



Tay Landscape Partnership

Evaluation Report 2014-18



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Foreword

I find it almost impossible to believe that our Tay Landscape Partnership (TayLP) has come to an end after a very busy and successful four years. Perhaps the most inspiring thing has been the number of enthusiastic volunteers who have come forward to help us with projects and we owe a huge debt of gratitude to them. We also have to thank our staff, both within the TayLP team and within Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust and Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust, for their tremendous effort. Without them it would not have been possible. Working with local communities throughout the area, the TayLP has been a huge success and we hope community interest and enthusiasm will help to maintain the legacy of TayLP. So many successful projects have been delivered over TayLP that it is difficult to pick out those that mean most.

Significant improvement and increased understanding has been seen in the areas of Archaeology and Historic buildings, with highlights including the conserved Kinfauns old parish church, the clay legacy shelter at Errol, the excavations at the hillfort on Moncreiffe hill and the 'new' Pictish stone erected in Forteviot – an excellent legacy item that flags the unique importance of the area in Scotland's early history. Conserving Historic Orchards, Biodiversity and Wildlife and Paths and Trails projects have also seen significant impact in conservation, public engagement and access to the countryside

with enhancements of both existing paths and the creation of new ones, along with an orienteering course established on Kinnoull Hill. Alongside this interpretation boards have been erected at various locations, but wider interpretation has included leaflets, websites and Virtual Reality experiences shared both on site and through museums. Learning and Training has also played an important role, particularly on traditional buildings skills, orchard skills, and in boat building, and a highlight was the launch of the 'Silvery Pearl' – a boat built by Perth High School pupils – by the Earl of Wessex. Finally Events were also key to delivery including three street festivals in King Edward Street, Perth, which were most successful in engaging with the wider public. We reached out to over 5,000 school children and this outreach work also engaged with hard to reach audiences – mental health recovery groups and assisted support need school pupils.

These themes provide the structure to this report, which I do hope you enjoy. Altogether a very happy and successful four years and our thanks go to everyone who has been involved and contributed, especially our many volunteers. We hope the legacy of the TayLP will last for many years to come!

Sue Hendry

Chairman, PKHT

Summary

The Tay Landscape Partnership (TayLP) was a £2.6 million initiative, led by Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust and Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust, and principally supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund with contributions from a suite of other funders. The partnership was initiated to deliver shared objectives within the inner Tay estuary and to celebrate the landscape's unique heritage value and improve both physical and intellectual access to this heritage.

TayLP began in March 2014 with 28 natural, built and cultural heritage projects to deliver, and over four years engaged over 82,000 people through a series of activities, events, workshops, festivals, school activities and presentations. The principal objectives were to:

- Conserve and restore built and natural features that make this landscape distinct.
- Reconnect residents and visitors with the natural, built and cultural heritage of this landscape.
- Improve physical access to built and natural heritage features in the landscape.
- Provide opportunities for people to learn about the landscape and its heritage.
- Provide training opportunities for people in local heritage skills.
- Link with broader public and private investment in Dundee, Perth and Fife, to support sustainable economic development.

The final Evaluation and Monitoring Report assesses all 359 of the original outcomes and outputs against actual achievements. The following summarises statistics collated since the project inception in 2014 along with two external consultant reports evaluating qualitative data¹ and the success of the education programme.²

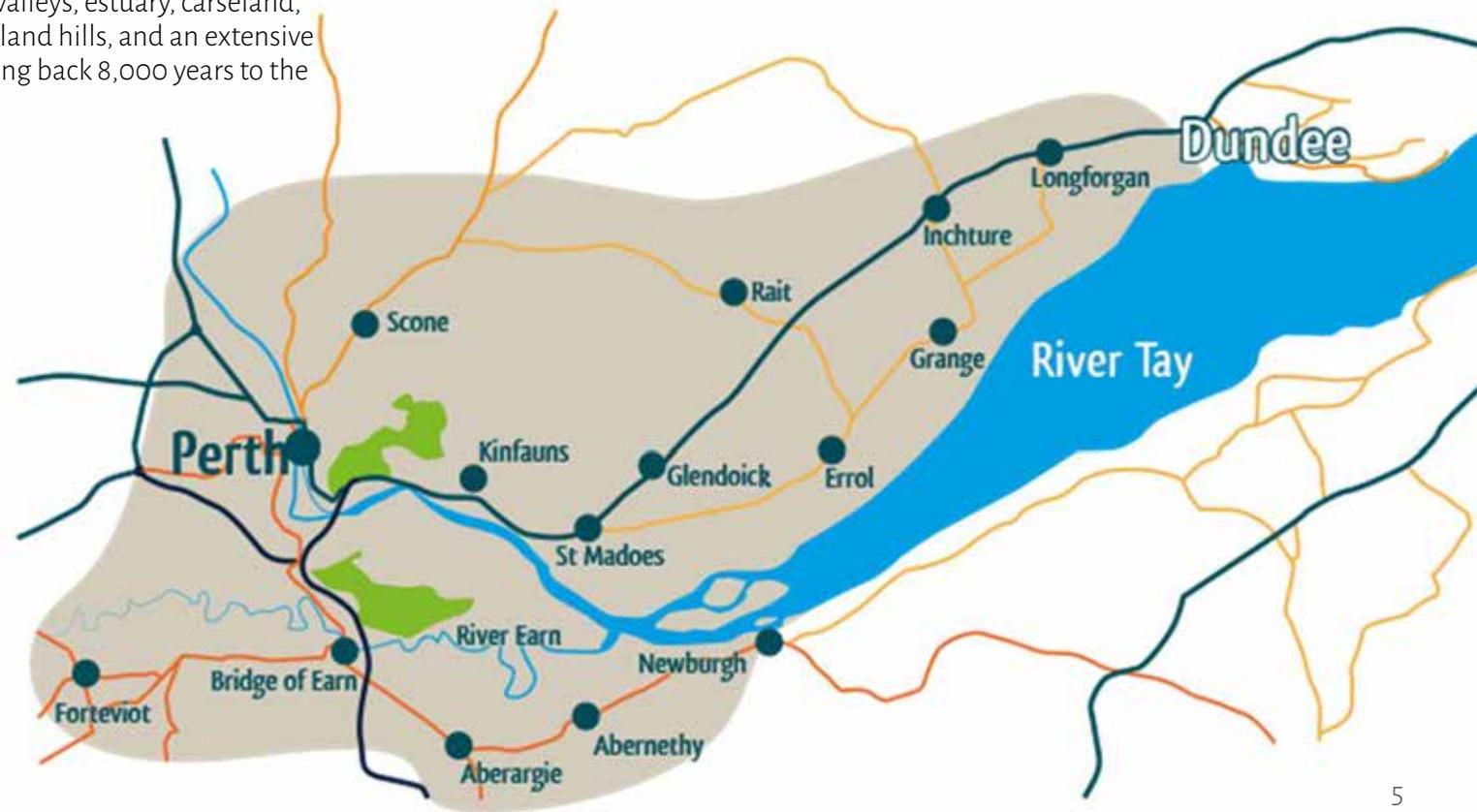
¹Project Perspectives

²Learning for Sustainability Scotland

The TayLP Area

The TayLP area covered nearly 250km² between the Sidlaw Hills and the Ochil Hills and centred on the River Tay below Perth at its confluence with the River Earn. It extended from Scone and Forteviot in the north and west, to Newburgh and Longforgan in the east. The area contains a variety of different landscape patterns and rich diversity of environments: river valleys, estuary, carseland, woodland, designed landscapes and lowland hills, and an extensive archaeological and cultural heritage dating back 8,000 years to the end of the last ice age.

The area was selected to enclose unique local landscape patterns that create a cohesive sense of place, and distinct landscape types such as the River Tay and Firth corridor and the Tay reed beds. The Tay estuary comprises the largest area of reed beds in the United Kingdom. The river, until recently, was important for salmon fishing and was instrumental to the livelihoods of many of the coastal villages.



Project Vision and Target Audiences

Vision

Reconnect the wider public with this spectacular landscape, so rich in natural, and cultural heritage features.

Aims

To celebrate and enhance for people and wildlife the landscapes where the rivers Tay and Earn meet while reconnecting residents and visitors with the natural, built and cultural heritage.

Objectives

The TayLP scheme objectives were:

- Conserving or restoring the built or natural heritage.
- Encouraging more people, and a wider range of people, to take an active part in their landscape.
- Increasing opportunities for people to have access to, and learn about, the landscape and its heritage.
- Provide training opportunities for people in local heritage skills.

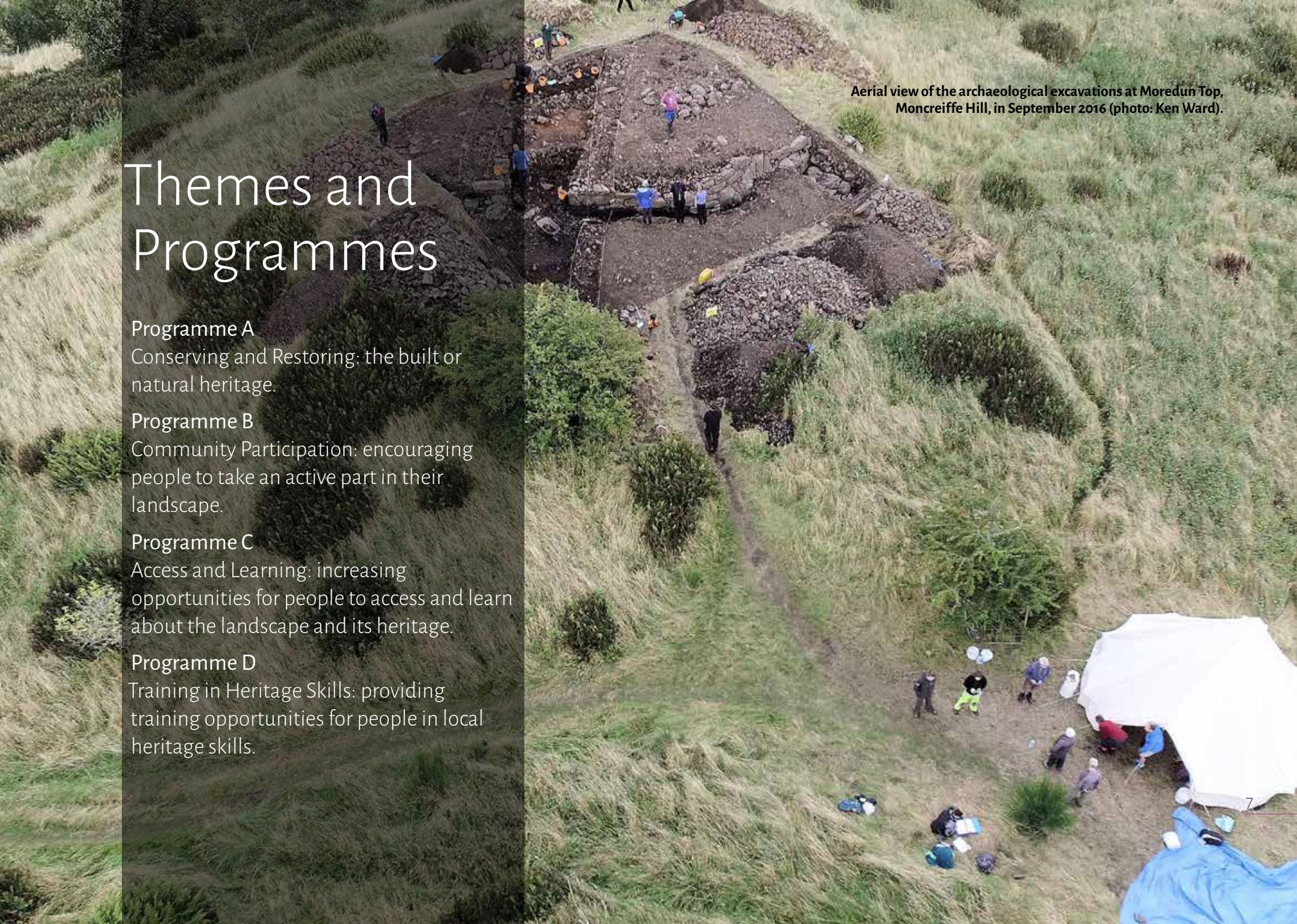
TayLP aimed to engage the following audiences:

- Local communities – TayLP area and wider region.
- Families.
- Tourists and day visitors with an interest in Scotland's cultural heritage.
- Tourists and day visitors with an interest in the outdoors and wildlife.
- General tourists (i.e. tourists in the catchment without an established interest in Scotland's cultural heritage, the outdoors and wildlife and not in a family group).

Other important audiences included:

- Life-long learners.
- School groups.
- People with health/mobility issues.
- Tourists with an interest in archaeology (linked to Scotland's cultural heritage to maximise audience development).
- Young people.
- Lower socio-economic groups.





Aerial view of the archaeological excavations at Moredun Top, Moncreiffe Hill, in September 2016 (photo: Ken Ward).

Themes and Programmes

Programme A

Conserving and Restoring: the built or natural heritage.

Programme B

Community Participation: encouraging people to take an active part in their landscape.

Programme C

Access and Learning: increasing opportunities for people to access and learn about the landscape and its heritage.

Programme D

Training in Heritage Skills: providing training opportunities for people in local heritage skills.



Archaeology

Delivery

- 3 hillforts excavated through 6 archaeological digs.
- Conservation of artefacts recovered.
- Site open 2 weeks annually with daily guided tours for visitors.
- Over 900 new lithics recovered through field-walking.
- 5 Pictish stones conserved and displayed.
- 1 contemporary pictish stone created.
- 3 'Wee Big Dig' weekend digs held.
- Peer reviewed and popular publications published.



Legacy

Early Settlers

- Final publication illustrating discovered lithics and promote understanding of early settlers.

Hill-forts of the Tay

- Online publication and popular booklet.
- PKHT will continue their successful hillfort excavations programme throughout the region.

Forteviot Pictish Stones

- 8 pictish stones conserved in St Andrews Church, with new interpretation in 4 languages.
- Continued training workshops with professional contractor to restore a walled garden at a linked church.
- 2 educational pop-up banners produced for use by St Andrews church at Doors Open Day and other outreach events.

Ancient Abernethy

- Museum of Abernethy have commissioned additional laser scanning of Pictish stones.
- Desire to continue Wee Big Digs and community weekend activities.
- Production of a new tourist focussed website.

Set in Stone – The Birth of Alba

- One new commemorative Pictish cross installed in Forteviot with new interpretation panels.
- Professional contractor mentored one trainee during the commission of the new pictish stone, supporting future heritage skills training and employment.

Reconstruction of Abernethy hillfort (photo: Chris Mitchell).



Historic Buildings

Delivery

- 2 historic clay buildings conserved.
- 4 grants to historic buildings in Errol.
- 5 grants to historic buildings in Abernethy.
- 1 legacy clay shelter constructed.
- 2 medieval churches conserved.

Legacy

Clay Biggins o' the Carse

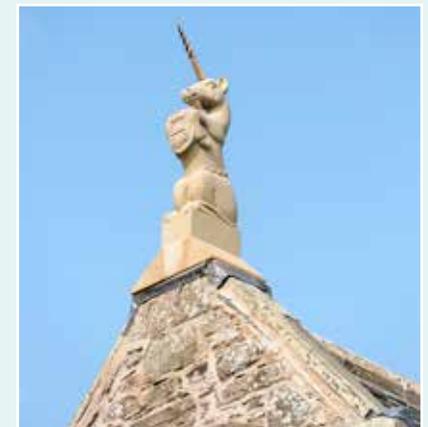
- Clay Audit survey publications (Volume 1 and 2) printed and available as a hard copy or online. Locations have been forwarded to Perth and Kinross council for inclusion in future planning applications consideration.
- Discussions with James Hutton Institute regarding inclusion of some of the clay audit information on their website.
- Professional contractor is working with EBUKI to create a clay building/ historic resource of soil use.
- Historic Environment Scotland are considering using the refurbishment of Gray House earth building as a case study.

Kinfauns Churchyard

- Publicly safe monument for community use and restoration of the church for future generations.

Modern Mud - Fostering a Living Tradition

- New clay legacy shelter built in Errol park to celebrate the clay building tradition on the Carse of Gowrie.



Conserving Historic Orchards

Delivery

- 12 botanical illustrations of local heritage fruit varieties created.
- 40 DNA samples of local heritage fruit varieties analysed.
- 9 historic orchards conserved.
- 6 community orchards established with 96 trees.

Legacy

- DNA report produced for local heritage varieties will support national initiatives in identifying specimens.
- 12 botanical illustrations of local heritage varieties to support future identification of rare fruit.
- Supported data collection for Scottish Natural Heritage's Orchard Inventory.
- Planted 6 new community orchards in publicly accessible areas.
- Improved networking of historic orchard owners and commercial companies in supply and demand of fruit (e.g. Elcho Castle). Some orchard owners are looking to expand their orchards and re-establish commercial orchards.



Biodiversity and Wildlife





Delivery

- 954 boxes installed.
- 1 conference held.
- 50 management plans written.
- 140 trees planted.
- 1 new woodland established.
- 2.1km hedging created.
- 2 wildflower meadows established.
- 1 water vole survey completed.

Legacy

Buildings for Biodiversity

- 423 artificial nest boxes installed.
- Video produced to promote best practice in managing buildings with swift populations: available on line and through Tayside Swifts group.

Tay to Braes, Wildlife Ways

- 531 artificial nest boxes installed.
- 8 mist nests donated to Tay Ringing group to support future monitoring.
- Substantial new habitat creation which will benefit priority farmland, grassland and woodland biodiversity species.
- All biodiversity species data collected during TayLP (water vole survey, nest box usage) has and will continue to be reported to the National Biodiversity Network website gateway to support national conservation action plans and local future project planning.

Tay Reed Beds

- 3 new benches and 5 interpretative panels to raise awareness of the area's heritage.
- New tree planting will protect important breeding birds such as the marsh harrier from being disturbed and abandoning nests.



Paths and Trails

Delivery

- 6.3 km of path upgraded.
- 19.6 km of paths improved.
- 9 paths (target 11km) upgraded.
- 1 feasibility study, 6 pilot trips, website completed.

Legacy

Access to the countryside

Trails and Views

- 19.6 km of path networks upgraded, in some instances making them multi-user accessible. 9 paths in total have been improved including new waymarkers and interpretation boards.

Canoe Trail

- New canoe trail tourist website available.



Interpretation

Delivery

- 19 panels created.
- 5 leaflets designed.
- 5 Virtual Reality worlds created.
- 3 artist reconstructions of ancient sites completed.
- 15 heritage quilts, booklet and CD created through an oral history project.

Legacy

- New Tay Valley and Strath Earn logos to be used for future branding of the area.
- 19 interpretive panels and 5 new themed tourist leaflets.
- New TayLP legacy website with archive material and gallery.
- 5 new virtual worlds of Moredun Top, pictish Forteviot, Ancient Abernethy, Cottown earth building and medieval Perth.
- 3 illustrations of Moredun Top, Moncreiffe Hill and Castlelaw hillforts.

Virtual Reality on Moredun hillfort (photo: Julie Howden).

Learning and Training

Delivery

- 5 new education resources written.
- Improved learning centre established.
- Permanent orienteering course established.
- 19 grants awarded.
- 44 workshops (25 hedge laying, 3 coppicing, 16 green woodworking) held.
- 10 traditional building skills training programmes with 110 people delivered.
- 1 St Ayles Skiff rowing boat built with local schoolchildren.
- 7 festivals, including the international Clayfest! at Errol held.

Legacy

- 2 Minecraft games: Medieval Perth and Iron Age hillforts available from the TayLP website.
- 5 new education resources produced: River Tay, Bees, Settle Petal (early settlers), Son of Alba (Kenneth McAlpin), and Lifecycle of salmon.
- 8 new canoe instructors trained to promote future canoe trips.
- 10 new bushcraft instructors trained to promote outdoor learning.
- Finds from archaeological digs and field walking to be archived in local museums.

Learning Centre

- A new permanent orienteering course at Kinnoull woodland park established, including a disabled access trail.
- Learning centre equipped with heating to allow year round learning.
- Outdoor Woodland Learning Scotland (OWLS) now have access to the learning centre.

Training with Clay

- 3 apprentices trained in earth building skills, two have experience towards recognised European qualifications while the third attended an Erasmus exchange to Iceland.
- Clay Detectives group established during the clay audit survey (Clay Biggins O' The Carse) which will continue as a support group to the local professional contractor.

Bee Colony Regeneration

- 1 bee keeper has started to produce honey for sale, supporting local economic growth.
- 21 new beekeepers established.





Orchard Skills Training

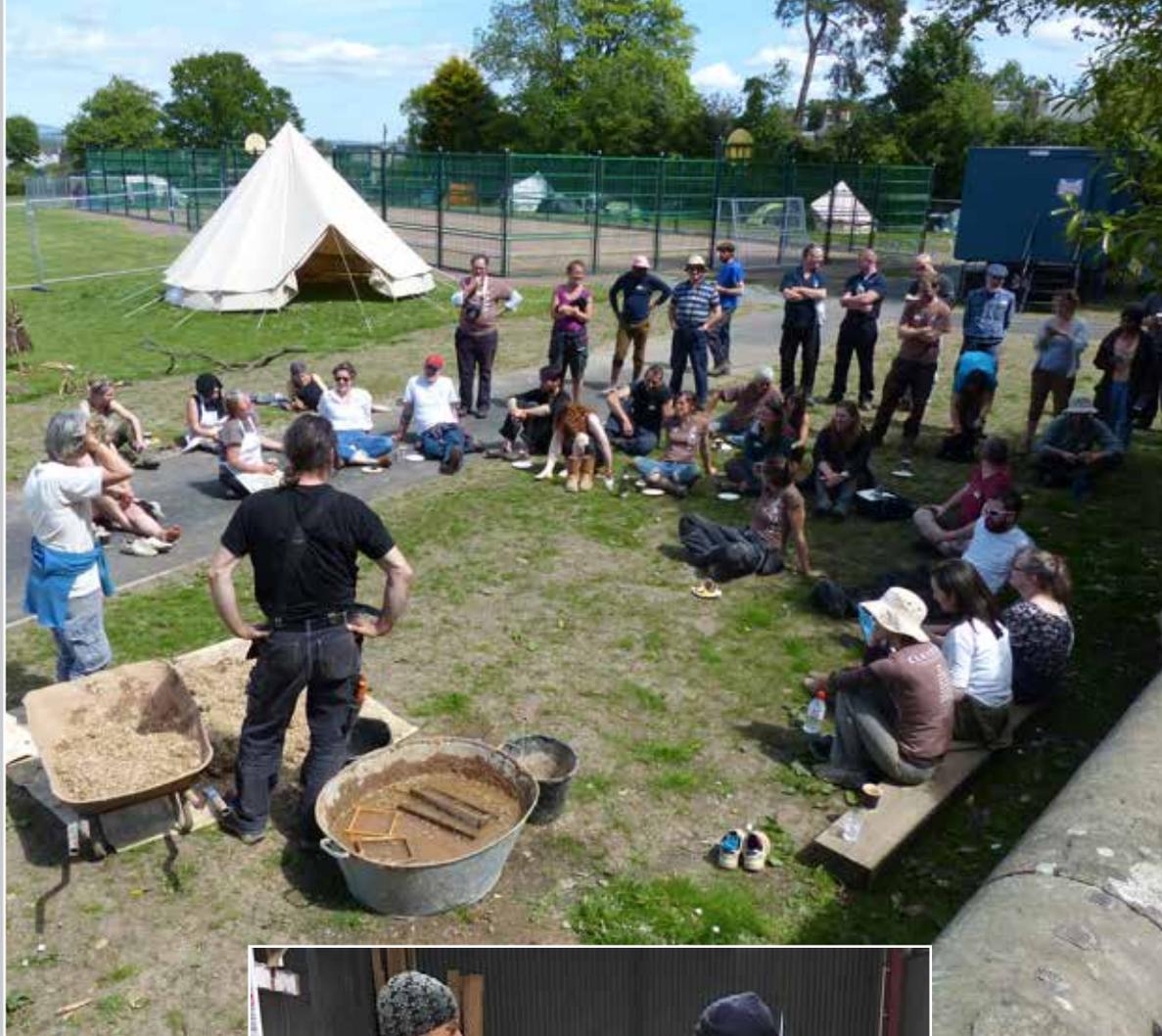
- Historic Environment Scotland are keen to continue fruit harvest of their historic orchard at Elcho Castle and local use of produce.
- Completion of the historic orchard management programme will continue beyond TayLP with funding secured from the maintenance plan.

Inspiring People Bursary Scheme

- A series of photographs, sound recordings and poems have been collated.
- 2 new education resources have been produced as a result of the bursary scheme.
- One grantee was supported in becoming a graphic novelist and pursuing new employment.
- A local secondary school will continue surveying the impact of tourism at Kinnoull woodland park for long term analysis and study by geography pupils.

Countryside Skills

- Tayside Biodiversity Partnership and Perth and Kinross Council's Greenspace Team will use TayLP data for future coppice management plans and a Countryside Ranger attended workshops in order to support community groups beyond TayLP.
- A local community group has been trained on management skills for two local coppice woodlands and will continue work parties beyond TayLP.
- A local willow weaver and venue hire have requested links with Castle Huntly to obtain coppice for future green wood working events.



'Hands on' learning at Clayfest! (@EBUKI).

- Castle Huntly has continued to expand their coppice woodland and is seeking an enterprise group to work with to donate the coppiced material. Training provided during TayLP has allowed Castle Huntly to manage the coppice internally.

Traditional Building Skills

- PKHT are to continue skills training at Murray Royal Hospital and Castle Huntly.
- Perth and Kinross Duke of Edinburgh Awards Association are developing plans with Megginch Castle Estate to continue skills training for 18-25 year olds.
- Conservation of Rait Church, a Scheduled Ancient Monument for future generations.

Boat Building

- Perth High School to seek funding for a second boat and to promote rowing in school. A second year of craftsmanship has been completed during 2017-2018 to complete making oars for the boat created during TayLP.

Landscape Scheme Apprentice

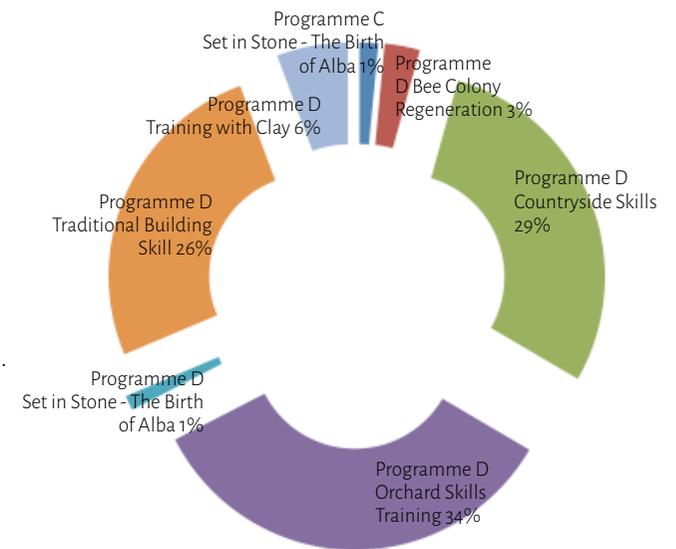
- Three modern apprentices obtained their SVQ in Level 2 or 3 in Business Administration. All have found long term employment.

Impact and Outcomes

Achievements

TayLP delivered 28 projects within the four themes, with 359 separate outputs and objectives. The principal achievements were:

- 82,421 people engaged throughout all activities, including festivals, workshops, events and presentations. In addition to this:
 - 28,497 people visited McManus Art Gallery in Dundee to view the Clay Exhibition.
 - Twitter, Facebook and website interaction. TayLP tweeted 1,067 and had 701 twitter followers.
- 1,327 volunteers and trainees.
- 16,625 volunteer hours, equating to 6 years of full time employment.
- 64 talks presented to local community groups.
- 69 community groups engaged or participating in events.
- 290 events delivered.
 - 92 schools
 - 82 training
 - 65 volunteer.
 - 51 other.
- 8,426 school age children engaged (the target being 5,000).
 - 5,879 through formal education.
 - 18 primary schools engaged.
 - 4 secondary schools engaged.



Breakdown of training hours

Hands on Heritage

- A Carse of Gowrie orchard owner wishes to continue the fruit festival in an historic orchard.

Telling our Story – Oral Histories

- New songs written into a booklet and audio CD: given to participating schools and care homes and available on the legacy website.
- 15 heritage quilts produced.

The Story of Abernethy

- One restored coble boat, newly displayed pictish stones, oral stories hub and interpretative material to support understanding of local heritage for future tourism.
- Promotion on TayLP's website and new bespoke Abernethy information panels and leaflets produced to encourage future tourism.
- 11 new tourist signs throughout the village directing people to key attractions.
- The local community have renewed confidence in organising events and networking with professional contractors.

Outreach

64 talks

69 groups

82,148
people

1,327
volunteers,
trainees

16,625
volunteer
hours (6 years)



Education



8,426 pupils/children

- 5,879 formal education
- 18 primary schools
- 4 secondary schools

Events



290 events

- 92 schools
- 82 training
- 65 volunteer
- 51 other



Making a Skep (traditional beehive).

Building Community Capacity

The TayLP has supported local communities by nurturing the development of networks and contacts for future projects, empowering local groups with knowledge and understanding and a 'can do' attitude:

Ancient Abernethy/The Story of Abernethy

- Following the conservation and display of the Forteviot Pictish stones, The Museum of Abernethy commissioned display their own artefacts, have completed laser scans of the Abernethy Pictish stones, and are currently re-designing their website to promote these resources for the benefit of tourists and locals alike.

Forteviot Pictish Stones

- Members of St Andrews Parish Church, enthused by the display of the Pictish stones in Forteviot, have discussed new possible heritage projects and the Kirk session are now seeking funding to restore the walled garden at Aberdalgie and are actively promoting the Pictish stones for tourism.

Clay Biggins O' The Carse

- The Clay Detectives, a newly formed group of volunteers, have shadowed experts to identify clay buildings, and two local volunteers have undergone training in earth building techniques throughout TayLP so that knowledge of the tradition is once again alive within the community.

Traditional Building Skills

- Staff at Castle Huntly have been trained in the use of lime mortar and will continue to work with Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust to train prisoners and conserve the A-listed castle walls.

Countryside Skills

- Castle Huntly and a local community group, South Perth Green Spaces Group, have been trained in coppice management techniques. Both parties will continue to utilise these skills beyond TayLP; Castle Huntly have extended their woodland area in 2018 and are currently seeking a social enterprise group to donate the coppice material to.

Hands on Heritage

- Following a successful fruit festival in 2017 at Muirhouses historic orchard, near Errol, the owner has expressed a desire to continue hosting the festivals as an annual event in the Carse of Gowrie.



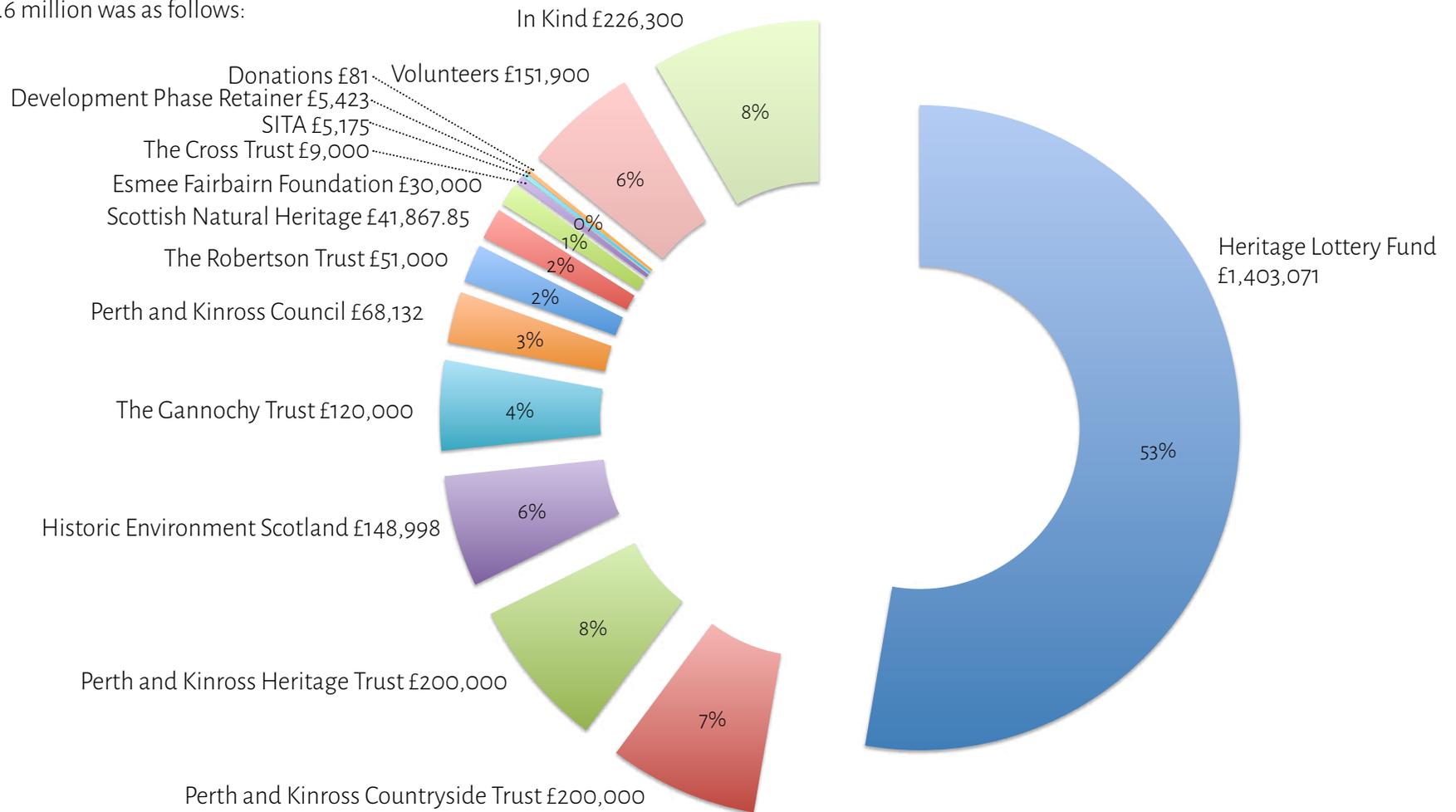
Promotion and Publicity

TayLP had over 66 heritage stories published in local and national newspapers and news websites. Articles were also published in magazines of, for example, Woodland Trust Scotland and Historic Environment Scotland. TayLP had 701 followers on Twitter and Facebook and the Hillforts of the Tay blog provided updates on finds for people unable to access the fort or take part in the excavations. Promotion of the new River Tay education resource pages for teachers and youth leaders was promoted in the Royal Scottish Geographic Society magazine and within Perth and Kinross Council.

Finance

Income

TayLP was supported by 11 funders and the make-up income of £2.6 million was as follows:



In kind and Volunteer Contributions

TayLP was extremely successful in obtaining in-kind contributions from contractors, which allowed for greater value and added benefit to the scheme. Overall, the in-kind contributions from partners and contractors exceeded the budget which was £151,900. In-kind contributions from contractors were found throughout all programmes but of particular note were the built heritage, natural heritage and access projects. Additional work and support from partners (£107,599) and contractors (£203,613) in the end amounted to £311,212.

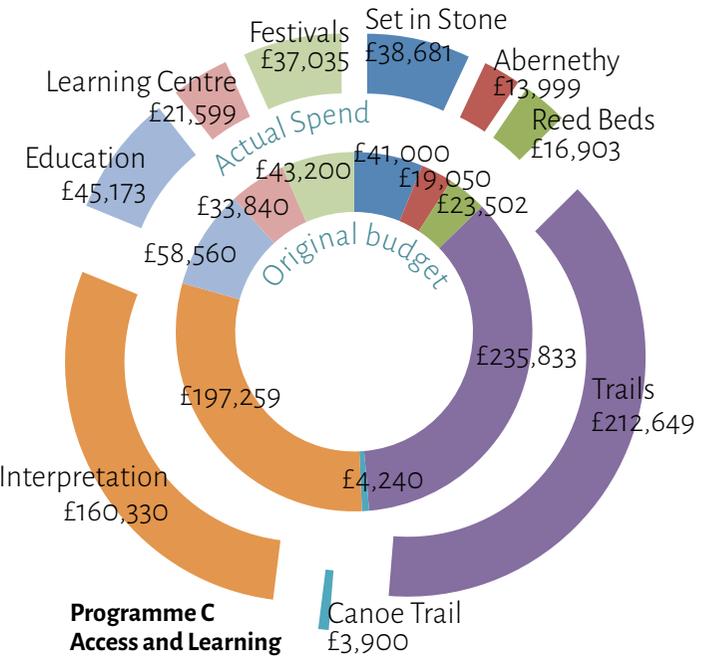
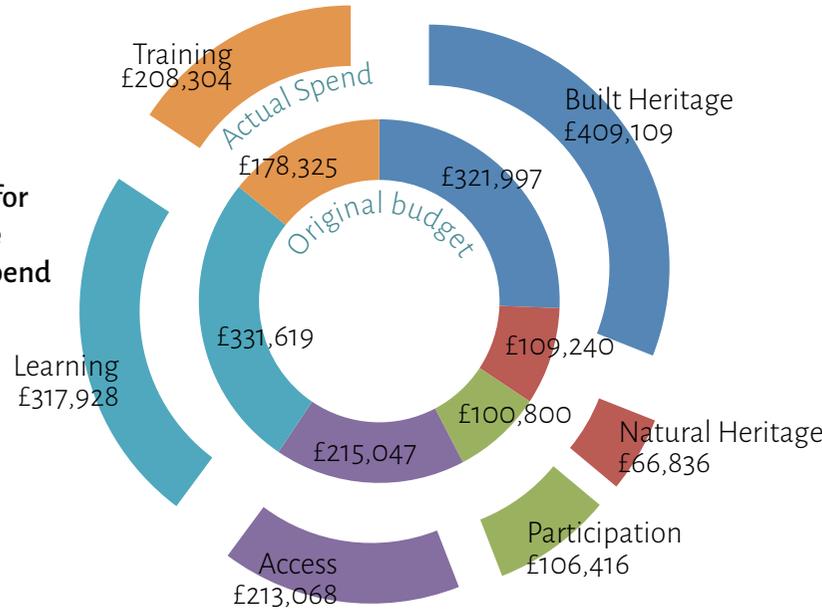
Volunteer contributions also exceeded the target £226,300 and total volunteer contributions accrued were: unskilled (403 days) at £20,133, skilled (1,893 days) at £283,929 and professional (62 days) at £18,675, making a total contribution of £322,737.

Volunteer Hours by Project

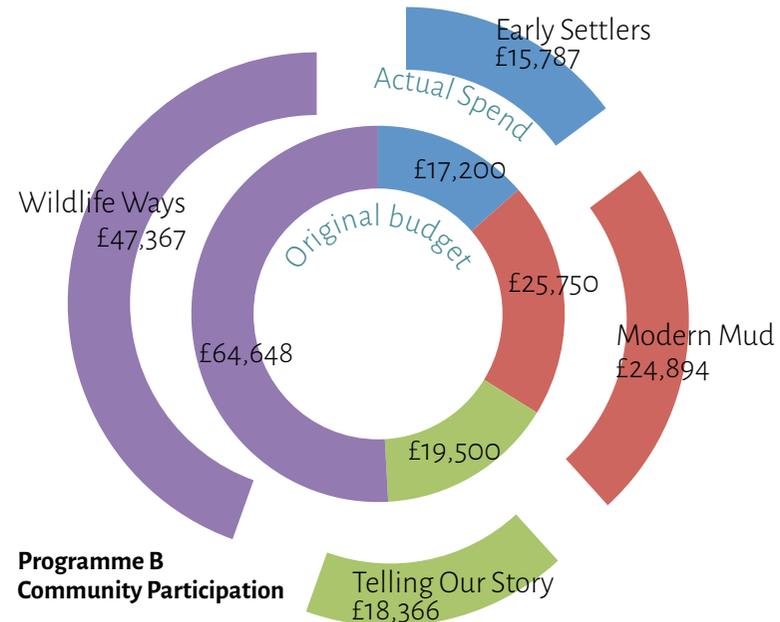
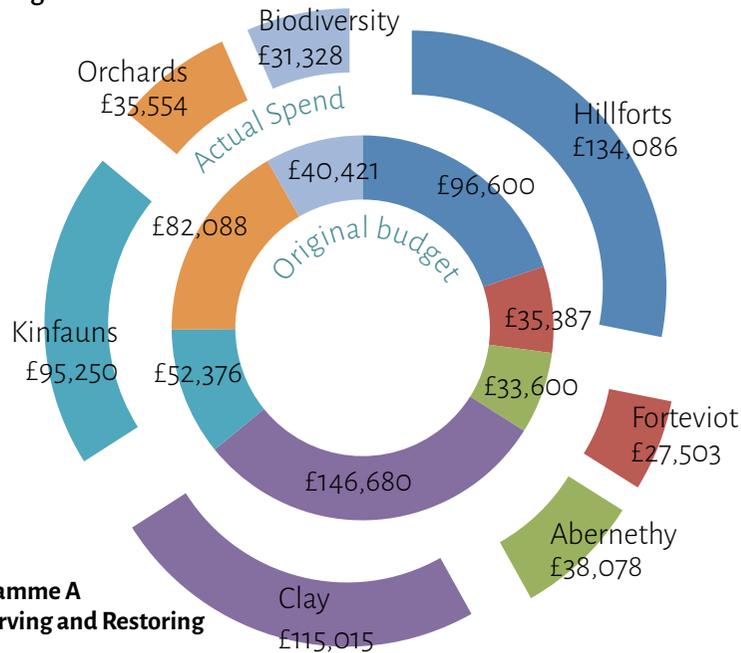
Programme	Project	Days
A	Hillforts of the Tay	1,592
	Ancient Abernethy	152
	Forteviot Pictish Stones	27
	Clay Biggins O' The Carse	25
	Historic Orchards	73
	Buildings for Biodiversity	2
B	Early Settlers	200
	Modern Mud	28
	Tay to Braes	97
C	The Story of Abernethy	51
	Tay Reed Beds	3
	Canoe Trail	3
	Education and Lifelong Learning	1
	Interpretation	7
	Hands on Heritage	53
D	Bee Colony Regeneration	2
	Training With Clay	10
Miscellaneous	Events	3
	Admin	5

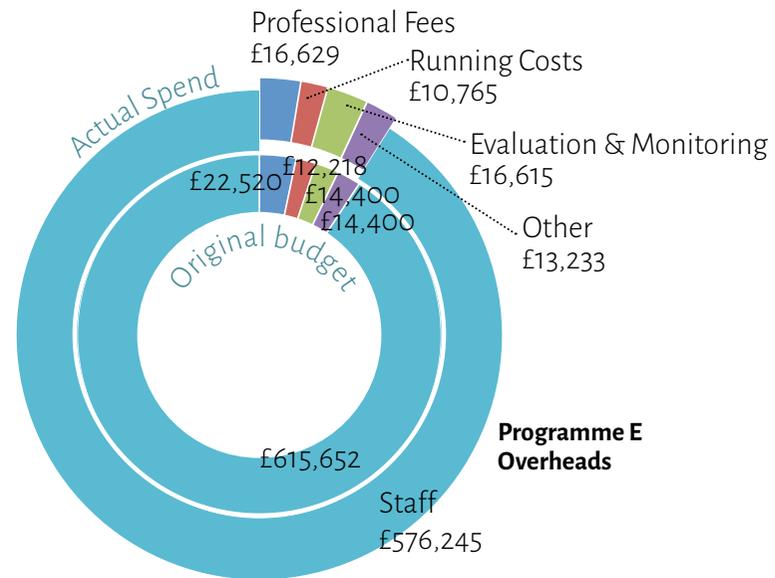
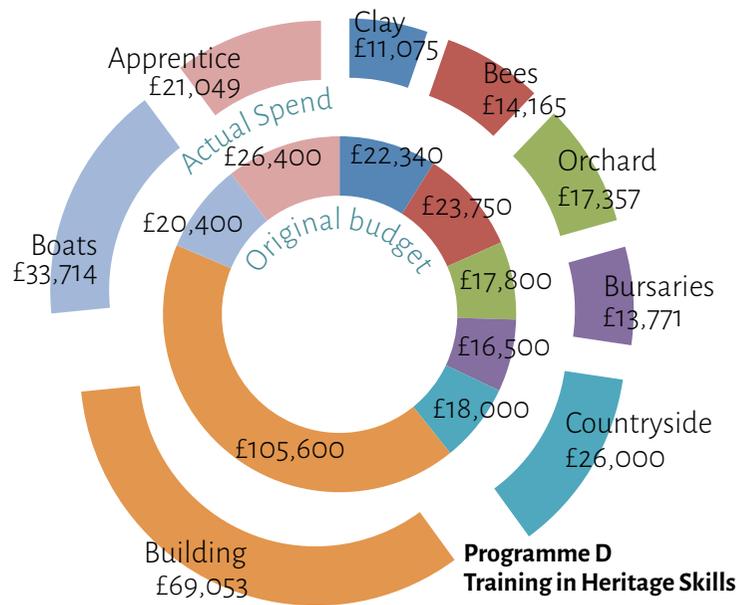
Expenditure

Original Budget for each Programme against Actual Spend



Original Budget against Actual Spend for Programmes A-E





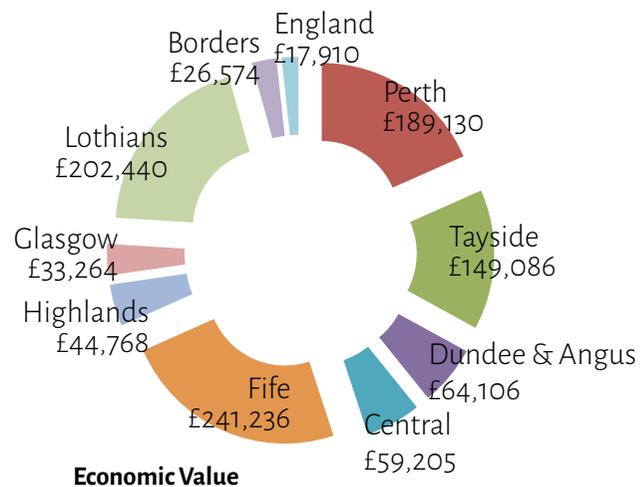
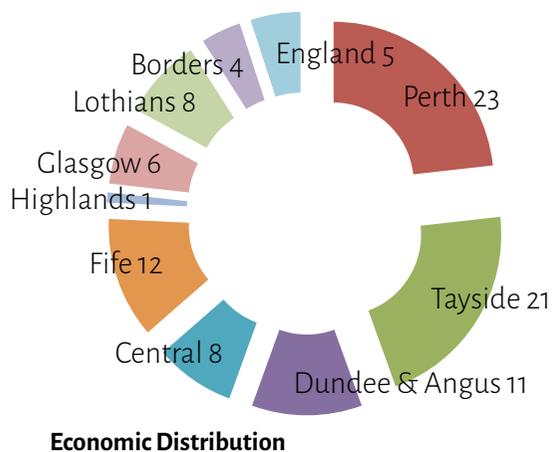
Overall Expenditure

Programme	Project	Budget	Actual Expenditure
A	Conserving and Restoring Built Heritage	£321,997	£409,109
	Natural Heritage	£109,240	£66,836
B	Community Participation	£100,800	£106,416
C	Access	£215,047	£228,133
	Learning	£331,619	£317,928
D	Training in Heritage Skills	£178,325	£208,340
E	Overheads	£666,488	£633,519
Contingency		£136,539	£136,539
VAT		£202,679	£169,580

Supporting the Local Economy

One of TayLPs objectives was to link with broader public and private investment in Dundee, Perth and Fife, and to support sustainable economic development. TayLP's procurement policy promoted the use of local, regional and national consultants and contractor, as indicated below:

Supporting the local economy: location of contractors employed



Value of contracts awarded by location

Main contractors, consultants and suppliers

Archaeology: AOC Archaeology

Bee Colony Regeneration: East of Scotland Beekeepers, Perth and District Beekeepers Association, EH Thornes

Boat Building: Jason Bradley, Bobby Sutherland

Buildings for Biodiversity: Direct ecology, Happening Events, Perthshire Wildlife, KT Nestboxes

Canoe Trail: Canoe Coaching, Scottish Canoe Association, The Big Pond

Clay Buildings: RebEarth, Arc Architects,

Countryside Skills: Georgia Crook, Scottish Woodland Centre/Community TreeCycle, Torquil Varty, Jim Thomson, Langton Tree Specialists

Early Settlers: Lithic Research, Leanne Whitelaw, Alder Archaeology

Education: Andrew Illsley, Five Senses, The Four Crows, Elspeth MacKay, The Barrow Band, Flying Colours, Clanranald, Clydebuilt Puppets, Tayside Orienteers, Alfie Pound, Circus Malabaristas, Penny Martin, Sarah Jane Hutcheon, Learning for Sustainability Scotland, Andrew Bradley, Fishers

Forteviot and Set in Stone: Lightly West, Dalmack Joinery, Monikie Rock Art, Nicola MacQueen

Hands on Heritage: Baillies Marquees, Apollo Events, Strathblane Falconry, Perth Farmers Market, Direct Distribution, Street Advertising Services

Interpretation: St Andrews University, Bright, Chris Mitchell, Hillfoots Research/Peter McNiven

Kinfauns Church: Headland Archaeology, T&M Stonemasonry, @architects, Michelle De Bruin, Dunn's Landscapes, Allen Gordon

Monitoring and Evaluation: Project Perspectives

Orchards: Plants with Purpose and Appletreeman, Orchard Services, Orchard Revival, Jacquie Pestell

Tay Reed Beds: Art is an Option

Tay to Braes: Gavia Environmental Ltd, Caledonian Conservation Ltd, Coventry Fencing, Cheviot Trees, Johnsons of Whixley, Littlewood Landcare

Telling Our Story: Scots Voices

Traditional Building Skills: Frew Conservation Ltd, Nixon Hire

Trails and Views: Tam Shilliday, McGowan Ltd, Norrie Campbell, Murthly Sawmill, Thomson Landscapes, JB Corrie, McLeod Stonemasonry, Tay and Earn Trust

TayLP has supported several new and developing business initiatives. TayLP supported the Tay and Earn Trust's Inner Tay Masterplan through production of the canoe trail feasibility study which resulted in a canoe trail website promoting river use for locals and families and the Trust's Willowgate Activity Centre has been promoted on tourist destination leaflets as a principal location for hiring equipment and accessing the river.

The tourist destination leaflets have been distributed in Glasgow and Edinburgh directly promoting Perth and its environs as a place to

explore, and highlights museums and art galleries, heritage attractions such as Elcho Castle and its historic orchard, hillforts, Scone Palace, woodland walks, river sports and Pictish stones to be visited.

Supporting Local Stakeholders

TayLP has supported local stakeholders in delivering their own objectives:

Tayside Biodiversity Partnership

The 1st and 2nd editions of the Tayside Biodiversity Action Plan contained many of the projects within Countryside Skills, Tay to Braes, Historic Orchards and Buildings for Biodiversity and as such their achievements will support delivery of the Action Plan. For example, there is a recognised need to raise awareness within builders and architects of best practice in building techniques for biodiversity priority species such as bats, swifts and barn owls. TayLP successfully hosted a conference in 2017 with 45 people from 29 companies attending.

Culture Perth and Kinross

TayLP and Culture Perth and Kinross worked collaboratively on a number of exhibits, at Perth Museum and other venues, including The Cradle of Scotland (in conjunction with Glasgow University), Picts and Pixels, and Early Settlers and the Settle Petal graphic novel.

TAYplan

This strategic development plan covering Perth and Kinross, Dundee, Angus and Fife Councils, published in 2017 a Strategic Development Plan which references TayLPs work supporting green networks.

Perth and District Beekeepers Association

The local beekeeping association has seen an increased membership following Bee Colony Regeneration training events, supporting efforts to increase populations of honey bees for pollination and food production.

Increasing Heritage Skills for the Future

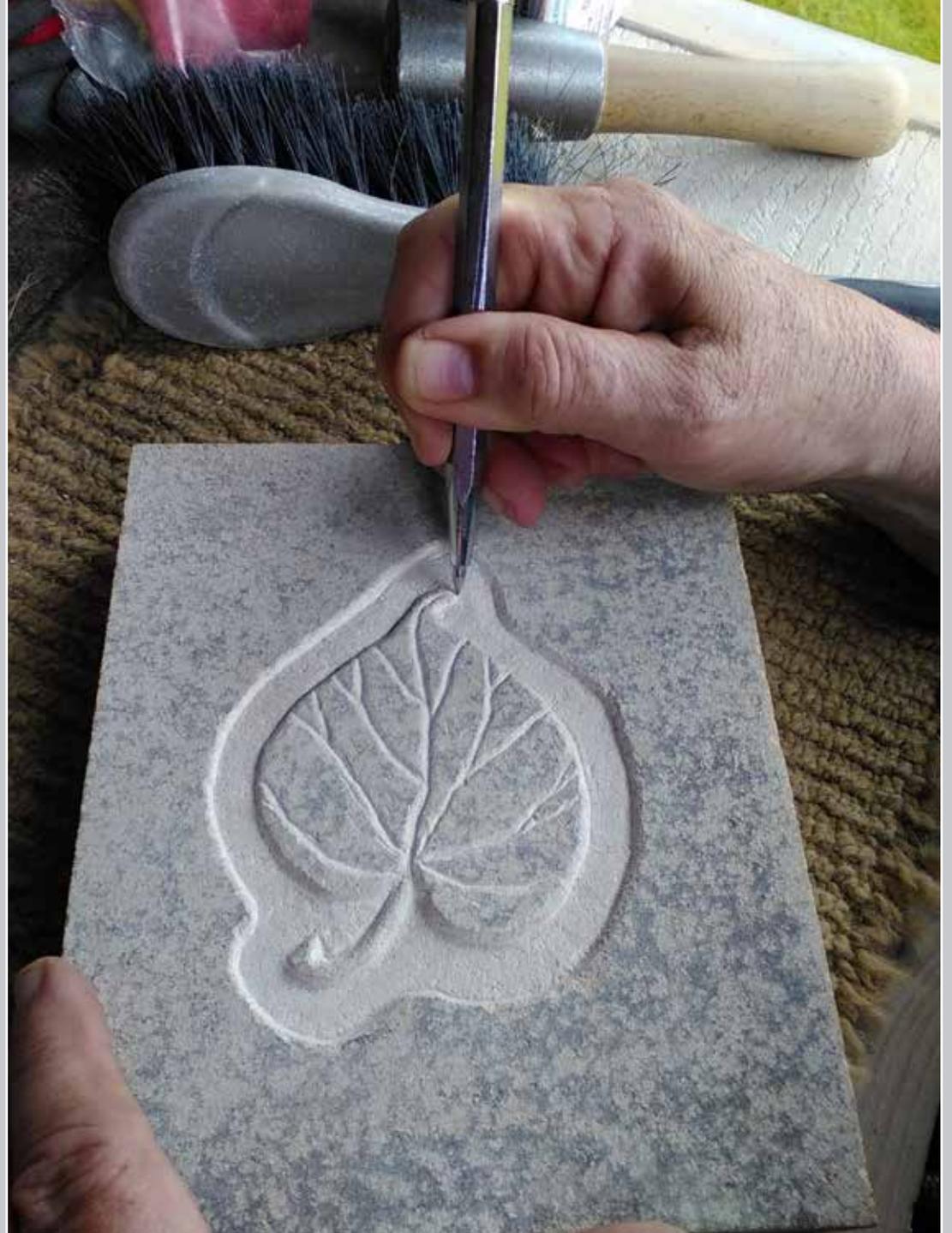
The TayLP volunteers and trainees significantly increased their knowledge of heritage skills such as traditional building skills and the management of orchards. Over 200 young people took part and received Heritage Heroes certificates and TayLP supported student participation in the Saltire Award, John Muir Trust and Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Two high schools, with students with additional support needs, participated in several projects including hedge planting and laying, traditional building skills and boat building. These events offered insight into alternative careers with teachers noting the positive impact on pupils in the classroom during these training programmes, particularly in raising both personal confidence.

Future Maintenance

A monitoring programme, administered by PKHT, will oversee the maintenance of all assets created over TayLP for the next decade to ensure locals and the next generation of school pupils benefit in the future.

Conclusions

TayLP was successful in delivering on the vast majority of its objectives and in addition to improving and enhancing both the historic environment of the area, and its biodiversity, there was notable social and economic benefits both in the short term and for the future. For example the improvements to historic buildings and Pictish stones but will remain long after their scheduled decade of maintenance, and use of the improved path network is secured at least for that period of time. Feedback from young people not in employment, education or training, and from high school students was powerful, confirming the need for more vocational training opportunities, and the improved wellbeing of volunteer participants was noticeable with many enjoying being outdoors and taking part in meaningful projects. All the work produced through TayLP is available on its legacy website at www.taylp.org and will remain as a resource for communities to take responsibility of their local heritage showing that the TayLP vision – to reconnect the wider public with this spectacular landscape – was achieved.



Stone carving workshops at Forteviot (photo: George Logan).

TayLP Stakeholders

The following lists groups who have received presentations and (*) active stakeholders who have participated in events, training workshops and activities.

Community Groups: Carse Association of Continued Education, Tayside Orienteers*, Perth Rotary, Braes of the Case Conservation Group*, TAFAC, Carse of Gowrie Conservation Group*, Carse of Gowrie Sustainability Group, Scone Historical Society, Abertay Historical Society, Auchterarder and District Local History Association, Strathearn Archaeology and Historical Society, Forteviot Parish Church*, Breadalbane Historical Society, Museum of Abernethy*, Fowls and Liff SWRI, Perth Society of Natural Sciences, University of the 3rd Age, Chest Heart and Stroke Foundation, Chest Heart and Stroke Foundation, Perth Piece Partners*, Dunbarney Monday Club, Auld Abernethy Society Friends of St Leonards in the Field, Auchterarder Inner Wheel, Auchterarder Ladies Group, Newburgh Historical Society, Angus and Dundee Bird Group, Angus and Dundee Bird Group, Perth Civic Trust, South Perth Green Spaces Group*, Dundee Urban Orchards*, Tayside Swifts*, Tay Ringing Group, Earn Community Council, Abernethy Community Council, Errol Community Council, Longforgan Community Council, Perth and District Beekeepers Association*, East of Scotland Beekeepers Association*.

Other organisations: Culture Perth and Kinross*, Tay and Earn Trust / Willowgate Activity Centre*, Tayside Biodiversity Partnership, Royal Scottish Geographical Society, Rural Skills Scotland*, Job Centre*, Tayside Orienteers*, Scone Estates*, Perth and Kinross Council, St Andrews University, Stirling University, Glasgow University, Scottish Canoe Association, Dupplin Trust 2000*, National Trust of Scotland, Earth Buildings UK and Ireland, Woodland Trust Scotland*, Tay Estuary Forum, National Museums of Scotland, The Gannochy Estate*, Forestry Commission Scotland, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Historic Environment Scotland, Co-operative PLC, Aviva, Scottish and Southern Energy.

Education (*): Outdoor Woodland Learning Scotland, Perth College UHI, Perth High School, St Johns Academy High School, Crieff High School, Balnacraig School, Navigate, Fairview, Abernethy PS, Invergowrie PS, Errol PS, Forteviot PS, Tulloch PS, Dunbarney PS, Robert Douglas Memorial PS, Forgandenny PS, Oakbank PS, Braco PS, Longforgan PS, St Madoes PS, Murthly PS, Viewlands PS, Moncrieffe PS, Inchture PS.

Support Groups: Perth Autism Support*, Greenbuds*, PKAVS Walled Garden*, Giraffe Social Enterprise*, SHIP, ADHD*, Vision PK, Right Track*, Castle Huntly SPS*, Perth Autism Support*, Perth Six Circle*, Services for Young People*, Community Payback/Unpaid Work Team*, Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Services (PKAVS)*, Churches Action For The Homeless.

Youth Groups: Junior Carsonians, Bridge of Earn Scouts, Freuchie Scouts, 3rd Perthshire Scone Scouts, Goodlyburn Young Heritage Ambassadors, 4A Perth Brownies, 73 Perthshire Beavers, Perth Beavers, Duke of Edinburgh Perth and Kinross*.

Governance

Management of the TayLP staff and finances was undertaken by PKHT. Management decisions were the responsibility of the two lead partners, PKHT and PKCT. Management meetings were held monthly and included the Scheme Manager, Trust Managers and Trust Chairs. The TayLP Steering Group met quarterly and although individual representation varied throughout the four years, it consisted of both partners and community representatives.

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