



Accounts and Annual Report 2018-19

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**Take a Pride in Perthshire Association
Accounts - Year to 31 March 2019**

Registered Scottish Charity SCO27774

Receipts and Payments Account	2018/19	2017/18
Balances c/f previous year	59,367.66	59,372.57
Receipts		
Projects		
Aberfeldy Lower Birks	15,517.47	63,592.63
Alyth Burn	14,490.38	-
Blairgowrie Coronation Corner	250.00	-
Bridge of Earn Brickhall	25,384.20	22,443.40
Coupar Angus Pride of Place	-	7,355.81
Crieff - Leafy Coos	1,003.33	-
Kinnesswood Benarty View	32,240.54	-
Pitlochry Wildlife garden	2,800.00	1,556.72
Total Projects	91,685.92	94,948.56
Bank Interest	450.59	8.15
Donations	-	178.55
Grants	-	8,000.00
Subscriptions	19.00	31.00
Total Receipts	92,155.51	103,166.26
Payments		
Audit Fee	70.00	70.00
Events	337.82	2,042.30
General Mgmt	549.81	1,142.30
Meeting Expenses	876.50	1,112.39
Project Officer Fees	20,811.75	13,577.25
Total Governance Costs	22,645.88	17,944.24
Project Expenditure		
Aberfeldy Lower Birks	6,638.46	72,171.59
Alyth Burn	5,970.22	-
Auchterarder in Bloom	-	-
Bridge of Earn Brickhall	43,604.56	110.00
Coupar Angus Pride of Place	-	12,445.34
Glenfarg in Bloom	-	200.00
Kinnesswood Benarty View	28,559.56	-
Pitlochry Wildlife Garden	-	300.00
Total Projects Expenditure	84,772.80	85,226.93
Total Payments	107,418.68	103,171.17
Surplus for Year	(15,263.17)	(4.91)
Total c/fwd	44,104.49	59,367.66

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Statement of Balances as at 31 March 2019

	2018/19	2017/18
Bank and Cash on Hand		
Opening Balances	59,367.66	59,372.57
Surplus for Year	(15,263.17)	(4.91)
Less, receipts not rec'd @ y/e	-	-
Plus, payment not yet presented @ y/e	5,966.22	100.15
Closing Balances	50,070.71	59,467.81
Reserves		
Deposit Account	25,000.00	35,000.00
General Fund	25,070.71	24,467.81
Cash in Hand	0.00	0.00
	50,070.71	59,467.81

Monica Straughan (Treasurer)
Signed:

Monica Straughan

Date: 15-Apr-19

I have examined the above statement of income and expenditure for the year to 31st March 2019 and the balance sheet as at that date. To the best of my knowledge I have found them correctly stated and sufficiently vouched.

Hunter Hope CIPFA (Auditor)
Signed

Hunter Hope

Date 06-May-19

Treasurer's Notes overleaf/

TREASURER'S NOTES

1 APRIL 2018 TO 31 MARCH 2019

1. Introduction

The Constitution of the Take A Pride in Perthshire Association (known as the Take A Pride in Perth and Kinross Association) requires the preparation of externally examined Accounts of the Income and Expenditure and of the Balance Sheet at the end of the financial year. Through this report I am presenting the Accounts and Statement of Balances for the year 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019. The Accounts have been prepared with the assistance of Ben Condon FCA, and independently examined by Hunter Hope CIPFA. The accounts will be submitted to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator and published on our website after the AGM.

Further information about the projects and other work outlined in this report can be found in the Trustees' Annual Report 2018-19.

2. End of Year Financial Position

As shown in the Statement of Balances, the closing balance at 31 March 2019 was £50,070.71. This consisted of £25,000 held in a Charities Aid Foundation fixed-term deposit account with Shawbrook Bank, and £25,070.71 in the Treasurer's Account at Bank of Scotland.

3. Receipts

Total income received in 2018-19 was £92,155.51, of which £91,685.92 was for projects managed on behalf of member groups:

- £15,517.47 for the Aberfeldy Lower Birks project
- £14,490.38 for Alyth in Bloom's Alyth Burnside project
- £250.00 for Blairgowrie in Bloom's Coronation Corner project
- £25,384.20 for Brig in Bloom's Bridge of Earn Brickhall project
- £1,003.33 was received from Crieff in Leaf for its Leafy Coos project (re the Project Development Adviser fee)
- £32,240.54 for Kinnesswood in Bloom's Benarty View project
- £2,800.00 for Pitlochry in Bloom's Wildlife Garden project

Other income, not specific to any one project, included £450.59 in bank interest from our saver account, and £19 in annual subscriptions.

4. Expenditure

Expenditure totalled £107,418.68, of which £105,584.55 related to projects managed on behalf of member groups.

4.1 Project expenditure:

- £6,638.46 for the Aberfeldy Lower Birks project
- £5,970.22 for the Alyth Burnside project
- £43,604.56 for the Bridge of Earn Brickhall project
- £28,559.56 for the Kinnesswood Benarty View project
- £20,811.75 for project management support, provided to 8 projects (see section 5)

4.2 General expenditure totalled £1,834.13, which included an audit fee of £70 (paid as a donation to the auditor's chosen charity), £337.82 for Events (the Association's anniversary celebration in June 2018), £876.50 in meeting expenses (venues and catering for the AGM and monthly committee meetings), and £549.81 for general management (including admin costs and website updates, hosting & maintenance fees)

5. Project Officer fees

The Project Development Adviser (PDA) provided support to eight member groups in 2018-19 (Abernethy in Bloom, Alyth in Bloom, Auchterarder in Bloom, Blairgowrie & Rattray in Bloom, Brig in Bloom, Crieff in Leaf, Kinnesswood in Bloom and Pitlochry in Bloom).

Kirsten Mathison of Nicky Soutar Associates was appointed to this role for 2018-19, and with the committee's agreement, she has been re-appointed for the coming year, 2019-20. A small percentage (5%) of the income from each project is retained by the Association to offset some of the PDA costs. Other sources of funding, such as core-funding grants, are also being sought to help cover the ongoing costs of this valuable role.

6. Surplus/deficit

There was a deficit for the year of £15,263.17; this can be attributed to timing of cash flows due to income and expenditure relating to several projects flowing over more than one financial year. For example, expenditure on the Bridge of Earn Brickhall project totalled £43,604.56 in this financial year. However, only £25,384.20 of income was received this year, the balance having been received in the previous year.

7. Reserves

In 2017, the Association invested £35,000 in a Charities Aid Foundation 12 month, fixed-term saver account with Shawbrook Bank, which matured in July 2018, earning interest totalling £450.01. The committee agreed to invest £25,000 with the same bank for another 12 months, at an interest rate of 1.3%. The balance of £10,000 was transferred into the Treasurer's account balance to ensure we have sufficient funds to manage cash flow during the year.

8. Remunerations and other payments

All trustees act on a voluntary basis and no remunerations, honoraria or other payments were made in 2018-19.

9. Conclusion and proposal

I am satisfied that the Accounts and Statement of Balances for 2018-19 reflect the true financial position of the Association at 31 March 2019, and that the Association remains in a healthy financial position. I propose that the Accounts are formally accepted by the membership at the Annual General Meeting.

Monica Straughan

Monica Straughan, Treasurer

11 May 2019

Trustees Annual Report overleaf/

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019

Aims of the Association

1.1 Aims: the Take a Pride in Perthshire Association was established in 1998 as a charity registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator. Its aims are to enhance the environment, foster community spirit and encourage public participation in improvement projects across Perth & Kinross that deliver public benefit.

1.2 Charitable objectives: To improve the environment and quality of life throughout the Perth & Kinross Local Authority area, by supporting and enabling voluntary Environment "in Bloom" Groups in their work to protect, care for and enhance their local natural, horticultural, cultural and built environment and heritage. To advance the education of the public by supporting and encouraging educational initiatives concerning the local environment and other related issues and by providing lifelong learning about the natural environment through environmental campaigns and sustainable improvement projects. To advance community development by fostering community spirit and pride of place by encouraging public participation for the achievement of these and other related purposes.

2. Structure, Governance and Management

2.1 The Association's governing document is a Constitution, drawn up in 1998 and regularly reviewed, most recently in March 2018.

2.2 Membership of the Association is open to representatives from all 50 'In Bloom' groups in the Perth and Kinross area. An Annual General Meeting, which is open to all, is held in April or May.

2.3 The governing body is a Committee of Trustees, appointed at the AGM from the member organisations and Perth & Kinross Council. The Committee meets regularly (10 times in 2018/19).

2.4 Financial Management: as specified in the Constitution, all funds are applied in accordance with the Objectives of the Association and monies not required for immediate purposes are held in a 12-month Fixed-term Savings Account. The Treasurer, at the Annual General Meeting, submits accounts of the Income and Expenditure and of the Balance Sheet at the end of the financial year (31st March). These accounts are independently scrutinised within the provisions of the

Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The Accounts and statements of balances for 2018-19 are presented to the members at the AGM in the Treasurer's Report.

2.5 List of Trustees 2018-19: Chairman: Bill Ronald (Coupar Angus Pride of Place); Secretary: Mary Birch (Blairgowrie & Rattray in Bloom); Treasurer: Monica Straughan (Beautiful Perth). Other Trustees: Judy Pirie (Auchterarder in Bloom); Caroline Boyle (Abernethy in Bloom); Muriel Gregory (Comrie in Colour) (Trustee from 14th April to 11th June 2018); Susan Crawford (Muthill in Bloom); Avril Fulton (Brig in Bloom); Norma Smith (Kinnesswood in Bloom); Jenny Williams (Perth & Kinross Council). Advisors: Kirsten Mathison (Project Development Advisor); Hunter Hope (Independent Examiner)

Muriel Gregory decided to stand down as a Trustee in June having served the Association for 5 years, over two terms. I wish to formally thank Muriel for all her valued support for and input to the business of our unique Association of Bloom Groups.

2.6 Trustee Remuneration: the Trustees all act on a voluntary basis and no remunerations are paid.

3. Achievements and performance 2018/19

When member groups initiate local environmental projects, the Association can provide project management services, including fundraising, on request. During the year 2018-19 the following projects were undertaken by member groups in partnership with the Association:

3.1 Projects under development:

- **Alyth Burnside Enhancement (Alyth in Bloom).** Design proposals have been finalised following community consultation for this exciting and ambitious landscape improvement project at Alyth Burnside. Over £101,000 of funds have been secured and tender documents are about to be issued for Phase 1 of the works which includes site clearance, the hard landscaping of a new riverside path and seating areas, and fitting burnside railings. Phase 2 will see raised planters, bench seats, art works, an interpretation board and a listening post being installed.
- **Abernethy – Hatton Rd (Abernethy in Bloom)** Design proposals for the development of an imaginative community garden at the prominent Hatton Road site have been agreed following public consultation. The garden will facilitate physical access and usage for all and will also provide information regarding the history and heritage of the village. Estimated costs for the project are in the region of £70,000. Funding applications are to be submitted.

- **Auchterarder - Garrie's Corner (Auchterarder in Bloom).** Tenders have recently been received for this landscape enhancement scheme which includes decorative stone walling, screen fencing, seating, wheelchair access and planting areas. Following several frustrating delays with the project it is hoped that works will start on site in the next few weeks. Funds totalling £57,000 have been secured for the project.
- **Pitlochry Wildlife Garden (Pitlochry in Bloom).** Designs have been agreed following public consultation for the renewal/refurbishment of the old Wildlife Garden in Pitlochry at a probable cost of £33,000. Fund raising is still underway and Tender documents for the works are being prepared.
- **Blairgowrie "Ruby Renovations" (Blairgowrie and Rattray in Bloom).** To mark its 40th Anniversary, the local group are planning a number of projects, the main one being the landscape refurbishment and enhancement of Coronation Corner in Blairgowrie. The probable cost for the project is £48,000 and fund raising is well underway.

3.2 Completed projects:

- **Bridge of Earn - Brickhall and Balmanno Community Garden, (Brig in Bloom).** This imaginative and inspiring project has been successfully completed; it had two parts: a rural heritage project (Bridging the Past) and a landscaping project. Total funding of £57,000 was secured for the overall project, including £9,100 for the rural heritage project from the Heritage Lottery Fund's 'Stories, Stones and Bones' programme.
- **Crieff - Leafy Coos, Burrell Square (Crieff in Leaf).** This eye-catching project to enhance Burrell Square with three "Coo" sculptures and soft landscaping was completed at a cost of £33,000, with a significant amount of the of the required funding being secured by the local group. The 'Coos', designed and made by Scottish Metalwork artist, Kev Paxton of ArtFe were installed in August 2018.
- **Kinnesswood - Benarty View (Kinnesswood In Bloom).** This landscape project, which included tree and shrub planting, drystone walls, artwork, seating and an interpretation board has now been successfully completed within the budget of £33,000, following a long delay due to lease negotiations.

3.3 Project Applications recently received and approved for support

- **Bridge of Earn - Brickhall Community Garden, Phase 2 (Brig in Bloom).** This project is to complete the Brickhall Community Garden by refurbishing the central area of this prominent

site. The proposal is to develop the garden as a place to reflect the village's heritage, in particular the 'Auld Brig'.

- **Kinross – Renovation of Crosswell Fountain (Kinross in Bloom)** The 19th Century C Listed fountain is structurally in good condition but requires some conservation and stabilisation works. The project will ensure that part of the core-built heritage of Kinross will be preserved for future generations.

4 Chairman's Message

For the 21 years the Association has been in existence, a total of approximately £1.7million has been raised for, and invested in, improvement projects across the length and breadth of Perth and Kinross. As indicated in the Treasurer's Report, the Association continues to be financially viable and to enjoy the active involvement of volunteers from 50 community-based environment groups in Perth & Kinross.

As described above, the Association has worked with communities across Perth & Kinross during the past twelve months to develop and deliver a range of excellent projects that are enhancing the local environment to the benefit of the people who live and work in the area, and those who choose to visit our area.

It has been an honour to be Chairman of the Take a Pride in Perthshire Association for the past year.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by William Ronald, Chairman

W Ronald

11 May 2019