



**Accounts for the Period Ended
31 August 2022**

**Breadalbane Heritage Society
Charity Number: SC049382**

Trustees' Annual Report

For the Period Ended 31 August 2022

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the period 1 September 2021 – 31 August 2022.

Reference & Administrative Information

Charity Name

Breadalbane Heritage Society

Charity Number

SC049382

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Trustees during the period

Frances Stamford Gillespie

Ian Nicholas Grant

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Harriet Sarah Rose

Ian Alistair Stewart

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Mrs Linda El-Ghorr, ACMA, MBA

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Structure Governance & Management

Constitution

Breadalbane Heritage Society's governing document is a Constitution. It was established formally on 13 June 2019 as a SCIO in terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005.

Appointment of Trustees

The Trustees of the Society (listed above) were appointed at the inception of the SCIO and formed the Interim Board during the first period. The Trustees on the Interim Board retired at the first AMM in March 2021, and all were re-elected. As it is set out in the Constitution one quarter of the Trustees are required to retire each year, therefore, at the second AMM in March 2022, Lesley Whitwood and Nicholas Grant retired. Both were re-elected for a second term, and continued in office along with the other four Trustees.

Management

The Society is managed by the Board of Trustees who meet six times a year. During the pandemic the Board meetings took place on Zoom however they have taken place "in person" during the year 2021-2022. During this period individual Trustees have undertaken the following roles:

Chairman: Lesley Whitwood

Past Chairman: Nicholas Grant

Treasurer: Harriet Rose

Programme Secretary: Ian Stewart

PR & Media: Fran Gillespie

Society Liaison: Mary McDougall

Objectives & Activities

Charitable purposes

The charitable purposes of the Society are to advance education, heritage and culture by:


- promoting and encouraging an interest in the study of the archaeology, history, antiquities, folk-lore and natural history particularly concerning the Breadalbane and Upper Tay area of Perthshire;
- preserving, conserving, understanding and interpreting, within the national context, the historical and cultural heritage of the area;
- providing a community resource through the collection, classification and conservation of items of local historical interest;
- promoting and advancing heritage in the area as a source of pride and to address heritage issues affecting the area.


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Chairman's Report


After the September talk, this season saw a welcome return to in-person meetings at the Breadalbane Campus and many members were happy to return even with the minor restrictions on socialising. Although we were pleased to resume in person talks at the Breadalbane Campus, we also found it valuable to continue the Zoom talks in January and February to avoid travel difficulties for speakers and audience. It also enabled members from other societies or further afield to be involved.

It is important to recognise with gratitude the work done by the committee, especially Ian Stewart as the programme organiser and website manager. The website has attracted a number of contacts and has furthered the Society's involvement with Family History research headed up by Helen Stewart.



BREADALBANE HERITAGE SOCIETY 

Friday 17th September at 7.30 p.m.
The Atlantic Salmon



An on-line Zoom presentation by Dr. David Summers

David is the Fisheries Director of the Tay District Salmon Fisheries Board and has over 30 years' experience in the field of salmon and freshwater fisheries' research and management. He will provide an overview of the status of the River Tay's salmon population and fisheries, with an emphasis on how things compare with the past and what the future might hold. Particular emphasis will be placed on local Breadalbane issues such as hydro development.

No charge for Society Members but donations from non-members would be welcomed

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 Breadalbane Heritage Society: Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC049382



BREADALBANE HERITAGE SOCIETY 

Friday 21st January 2022
 at 7.30 p.m. **on Zoom**

John Borland: 'The Early Medieval Sculpture of Highland Perthshire'



John will give an overview of the early medieval sculpture of Highland Perthshire, following its distribution from west to east along the glens and straths, highlighting what is rare and unusual.

He will examine the distribution of the sculpture to see what that tells us about its cultural origins and thus assess just how "Pictish" this part of Perthshire was.

To receive the Zoom joining details, you must register by contacting Ian at bhsaberfeldy@gmail.com.

The season began with the talk on the Atlantic Salmon in September, then the Battles of the Three Muirs in October and the Attraction of Mountains, Schiehallion, 'Weighing' the World and Contour Lines in November. 2022 saw talks on Pictish sculpture, Arbroath Abbey and the Arts and Crafts Movement.



BREADALBANE HERITAGE SOCIETY 

Friday 18th February 2022
 at 7.30 p.m. **on Zoom**

Dr. Nicki Scott: 'Ancient Magnificence: Arbroath Abbey and beyond'

Pictish carvings highlight the tradition of Christian worship across Angus. This monumental display continued in the medieval period, most famously at Arbroath Abbey.



Images of Arbroath Abbey and Restenneth Priory courtesy of Historic Environment Scotland

Whilst this royal foundation rightly draws much attention, Restenneth Priory and Maison Dieu show it wasn't just the elites whose lives were connected to the Church.

Nicki will provide insight into the lives of these foundations and the people associated with them.

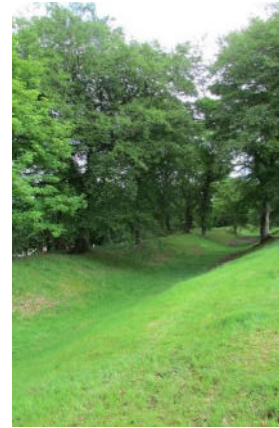
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Members responded enthusiastically to the opportunities to visit the sites which they had heard about. The programme organiser carefully planned the winter talks to connect with summer outings which led to a visit to Schiehallion to connect with the talk on measuring the earth.



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A group were able to undertake the exploration of the Antonine Wall postponed from 2020.



Members also joined Rob Hands to visit the battlefield sites which he had explained in October. He also gave more detail about the terrain and weaponry used and their influence on the results of the battles.



The talks on Pictish sculpture and Arbroath Abbey informed the 3 day residential summer visit undertaken by some 18 members to Angus to follow up some of those leads. Many Pictish sites were explored and there was a final day visit to the House of Dun.



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Financial Review

The Society's annual income derives mainly from membership subscriptions, income from book sales and donations. Regular expenditure consists of: payments for room hire for meetings; fees paid to speakers; administrative expenses relating to the running of the Society; subscription to the online platform for hosting meetings; subscription to the video platform for making recordings of meetings; and IT costs related to the website management. These costs are met broadly by the annual income.

The surplus in the **General Fund** for the period ended 31 August 2022 was £1787, whereas in the period ended 31 August 2021 there was a deficit of £1326. This surplus arose due to the reinstatement of subscriptions which had been waived during 2020-2021. The Society also received a very welcome donation of £1000 from the Dunard Fund.

The deficit in the **Restricted Fund** in the period ended 31 August 2022 was £555, whereas in the period ended 31 August 2021 this deficit was £760. The reason for this deficit is explained below.

Restricted Funds

As explained in last year's Annual Report Breadalbane Heritage Society and the Aberfeldy Museum Group agreed in 2021 that the money in the "Museum Fund" (Restricted Fund) should be used on joint projects which further the two organisations' charitable objectives. During the past year members of the two groups and the Upper Tay Paths Group collaborated on the production of a heritage map of Aberfeldy, which is now available, and provides information for visitors and members of the community.

Further work is planned for siting QR codes at various sites to link to the historical information that the Society and the Museum Group have put on the Visit Aberfeldy website.

POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 **THE SQUARE** - many things to find such as the former Congregational church, the memorial fountain on the site of the old houses.
- 2 **TOWN HALL** built 1889
- 3 **FORMER ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH**, United Free parish church built 1855 and closed in 2022.
- 4 **THE BURKS** - a walk up the Warren Burn, noted in a poem by Burns and featuring a 19th century tree collection.
- 5 **MONESS HOUSE**, built 1755, now a holiday resort.
- 6 **FORMER COTTAGE HOSPITAL**, built on the site 1910 closed 2015.
- 7 **FORMER WYRE FREE CHAPEL**, built 1907, now the drinks club premises in the Mill Close.
- 8 **STAND OF THE OLD INDEPENDENT CHURCH** chapel in the town built 1817, closed 1916.
- 9 **THE WATERMILL** - former external mill now a book shop, gallery and cafe. Built 1825.
- 10 **PARISH CHURCH** - built 1815 as a Free Church on land granted by the Marquis of Breadalbane.
- 11 **BREADALBANE ACADEMY** opened in 2010 on the site of the former school.
- 12 **ST. MARGARET'S** former Episcopal Church built 1907, closed 1976.
- 13 **BLACK WATCH MEMORIAL** - unveiled in 1987 by the Marquis of Breadalbane to commemorate the first member of the Regiment in May 1742.
- 14 **GOLF CLUB** - a 9-hole course founded in 1895.
- 15 **WADE'S BRIDGE** erected 1733 by General Wade as he built roads across the Highlands to enable troops to sweep the Jacobites.
- 16 **WEEM PARISH CHURCH** consecrated 1855 as an Episcopalian church from the Church of Scotland.
- 17 **MENZIES MANSION**, the 'Auld Kirk o' Weem' on the site of an early medieval foundation now the family museum.
- 18 **MENZIES CASTLE** 16th century, reconstructed in the 18th century and the seat of the Marquis.
- 19 **CHURCH OF MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** on the site of the original 16th century.
- 20 **ONCE THE SITE OF THE RAILWAY STATION** which was the terminus of the branch line from Lurgate.

ABERFELDY TIMELINE

c.740 BC onwards First Iron Age hill forts built above today's c.74 AD Romans arrive in Tay valley.

mid 15th century Auld Kirk, now a museum built at Weem.

16th century Castle Menzies built at Weem.

1733 General George Mackenzie's bridge built over River Tay, designed by William Adam.

1740 Sir John Macpherson's millstone near St. Andrew's Kirk.

1753 Moness House built by James Earl of Sutherland.

1746 James' three Charles steps at Castle Menzies.

1754 Hated Scottish botanist and naturalist Archibald Menzies born at Sike near Aberfeldy.

1787 Robert Burns visits Moness and writes song 'The Birnie o' Aberfeldy'.

1787 The Rural Burial Ground set up in the land where Aberfeldy now lives in the Herings, Scaurds and Morries lochs.

1795 First cotton mill set up on Moness Burn and plans for a village drawn up.

1797 Mill site not at Weem.

1817 First school, a Free Church's built in Aberfeldy.

1825 Aberfeldy Water Mill built.

1809 Haggis to acquire a 40-acre mill in the town.

1842 Queen Victoria and Prince Albert visit Aberfeldy.

1863 First train arrives at Aberfeldy Station built in 1855.

1863 First Tay Sailing Club Company founded to connect Aberfeldy and Hillhead services.

1866 Queen Victoria visits Aberfeldy.

1887 Black Watch Memorial unveiled.

1889 Aberfeldy Town Hall designed by James Mackenzie, built.

1889 Aberfeldy Town Council established, closed 1975.

1896 Aberfeldy by Electricity opened by John Dewar.

1909 Aberfeldy Cottage Hospital opens.

1939 The 3rd cinema opens, closes 1982.

1965 Aberfeldy railway station closed.

1976 Aberfeldy 'Three Faces' organ and console on location. Menzies Organ & Console Works, 1825-1965, set in 1992.

1992 World's first 6-megawatt bridge built across River Tay. Aberfeldy to meet the goal in 1978. Now, row back to 9.

2010 St. Margaret's Community Campus opens.

2013 Reopened Birnie Church opens.

2015 Aberfeldy Cottage Hospital closed.



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Reserves Policy

The Trustees consider that reserves of £3000 are needed to cover annual costs for a period of two years (£1500 pa) in order to provide financial stability, supporting the operation of the Society and enabling it to continue to work towards its core purposes in the event of a reduction of annual income. This is especially important given the uncertainty of future income from membership subscriptions in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. These costs include: hosting of meetings (venue charge and speaker fees); IT and administration costs; website maintenance; annual subscriptions to the online meeting platform and to the video platform for access to recorded meetings.

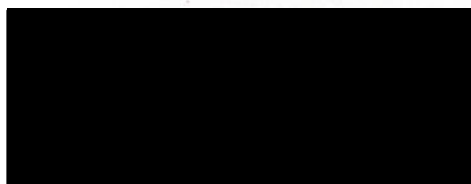
During 2022/2023 the Trustees intend to use the surplus in the General Fund (£5500) to support the following:

- Production of interpretation display boards for Killiechassie Burial Ground
- Further development of the Aberfeldy Heritage Trail leaflet and associated information including QR codes
- Further improvements to archive storage within the Town Hall
- Production and installation of notices for the protection of red squirrels on the roads
- Hosting the Society's 60th Anniversary Celebration

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



H S Rose (Trustee & Treasurer)



L M Whitwood (Trustee & Chairman)

Date: 2 March 2023

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for the period 01 September 2021 to 31 August 2022

	Notes	General funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds Current Period £	Total Funds Last Period £
Receipts					
Subscriptions		1,196		1,196	172
Visitors' fees		60		60	0
Donations	4	1,198		1,198	166
Fundraising	5	255		255	90
Outing & trip fees	6	0		0	0
Killiechassie	7	573		573	355
		3,282		3,282	783
Payments					
Event expenses	8	273		273	300
Fundraising expenses	5	0		0	0
Outing & trip expenses	6	135		135	0
Killiechassie expenses	7	218		218	788
Museum expenses	9		555	555	760
General expenses	10	819		819	825
Governance Costs	11	50		50	196
		1,495	555	2,050	2,869
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		1,787	(555)	1,232	(2,086)

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Statement of Balances as at 31 August 2022

	Notes	General funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds Current Period £	Total Funds Last Period £
Funds reconciliation	2				
Opening cash & bank balance		6,728	4,152	10,880	12,966
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		1,787	(555)	1,232	(2,086)
Closing cash & bank balance		8,515	3,597	12,112	10,880
Assets					
Recoverable grant re Killiechassie	7	218			573

The notes on pages 10 to 13 form an integral part of these accounts.

Approved by the Trustees on 2 March 2023 and signed on their behalf.




H S Rose (Trustee & Treasurer) L M Whitwood (Trustee & Chairman)

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Notes to the Accounts for the period 01 September 2021 to 31 August 2022

1. Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2. Nature and Purpose of Funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Restricted funds are those where a grant has been awarded for a specific purpose.

	At 31 Aug 2022 £	At 31 Aug 2021 £
General Funds	8,515	6,728
Restricted Funds	3,597	4,152
	12,112	10,880

All funds detailed in these notes are general funds unless otherwise indicated.

3. Assets

Breadalbane Heritage Society has no assets with a value greater than £500.

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4. Donations

	General funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds Current Period £	Total Funds Last Period £
General donations	1,198		1,198	166
Total	1,198		1,198	166

The general donations of £1,198 include a £1000 one-off donation from the Dunard Fund “to be spent in furtherance of the Society’s charitable purposes”.

5. Fundraising

	Receipts £	Payments £	Surplus Current Period £	Surplus Last Period £
Book Sales – around Aberfeldy	180		180	45
Book Sales – Cup Marked Stones	75		75	45
	255		255	90

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6. Outings & trips

	Receipts £	Payments £	Net Current Period £	Net Last Period £
Outings (Antonine Wall)		135	(135)	0
Total		135	(135)	0

The payments totalling £135 represents refunds of deposits paid in 2020 for an outing to the Antonine Wall which had to be cancelled due to Covid.

7. Killiechassie Burial Ground

Grants totalling £10000 were awarded to BHS in 2013 for the preservation and maintenance of the Killiechassie Burial Ground. This Fund is managed by Foundation Scotland and BHS draws down monies from the Fund retrospectively. The Fund value at 31 August 2022 was £7490.01.

8. Event expenses

	Total Current Period £	Total Last Period £
Speakers' expenses and gifts*	213	300
Hire of Hall	60	0
	273	300

* £100 donations to charity in lieu of gifts to speakers as requested by them.

9. Museum

The payment of £555 relates to the cost of production of the first batch of Aberfeldy Heritage Walk leaflets. See notes above under Restricted Funds section of Financial Review.

10. General Expenses

	Total Current Period £	Total Last Period £
Insurance	0	0
Marketing	0	0
Subscriptions	104	104
Administration expenses	715	721
	819	825

Administration expenses include £133 spent on various items related to the secure storage of archive material in the Town Hall. They also include £360 which is the annual charge payable to Locus Breadalbane for storage facilities in the Town Hall.

11. Governance Costs

	Total Current Period £	Total Last Period £
Legal Fees (related to SCIO documentation)	0	96
Independent Examination	50	100
	50	196

12. Related party transactions

No remuneration has been paid during the year to any Trustee or connected person.

A total of £358 was paid to Trustees as reimbursement of expenses relating to purchase of IT related items and subscriptions.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF BREADALBANE HERITAGE SOCIETY
FOR THE PERIOD 01 September 2021 TO 31 AUGUST 2022

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period 01 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees of Breadalbane Heritage Society are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mrs L El-Ghorr, ACMA, MBA

Date: 2/3/2023