Quinque Fellowship for ten weeks study and experience of conservation work in the United States, and to note that we have since received visits from Quinque Fellows coming to Scotland. In addition, we have established a valuable link with the Department of Conservation Studies at Dundee University, and were glad to welcome Sarah Kettles on a placement to survey historic graveyards on the Carse of Gowrie. All this helps to make the Lodge at any time a very lively place. Our thanks go to all members of staff at the Lodge, the officials within Perth and Kinross Council who provide financial and administrative support, and of course to the members of the Trust itself and our Technical Advisers who give so much time and thought to what we are about.

Fergus Harris
Chairman.

Historic Building Grants



Marshall Place gate and railings.

Historic buildings have a vital role to play in the built environment of the twenty-first century, particularly within the context of sustainability, accessibility, and social inclusion. Through the award of grants the Trust seeks to encourage and support the sustainable repair, use and adaptation of traditional buildings to meet the above aspirations. Grant is offered to a wide variety of works using traditional materials and techniques to repair or restore the architectural character of Statutory Listed Buildings and some historic buildings within Conservation Areas. A budget of £50,000 for **Historic Building Grants** was made available for the financial year 2003/04. Over the year twenty Historic Building Grants totalling £39,387 were offered.

Grants over the year were offered towards projects on a variety of buildings including farm steadings, ecclesiastical buildings, Victorian mansions and Georgian tenements. Eleven grants were offered to projects on buildings in Perth. Nine grants were offered to projects outwith Perth, including Abernethy, Kinross, Stanley, Bridge of Earn, Methven, Birnam, Moulin, Aberfeldy and Strathtay. Of the grants offered six included slate work, seven included sash and case window repair or restoration, two for masonry restoration and repairs and one was for stained glass window conservation. Other works awarded grant included the repair of decorative timber barge-boards and general renovation.

Marshall Place Town Scheme: Grants were offered to two properties in the Georgian terrace designed by Edinburgh architect Robert Reid in 1801. A total of £7,200 was allocated for general renovation works and the restoration of a cast iron gate and railings.

St John's Roman Catholic Church, Perth: Built in 1832 and modified in several phases by the architect Andrew Heiton Grant was awarded for substantial repairs to the stonework using lime-based mortars and new indented stones. The gable apex cross was reinstated.

Completion of stained glass conservation of the West Window at St Ninian's Cathedral: The window depicts the Fall and Redemption of Man and is thought to have been designed by architect F L Pearson who carried out alterations to the cathedral c.1900.



St Ninian's Cathedral west window.

Perth Façade Scheme

The **Façade Enhancement Scheme**, is administered by the Trust on behalf of the Perth Partnership and funded through Perth and Kinross Council and Scottish Enterprise Tayside. Nine grants totalling over £40,000 were paid out over the period, and as the grant support level is 50% or less this amounts to almost £100,000 of eligible works. Over twenty other possible projects were discussed and the majority of these are expected to go forward. Particularly successful projects were carried out as a logical extension of major infrastructure works, such



207 High Street 2003 and 2004.



as the Old High Street pavement works. Indeed, it is anticipated that the St John Street pedestrianisation scheme will have a similar effect. Work has also been put in place under a 'Safer Cities' initiative to remove problematical recessed doorways in Cutlog Vennel alongside Perth Theatre.

Practical Preservation

Work has been ongoing on a conservation plan for the **Collace Morthouse**, considering various options for the repair and possible future uses of this early 19th century morthouse. At this time a shortage of human specimens for medical research led to an upsurge of illegal body-snatching, and morthouses were built as public strong vaults in which coffins could rest safely until the contents were no longer suitable for dissection.



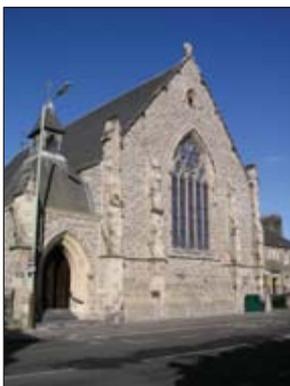
St Leonard's 2002.

The Trust carried out a project to conserve the fourteenth century ruin of the **Black Castle of Moulin** in 2002 in partnership with the Moulin and Pitlochry Historical Circle. An integral part of the project has been the provision of interpretation at the castle, an important but little understood part of the local heritage. Proposals are being drawn up and applications for funding submitted to the Rural Tayside Leader Plus Fund and Awards for All Lottery Fund.



St Leonard's 2003.

The two hanging lums (chimneys in which food was hung to smoke) at **Camserney Longhouse**, are rare examples of their type. The early nineteenth century lum is constructed of lathe and plaster. Previous repairs had been carried out using a hard cement mix and gaps had appeared in the structure. The lum was repaired using a lime mortar based upon analysis of the surviving historic mortar.



St John the Baptist Church after repairs.

Fundraising and preparations for the conservation of the **Auchterarder Old Church Tower** have resulted in a project set to start on site in 2004. The roof and walls of this three hundred and eighty-year-old fragment of the original Church of the Disruption are to be repaired, and in advance of this, the interior of the tower has been cleared of twelve tonnes of pigeon droppings which have accrued over a considerable time.

The Trust provided architectural services on a consultancy basis for **St Leonard's in the Fields and Trinity Church** on a project that provided a new Caithness slabbed area at the entrance, full barrier-free access, fire alarms and revised some of the internal arrangements. On a similar basis, work was carried out for **St John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church** on a major restoration of the street frontage stonework.



Historic Environment Record: extract of Forteviot showing archaeological sites (pink), historic buildings (blue) and Scheduled Ancient Monuments (red). ©Crown copyright. All rights reserved 100013289 2004 Perth and Kinross Council/©Historic Scotland.

with which to inform decisions on planning applications, agri-environment schemes, forestry applications and research.



Medieval bone whistle from the Skinnergate.

Developer funded archaeology, delivered through the planning process and the administration of National Planning Policy Guideline 5 (NPPG 5), now accounts for majority of archaeological excavation carried out in Scotland. The Trust continues to provide an archaeological service to Planning and Transportation, Perth and Kinross Council with respect to NPPG 5 and over the year this has involved a number of significant excavations in the centre of Perth. On the Skinnergate in November, excavations in advance of new development revealed deep and complex archaeological deposits showing up to twelve floor levels dating from the 14th to the 15th century. It is likely that the buildings excavated were at sometime used as workshops, perhaps for metalworking, and one particularly interesting find was part of a whistle or flute, made from a cow bone,

which is amongst the earliest known musical instruments from Perth. A programme of pedestrianisation around St John's Kirk, carried out over the summer, revealed the foundations of earlier parts of the Kirk itself, while requiring partial excavation of the 16th century and earlier cemetery of St John's Kirk.

Complementing the results of archaeological work carried out through development control and the planning process, the Trust has engaged in two rescue excavations over the year. In July, a second season at the **Carpow logboat** finally revealed the remarkably well preserved stern of the vessel, which has an intact transom board and detailed prehistoric woodworking. The logboat has been radiocarbon dated to the Late Bronze Age, making it one of the oldest and best preserved known in Scotland. The site has been sandbagged to minimise further erosion while consideration is given to its long-term preservation. The very dry summer of 2003 resulted in extremely low water levels at **Upper Glendevon Reservoir**, where initial survey identified the remains of an eroding prehistoric burial. The excavations found that the burial consisted of a short cist cut into a mound, itself created by large rock-cut ditch cut across a short neck of land from the surrounding hillside. A number of other new sites were also recorded in the survey.



Excavations showing the stern of the Carpow logboat.



Bronze Age burial cist at Upper Glendevon Reservoir.



Perthshire Archaeology Week 2003 poster.



The early medieval cross-slab discovered at Dull.

In May 2003 the Trust web-site was launched at www.pkht.org.uk and it has shown to be of considerable value in promoting the work of the Trust, while acting as a conduit for those interested in the historic environment of the area. Already containing over twenty-six pages of information about the work of the Trust, archaeological sites, historic buildings and an aerial tour of sites in Perth and Kinross, the web-site is a dynamic document that will continue to develop over time to reflect the Trust's activities.

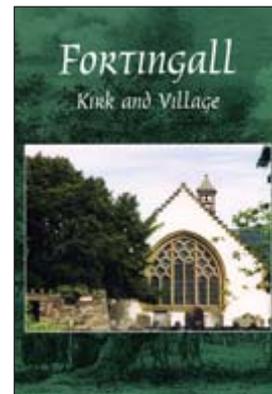
A second major development in the Trust's programme of outreach was the introduction of the first **Perthshire Archaeology Week (PAW)** which was held in June. Organised by a consortium of local and national organisations, including The Antonine Guard, the Scottish Crannog Centre and The National Trust for Scotland, the event was funded and promoted by

the Trust in partnership with Perthshire Tourist Board. The wide-ranging programme of twenty-two events included public lectures, hands-on events and guided walks around many of Perthshire's most important sites. A key event of the week was the excavations carried out inside Dull Parish Church by members of the Breadalbane History Society alongside professional archaeologists from GUARD. Over 250 members of the public visited the excavations through the week, and a major discovery was made in the form of an 8th century cross slab

bearing an inscribed name which may be of Pictish origin. Trust staff led guided walks at Ardoch Roman Fort, Fortingall and Dunsinnan Hillfort, and a lecture entitled 'Perthshire's Past from the Air' was presented at Perth Museum and Art Gallery. The aim of PAW is to enhance understanding and involvement in archaeology in the area with the vast majority of events being free of charge. Analysis of feedback questionnaires has shown that over 1,000 people attended the events, with around a quarter of those coming from outside the Perth and Kinross area. The popularity of this initial event, and the public demand for similar future events, was indicated by the over-subscription of many of the events. Plans are already underway for Perthshire Archaeology Week 2004.

Doors Open Day in Perth and Kinross celebrated the thirteenth annual European Heritage Day with a rich selection of over forty architectural gems open to the public in September; many of which have been an important part of the event since its introduction. In 2003 the event was extended to include several buildings in the Strathearn and Pitlochry areas. These included St Serf's Church and the Dupplin Cross in Dunning, Blair Atholl Distillery in Pitlochry, one of the oldest operating in Scotland, and Holy Trinity Scottish Episcopal Church, with fine interior features by Sir Ninian Comper.

Further to the Trust's grant towards the permanent display of the Early Christian carved stones within Fortingall Kirk, the Trust has worked in collaboration with the Kirk Session to update their guide-book for the Kirk. The A5 publication **Fortingall: Kirk and Village** describes human activity in the Fortingall area, from the prehistoric monuments to the early medieval monastery, through to the Victorian model estate village. In addition, a new leaflet has been produced to promote access to the **Camserney Longhouse**, an outstanding example of a traditional, timber cruck-framed building, and restored by this Trust a number of years ago.



Front Cover of the Fortingall booklet.



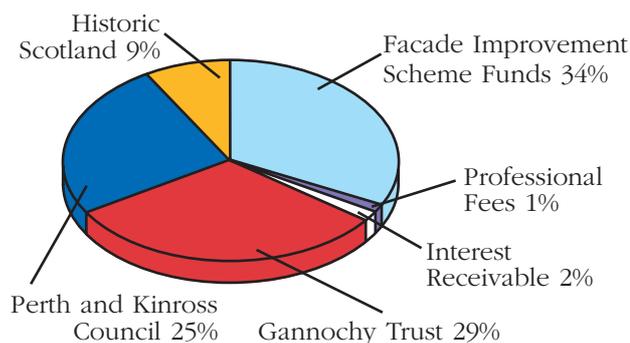
The Camserney Longhouse leaflet.

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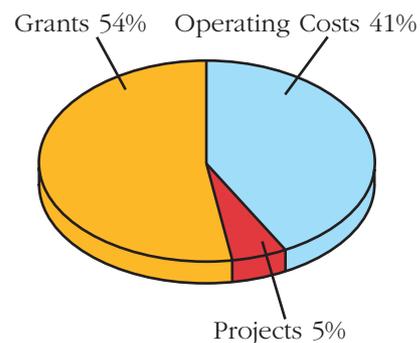
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Financial Report

**CHART 1
ANALYSIS OF INCOME
2003/2004**



**CHART 2
ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE
2003/2004**



The Trust's total income in financial year 2003/04 amounted to £343,103. The major contributors to the Trust's activities were once again the Gannochy Trust and Perth & Kinross Council and the Trust appreciates the founding partners continuing support. Included within this total, Historic Scotland and other contributors to the work of the Heritage Trust have generously provided funding for specific projects amounting to £31,188 and fees have been charged for professional services totalling £4,558. The Trust's income is analysed in the chart above.

Included in the above, the Trust manages the Perth Central Area Façade Improvement Scheme under an agreement with Scottish Enterprise Tayside and Perth & Kinross Council who jointly fund the project. During the course of the year, the Trust administered £117,067 of expenditure and commitments in respect of the Scheme which is reflected in the income attributed to Façade Improvement Funds. The balance on the scheme, which is held separately from the Trust's main finances, was £36,376 as at 31st March 2004.

The Trust's expenditure in 2003/04 totalled £354,991 which resulted in a net operating deficit for the year of £11,888. After adjusting for balances held in respect of the Perth Central Area Façade Improvement Scheme, the Net Assets of the Trust amounted to £147,483 as at 31st March 2004.

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2004**

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
	£	£
Net Operating Costs	(17,893)	(54,195)
Interest and Investment Income	6,005	5,157
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>(11,888)</u>	<u>(59,352)</u>

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

**BALANCE SHEET
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2004**

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
	£	£
Fixed Assets:		
Tangible Assets	70,730	72,235
Current Assets:		
Cash at bank and in hand	10,781	0
	<u>355,520</u>	<u>356,698</u>
	366,301	356,698
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(253,172)</u>	(152,119)
Net Current Assets/Liabilities	<u>113,129</u>	<u>204,579</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	183,859	276,814
Accruals and Deferred Income	(36,376)	(117,443)
Net Assets	<u>147,483</u>	<u>159,371</u>
Capital and Reserves		
Income and Expenditure Account	<u>147,483</u>	<u>159,371</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Executive Committee in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of the information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31st March 2004 and of its surplus for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Blueprint Audit Limited
Registered Auditors
Perth

Historic graveyards are an important cultural, social and artistic record and their study can reveal a great deal both about changing ideologies and attitudes to death, and the life of the communities they represent. In recent years the Trust has been involved in a number of projects relating to the conservation of this resource, however there are now plans to develop a more systematic and integrated approach to conservation and graveyard maintenance, with the Trust working in partnership with other relevant organisations. As a first step to achieving this, Sarah Kettles, a student of the Conservation Studies MA Course at Dundee University, carried out a six-week placement over the summer of 2003 with the aim of producing a rapid survey of the historic graveyards on the **Carse of Gowrie and the Sidlaws**. The outcome was an outstanding report highlighting conservation issues at the graveyards studied while recommending conservation work to be carried out and proposing measures for improved management. It is intended that this report will act as a template for a survey of graveyards across Perth and Kinross and a relationship has now been forged between the Trust and Dundee University to continue with this arrangement. Indeed a second placement, Neil Robertson, is due to begin a study of the graveyards of Strathmore. In the longer term, it is envisaged that this study will allow the Trust to prioritise conservation work on graveyards while making recommendations to those involved in managing the graveyards.



Meigle graveyard 2003.



A further year of enhancement of the **Perth and Kinross Historic Environment Record** is planned to consolidate and develop the work begun by Sarah Winlow over the year. The Enhancement Project aims to map the extent of archaeological sites and historic buildings while improving the information held in each record. This will ensure an accurate information resource to inform all aspects of the work of the Trust.

The re-roofing and conservation of the **Old Church Tower at Auchterarder** is planned for May 2004, and this will involve additional funding from Perth and Kinross Council, Historic Scotland and the local Common Good Fund. Finally, in advance of the online publication of the **Buildings at Risk Register**, our Architect is working with the Scottish Civic Trust in confirming details of endangered buildings and suggesting additional buildings for inclusion within the register. An active involvement with the Buildings at Risk Register is an important method of prioritising available resources and an additional way of identifying possible restoration projects for the future.

Historic Building Grants

Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust may award grants to assist owners or guardians of historic buildings who wish to maintain or restore the traditional character of their properties.

There is a rich diversity of historic buildings within Perth and Kinross. Historic Building Grants are normally awarded for eligible work being carried out on historic buildings that have Statutory Listed Building status or are in a Conservation Area. Grants may also be awarded for work carried out on non-Listed Buildings which, in the opinion of the Trust, contribute significantly to, for example, the townscape of Conservation Areas, Historic Gardens and Designed Landscapes, or the setting of a Listed Building. Listed Building or Conservation Area status does not automatically qualify a building for grant, the award of which is entirely at the discretion of the Trust.

Eligible works are those carried out specifically to maintain or restore the architectural or historic character of the building, using traditional materials and techniques. Applicants should contact the Trust to discuss proposals at the outset of a project. The following are examples of those works that may be eligible for grant:

- *Conservation or restoration of slate-work, thatching, cast-iron rainwater goods, lead work, sash and case windows, internal plasterwork and decorative stonework, where an alternative treatment would detract from the character of the building.*
- *Work to restore or repair features that have lost their functional or structural purpose but remain an integral part of the design of the building.*
- *Work using traditional lime-based materials for pointing, harling, render or wash.*
- *Work on the restoration of architectural or structural elements of Historic Gardens and Designed Landscapes.*

The Trust is concerned that the future of historic buildings with no current use may be threatened. Grant may be available for proposals to restore or convert such buildings to a new use, for example the conversion of a farm steading to residential use, the conversion of a mill into a museum or craft shop or the restoration of a walled garden to form a garden centre. Grant may be available for those elements of the project which maintain or restore the original character of the building. Grant will not be offered toward extensions or other new works carried out on the building.

Routine maintenance work or that which is not directly a consequence of maintaining the historic character of the building is not eligible, e.g. paint work, replacing missing slates, dry rot treatment. Work which would be required on a building to maintain its structural integrity, but which is coincidentally contributing to the character of a building, is not eligible for grant.

Project Grants

The Trust may award grant towards projects that do not fall within the remit of the above categories. For example archaeological or historic research, interpretation material, publications or other projects relating to the architectural and archaeological heritage. The level of grant will be calculated at the Trust's discretion.

Facade Enhancement Scheme

The Trust acts in a consultancy role for Scottish Enterprise Tayside and Perth and Kinross Council and awards grants for eligible works to the frontages of commercial premises in central Perth. Up to 50% of costs can be supported.

For further information or to apply for any of the above grants, contact the Trust Offices.



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