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## PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY 2018

A MEETING of the PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROSETTA ROAD, PEEBLES on WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY 2018 at 5.00 pm

J. J. WILKINSON,  
Clerk to the Council,

2 May 2018

<b>BUSINESS</b>		
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence.</b>	
2.	<b>Order of Business.</b>	
3.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
4.	<b>Minute</b> (Pages 3 - 6)  Consider Minute of meeting held on 7 March 2018. (Copy attached.)	2 mins
5.	<b>Financial Monitoring</b> (Pages 7 - 20)  Consider:-  (a) Report by Chief Financial Officer on financial monitoring for the 12 months to 31 March 2018.  (b) Information on previous grants issued.  (Copies attached.)	15 mins
6.	<b>Applications for Financial Assistance</b> (Pages 21 - 70)  Consider the following applications:-  (a) Peeblesshire Youth Trust – funding to purchase projector  (b) Peebles Community Council – funding for Peebles Parkrun  (c) Peebles Archaeological Society – funding for production of booklet  (Copies attached.)	15 mins
7.	<b>Any Other Items Previously Circulated.</b>	
8.	<b>Any Other Items Which The Chairman Decides Are Urgent.</b>	

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**NOTES**

1. **Timings given above are only indicative and not intended to inhibit Members' discussions.**
  
2. **Members are reminded that, if they have a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in any item of business coming before the meeting, that interest should be declared prior to commencement of discussion on that item. Such declaration will be recorded in the Minute of the meeting.**

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**Membership of Committee:-** Councillors R. Tatler (Chairman), H. Anderson, S. Bell, K. Chapman, S. Haslam, E. Small and Community Councillor L. Hayworth

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**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL  
PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE**

MINUTE of MEETING of the PEBBLES  
COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE  
held in the Council Chamber, Rosetta Road,  
Peebles on 7 March 2018 at 5.00 p.m.

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Present:- Councillors R. Tatler (Chairman), H. Anderson, S. Bell, S. Haslam, E. Small, Community Councillor L. Hayworth  
Absent:- Councillor K. Chapman  
In Attendance:- Solicitor (C. Kubala), Senior Finance Officer (J. Yallop), Estates Surveyor (A. Graham), Democratic Services Team Leader

Members of the Public:- 5

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**1. MINUTE**

The Minute of the Meeting of Peebles Common Good Fund Sub-Committee held on 29 November 2017 had been circulated. With reference to paragraph 3.1, Mr Hayworth advised that it had been a suggestion rather than a proposal to construct a whin path. In response to a question from Councillor Bell regarding the report mentioned in paragraph 3.4, Members were advised that this would be submitted to a future meeting.

**DECISION**

**APPROVED the Minute as amended.**

**2. MONITORING REPORT FOR 3 MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2017**

There had been circulated copies of a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing details of the income and expenditure for the Peebles Common Good Fund for the six months to 31 December 2017 and full year projected out-turn for 2017/18 and projected balance sheet values as at 31 March 2018. Appendix 1 to the report provided a projected Income and Expenditure position which currently showed a projected deficit of £13,376 for the year. Appendix 2 to the report contained a projected Balance Sheet to 31 March 2017 and projected a decrease in the reserves of £50,817. Appendix 3 to the report detailed the breakdown of the property portfolio showing projected rental income for 2017/18 and actual property expenditure to 31 December 2017. Appendix 4 to the report showed the value of the Newton Fund to 31 December 2017. The Senior Finance Officer advised that the deficit was greater than previously reported due to lower rental income. The capital investment had now been transferred from the Newton Fund to the Kames Capital Fund which had resulted in a realised loss on the original investment of £2,694. However, it was anticipated that the returns from the Kames Capital Fund would cover this if their current rate was maintained. With reference to paragraph 4.1 of the Minute of 29 November 2017, it was reported that the Peebles Callant's Club had not taken up the offer of the £3,000 loan as the funding was not required. The grant of £3,000 had been paid in January 2018 and was therefore not reflected in the accounts to 31 December 2017. With regard to the agreement of a grant in principle to the Eastgate Theatre it was noted that this would not need to be paid from the current financial year. In light of the unallocated funds in the grants budget it was noted that this would cover the current deficit. Mr Hayworth asked that consideration be given to carrying forward any residual funds in the grants budget when the budget was set for 2018/2019.

**DECISION**

**AGREED:-**

- (a) the projected Income and Expenditure for 2017/18, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report as the revised budget for 2017/18;
- (b) to note the projected Balance Sheet value as at 31 March 2018, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report;
- (c) to note the summary of the property portfolio, as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report; and
- (d) to note the current position of the investment in the Newton Fund, as detailed in Appendix 4 to the report.

### 3. HAYLODGE PARK – APPLICATION BY PARKRUN UK

With reference to paragraph 3.3 of the Minute of 29 November 2017, there had been circulated copies of a report by the Service Director Assets and Infrastructure proposing that the application by Parkrun UK to hold a free weekly run in Haylodge Park. Mr Martin Kelso, event organiser together with Susan Morrison, a Parkrun event organiser in Edinburgh were present. Mr Kelso outlined the proposal which would involve a 2.5 lap run around Haylodge Park every Saturday morning. He expected there to be a good take-up and if the request was granted his next steps would be to recruit volunteers and find funding. In response to a question regarding consultation with the Rugby Club, Mr Kelso advised that he had only spoken to Council Officers but could contact the Rugby Club if required. However, he was confident that there would be no conflict between the two. It was noted that the toilets were currently not open during the winter months and that this would need to be considered as part of the review of the event after the first quarter of operation.

#### **DECISION**

#### **AGREED:-**

- (a) to approve the application by Parkrun UK to hold a weekly 5km run in Haylodge Park; and
- (b) that the event be reviewed on a quarterly basis, with the first review to include the financial and other implications of opening the toilets over the winter months.

### 4. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

#### 4.1 InChorus Choir

With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of 30 August 2017, there had been circulated copies of a request for funding in the sum of £2,000 towards the cost of producing 2 professional quality music videos. A representative from the Choir was present and explained that the aim of the videos was to encourage more members to join the choir and promote Peebles. Members considered that there were few differences to the application they had previously considered and could not see how the video would benefit Peebles and no outcomes in respect of this had been included. Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Haslam, moved that the application be refused and this was unanimously accepted.

#### **DECISION**

**AGREED to refuse the application for funding.**

#### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor Haslam declared an interest in the following item of business in terms of Section 5 of the Councillors Code of Conduct and left the room during the discussion.

#### 4.2. Food Communities Ltd

There had been circulated copies of a request for funding in the sum of £6,000 to purchase a second hand van to transport tools and materials required to work on community gardens. Mr. Hayworth advised the Sub-Committee commented on the way in which the company had

been set-up which he felt would make it difficult to attract funding from other sources to meet future running cost etc. He further advised that he had offered the group use of his own van which he made available to a number of groups in Peebles. Members noted this offer and agree that the needs of the group could be addressed without the need for funding from the Common Good Fund.

#### **DECISION**

**AGREED that the application be refused.**

#### **4.3 Peebles-Hendaye Twinning Association**

There had been circulated copies of a request for funding in the sum of £2,347 to meet the costs celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Twinning Charter. Mr Andrew Grieve and Mr Noel Dashwood-Brady from the Twinning Association were present and outlined their plans for the celebrations. It was noted that there were plans to raise further funds but no guarantees could be given regarding how much would be raised. Councillor Bell suggested that Councillor Tatler and Mr Grieve approach the Convener of Scottish Borders Council to ascertain if the Council might be prepared to host the Civic Reception which would help to reduce costs further. Members welcomed the proposals and agreed to meet the costs of the celebrations up to a maximum of £2350, subject to any fund raising or funding from other sources being used to meet the costs of the event in the first instance

#### **DECISION**

**AGREED to meet costs up to a maximum of £2350, subject to any fund raising or funding from other sources being used to meet the costs of the event in the first instance.**

#### **5. FUNDING STRATEGY & CRITERIA**

The Chairman advised that he considered that the current application process was not fit for purpose as there were no application criteria and no feedback from those receiving funding. He therefore wished officers to look at how best it could be brought into line with other funds managed by the Council and suggested that the criteria should align in future with the themes in the Tweeddale Community Plan. Members supported the need for a criteria and it was noted that work was already ongoing with regard to a single application form for any fund managed by the Council. It was also considered useful to receive a report on where funds had been given over the last 10 years.

#### **DECISION**

**AGREED that a report detailing funding granted over the last 10 years be provided and that an update also be given on the progress with a single funding application form.**

#### **6. URGENT BUSINESS**

Under Section 50B(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Chairman was of the opinion that the items dealt with in the following paragraphs should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency, in view of the need to make an early decision and to keep Members informed.

#### **7. PEEBLES MEN'S SHED**

With reference to paragraph 4.2 of the Minute of 29 November 2018, the Chairman reported that the Peebles Men's Shed had applied for a temporary classroom which was currently located in Duns. If successful a possible site behind the Victoria Park Centre had been identified and, while there was still a lot of work to be done including applying for planning permission, the future was looking positive. It was noted that if all went to plan a future funding application might be submitted.

#### **DECISION**

**NOTED.**

#### **8. HAYLODGE PARK TOILETS**

It was reported that the current operator of the toilets had been in touch to ascertain when the toilets should reopen. Ms Kubala advised that the agreement with the current operator was at an end but that it appeared that there was provision for an extension of up to two years. She proposed that a 1 year extension be granted and that there be a review of future operation before it was put out to tender. It was noted that the costs of additional opening for Parkrun be part of that review.

**DECISION**

**AGREED that:-**

- (a) the Haylodge toilets re-open from 26 March;
- (b) the current operator be given a 1 year extension; and
- (c) a review of the future operation of the toilets be carried out prior to re-tendering for future management.

9. **PRIVATE BUSINESS**

**DECISION**

**AGREED** under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the business detailed in the Appendix to this Minute on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 9 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Act.

**SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUSINESS**

10. **Minute**

The Private Section of the Minute of the Meeting of Peebles Common Good Fund Sub-Committee held on 29 November 2017 was approved.

*The meeting concluded at 6.10 p.m.*

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## **Monitoring Report for 12 Months to 31 March 2018**

**Report by the Chief Financial Officer**

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### **PEEBLES COMMON GOOD SUB-COMMITTEE**

**9 May 2018**

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#### **1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report provides the details of the income and expenditure for the Peebles Common Good Fund for the year 2017/18 including balance sheet values as at 31 March 2018 and proposed budget for 2018/19.**
- 1.2 Appendix 1 provides actual income & expenditure for 2017/18. This shows a surplus of £2,828 which varies from the projected deficit figure reported at 28 February 2018 meeting largely due to lower than anticipated grant expenditure.
- 1.3 Appendix 2 provides a projected Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2018. It shows a projected decrease in the reserves of £51,941.
- 1.4 Appendix 3 provides a breakdown of the property portfolio showing projected rental income for 2017/18 and actual property expenditure to 31 March 2018.
- 1.5 Appendix 4 shows the value of the Investment Fund as at 31 March 2018, now with Kames Capital PLC.

#### **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Common Good Sub-Committee:**
  - (a) Notes the actual income and expenditure for 2017/18 in Appendix 1;**
  - (b) Agrees the proposed budget for 2018/19 as shown in Appendix 1;**
  - (c) Notes the final balance sheet value as at 31 March 2018 in Appendix 2;**
  - (d) Notes the summary of the property portfolio in Appendix 3.**
  - (e) Notes the current position of the Kames Capital investment in Appendix 4:**

### **3 BACKGROUND**

3.1 This report provides the Committee with financial information for the period to 31 March 2018 and proposed budgets for 2018/19. The report also contains a projected balance sheet for the Common Good Fund as at 31 March 2019.

### **4 FINANCIAL POSITION 2017/18**

4.1 Appendix 1 provides detail on income and expenditure for the 2017/18 financial year, which resulted in a surplus of £2,828. Costs associated with the investment fund transfer to Kames Capital were off-set by additional dividend income and lower than anticipated grant expenditure.

#### **4.2 Income & Expenditure – Property Income**

Rental income for 2017/18 is shown in Appendices 1 & 3, with Appendix 3 detailing the projected annual rental income by individual property. The Old Corn Exchange Shop was re-let from 01 February 2018, with a rental income of £12,000 per annum. Haylodge Depot was re-let from 14 February 2018 with a rental income of £9,500 per annum. Rental income assumptions to 31 March 2019 have been revised accordingly and are shown in Appendix 1 also.

#### **4.3 Income & Expenditure – Non-Property Related Income**

The final out-turn shows a total of £11,939 which includes an amount of £137 relating to interest receivable on cash deposited with the Council as well as £54 income from the water fountain at Eastgate.

4.4 Also include are dividends from the Newton fund until the point of disinvestment (£10,065) and also the first monthly dividend from Kames Capital amounting to £1,683, generating additional income in this budget for the year. The projected budget for 2018/19 includes a full year estimate of the Kames dividend amounting to £20,898, reflecting the fact that Kames have historically generated, and target future, dividend income in the region of 5% of total investment.

#### **4.5 Income & Expenditure – Property Expenditure**

The property expenditure to 31 March 2018 is detailed in Appendix 3 by property. Additional works at Haylodge depot have contributed to an overspend against budget in this area.

#### **4.6 Expenditure – Grants & Other Donations**

The grants and other donations approved and distributed to 31 March 2018 are shown below.

<b>Grant Recipients</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Approved and Paid to 31 March 2018</b>		
Peebles Golf Club – Driving Range & Swing Studio	23/11/16	5,000
Peebles Archaeological Society – Equipment	30/08/17	823
Tontine Hotel – Remembrance Day Catering	03/12/14	187
Peebles Lawn Tennis Club – Court/Floodlights	23/11/16	10,000
Royal Burgh of Peebles Callants Club	29/11/17	3,000
<b>Total Paid to 31 March 2018</b>		<b>19,010</b>
<b>Approved but not yet paid</b>		
PA System for Remembrance Day Service	27/09/04	300
Hire of Burgh Hall	27/09/04	100
<b>Total Grants Approved</b>		<b>400</b>
<b>Budget 2017/18</b>		<b>43,000</b>
<b>Unallocated/(Overallocated) Budget</b>		<b>23,590</b>

#### 4.7 **Income & Expenditure – Running Costs**

As part of the move to Kames Capital, a fee of £15,000 was incurred for KPMG, the Council's Investment advisor for their role in the selection of Kames. This has been apportioned across Common Good and Trust Funds, as approved at Council on 21 December 2017, resulting in a charge to Peebles Common Good of £1,437.

4.8 As approved in the Scottish Borders Council Financial Plan for 2018/19, the SBC grant paid to the Common Good Funds towards the Central Support Service Recharge has been removed in 2018/19. This has resulted in a net expenditure budget for Running Costs for 2018/19 of £7,827.

#### 4.9 **Income & Expenditure – Depreciation Charge**

This is not a cash transaction and is off-set by a corresponding contribution from the Revaluation reserve.

4.10 Appendix 2 provides the balance sheet value to 31 March 2018, the projected balance as at 31 March 2019.

#### 4.11 **Balance Sheet – Fixed Assets**

All fixed assets of the Common Good Fund are revalued every five years as part of the Council's rolling programme. The fixed assets were revalued at 1 April 2014. Appendix 3 shows the values of the individual properties at 31 March 2017, projected depreciation charges 2017/18 and projected value at 31 March 2018.

#### 4.12 **Balance Sheet – Newton Investment**

(a) As reported at the last Peebles Common Good Sub-Committee meeting on 28 February 2018, the disinvestment from the Newton Fund was carried out in early February just prior to the opening of the Kames Capital account. This was at a time when volatility of global equity markets increased and in the UK economy began to slide due to indications from the Bank of England around sooner than anticipated interest rate rises. In turn the market value of the Newton Fund was negatively impacted and a realised loss on investment amounting to £2,694 was incurred. However, this was largely off-set by the first monthly dividend payment from Kames of £1,683 at the end of March.

- (b) The Kames Capital Diversified Income Fund was chosen to replace Newton following a procurement process carried out in January 2018. The total return delivered by Kames over a 1 year and a 3 year period as at September 2017 were both in the region of 10%. Part of this total return includes a targeted 5% dividend income generation and a 2% to 3% capital growth over the medium term. The fund holds diversified assets across a wide range of investments, tailored to target half to two thirds the volatility of global equities.
- (c) Unfortunately, due to the increase in market volatility which started in February, the value of the Kames Fund fell by 0.3% as at 31 March 2018, resulting in an unrealised loss at this time of £1,356.

#### 4.13 Balance Sheet – Cash Balance

The cash held by the fund is projected to be £43,460 at 31 March 2018 and is detailed below:

<b>Cash Balance</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Opening Balance at 1 April 2017</b>	<b>40,632</b>
Projected surplus/(deficit) for year from Income & Expenditure Statement	2,828
Projected Net cash movement in Debtors/Creditors	0
<b>Projected Closing Balance as at 31 March 2018</b>	<b>43,460</b>

#### 4.14 Balance Sheet – Capital Reserve

The projections for the Capital Reserves include the unrealised loss for the Kames Fund as at 31 March 2018.

## 5 IMPLICATIONS

### 5.1 Financial

In addition to the financial implications explained above in Section 4, costs may be incurred for the procurement of a new Investment Fund Manager.

### 5.2 Risk and Mitigations

There is a risk that investments in the Newton Fund may reduce in value due to market or investment performance. This risk cannot be fully mitigated; however, it is being managed by the selection of a Fund Manager with a clear objective of preserving capital values while aiming to produce returns in line with the benchmark.

### 5.3 Equalities

It is anticipated that there are no adverse equality implications arising from the proposals contained in this report.

### 5.4 Acting Sustainably

Whilst there are no economic, social or environmental effects arising from the proposals contained in this report, there are, through the activities reported upon, positive impacts upon the economy through protection of employment, positive impacts upon the quality of community life and improvements in local amenities and nurturing of local talent. The potential improvement in levels of income through the use of the new investment fund will act to make the Common Good Fund more sustainable in the future.

### 5.5 **Carbon Management**

There are no effects on carbon emissions arising from the proposals contained in this report.

### 5.6 **Rural Proofing**

There are no effects on rural proofing arising from the proposals contained in this report.

### 5.7 **Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation**

There are no changes required to the Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation arising from the proposals contained in this report.

## 6 **CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 Due to the re-scheduling of this meeting, this report is currently being consulted upon by the Service Director for Regulatory Services, Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Service Director HR and the Clerk to the Council. Any comments received will be reported on at the meeting on 9 May 2018.

### **Approved by**

**David Robertson**  
**Chief Financial Officer**

**Signature .....**

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### **Background Papers:**

**Previous Minute Reference:** Peebles Common Good Committee 28 February 2017

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**PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND  
PROJECTED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2017/18**

	<b>Actuals at 31/03/18</b>	<b>Full Year Approved Budget 2017/18</b>	<b>Over/ (under) Spend 2017/18</b>	<b>Proposed Budget 2018/19</b>	<b>Para Ref</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>		
<b>Property Income</b>						
Rentals Receivable	(35,777)	(35,777)	0	(49,690)	4.2	
<b>Non-Property Related Income</b>						
Interest on Cash deposited with Council	(137)	(211)	74	(150)	4.3	
Investment Funds – Dividends Rec'd	(11,748)	(10,449)	(1,299)	(20,898)	4.4	
Other Income	(54)	(54)	0	0	4.3	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>(47,716)</b>	<b>(46,491)</b>	<b>(1,225)</b>	<b>(70,738)</b>		
<b>Property Expenditure</b>						
Property Costs – General	9,680	5,000	4,680	5,000	4.5	
Haylodge Toilets – Cleaning etc	6,600	6,800	(200)	6,800		
<b>Total Property Expenditure</b>	<b>16,280</b>	<b>11,800</b>	<b>4,480</b>	<b>11,800</b>		
<b>Realised Investment Loss</b>	<b>2,694</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,694</b>	<b>0</b>	4.12	
<b>Grants &amp; Other Donations</b>	<b>19,410</b>	<b>43,000</b>	<b>(23,590)</b>	<b>27,000</b>	4.6	
<b>Running Costs</b>						
Central Support Service Charge	7,827	7,827	0	7,827		
SBC Grant towards Service Charge	(2,760)	(2,760)	0	0	4.8	
Procurement Costs	1,437	0	1,437	0	4.7	
<b>Net Running Costs</b>	<b>6,504</b>	<b>5,067</b>	<b>1,437</b>	<b>7,827</b>		
<b>Depreciation</b>						
Depreciation Charge	37,441	37,441	37,441	37,441	4.9	
Contribution from Revaluation Reserve	(37,441)	(37,441)	(37,441)	37,441		
<b>Net impact of Depreciation on Revenue Reserve</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>Total Net (Surplus)/Deficit for year</b>	<b>(2,828)</b>	<b>13,376</b>	<b>16,204</b>	<b>(24,111)</b>		

## PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND

## PROJECTED BALANCE SHEET VALUE AT 31 March 2018

	Opening Balance at 01/04/17 £	Movement in Year £	Closing Balance at 31/03/18 £	Projected Balances at 31/03/19 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Land & Buildings	838,926	(37,441)	801,485	764,044
Feu Duties	1,619	0	1,619	1,619
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>840,545</b>	<b>(37,441)</b>	<b>803,104</b>	<b>765,663</b>
<b>Capital in Investment Funds</b>				
Investment Fund Book Value	422,082	(2,693)	419,388	419,388
Unrealised Gains/(Loss)	13,279	(14,635)	(1,356)	(1,356)
<b>Market Value</b>	<b>435,361</b>	<b>(17,328)</b>	<b>418,032</b>	<b>418,032</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Debtors	1,988	0	1,988	1,988
Cash deposited with SBC	40,632	2,828	43,460	67,571
	<b>42,620</b>	<b>2,828</b>	<b>45,448</b>	<b>69,559</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Creditors	0	0		0
Receipts in Advance	(7,882)	0	(7,882)	(7,882)
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>(7,882)</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>(7,882)</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>1,310,643</b>	<b>(51,941)</b>	<b>1,258,702</b>	<b>1,245,372</b>
<b>Funded by: Reserves</b>				
Revenue Reserve	(34,819)	(2,828)	(37,647)	(61,758)
Capital Reserve	(485,074)	17,328	(467,746)	(467,746)
Revaluation Reserve	(790,750)	37,441	(753,309)	(715,868)
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>(1,310,643)</b>	<b>51,941</b>	<b>(1,258,702)</b>	<b>(1,245,372)</b>

## PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND

**PROPERTY PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE FOR 2017/18**  
**(Actual Income and Expenditure at 31 March 2018)**

Fixed Assets	Net Book Value at 31/03/17 £	Depn Charge 2017/18 £	Net Book Value at 31/03/18 £	Rental Income 2017/18 £	Actual Property Expenditure at 31/03/18				
					Repairs	Rates, Water & Power	Ins	Other	Total
					£	£	£	£	£
Greenside Car Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kings Meadows Car Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
George Meikle Kemp Monument	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Victoria Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Victoria Park Tennis Courts	21,000	0	21,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peebles Disused Railway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peebles Golf Course	155,000	0	155,000	15,290	0	0	0	0	0
Jedderfield Farm	134,600	1,800	132,800	2,100	0	0	0	0	0
Neidpath Grazings	20,000	0	20,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Haylodge Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Haylodge Depot	58,350	5,550	52,800	1,187	6,667	0	0	0	6,667
Old Corn Exchange Hall (Front)	29,260	3,580	25,680	450	48	0	0	0	48
Walkershaugh Store	37,925	4,025	33,900	6,500	0	0	0	0	0
Tweed Green	0	0	0	0	79	0	0	0	79
Cuddy Green (Part 1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Venlaw Wood	16,000	0	16,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tweed Fishings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peebles Town Clock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Old Corn Exchange Shop	105,900	14,700	91,200	2,000	0	0	0	0	0
Garage 1 Tweed Green	2,600	800	1,800	200	0	0	0	0	0
Venlaw Quarry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Venlaw Amenity Ground	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Old Town Wall Monument	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Haylodge Park Play Area	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Fixed Assets	Net Book Value at 31/03/17	Projected Depn Charge 2017/18	Projected Net Book Value at 31/03/18	Projected Rental Income 2017/18	Actual Property Expenditure at 31/03/18				
					Repairs	Rates, Water & Power	Ins	Other	Total
					£	£	£	£	£
Walkershaugh ACF Site	7,500	0	7,500	450	0	0	0	0	0
Walkershaugh Bowling Green	500	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Former Railway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ninians Haugh Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ninians Haugh Play Area	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Old Town Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garage 2 Tweed Green	1,750	500	1,250	0	0	0	36	0	36
Garage 3 Tweed Green	1,500	500	1,000	0	0	0	36	0	36
Land at March Street	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gas Governor Site	750	0	750	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fotheringham Bridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Land at Haylodge Cottage Site	11,500	0	11,500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garages Sites at Kirkland Street	6,750	0	6,750	800	0	0	0	0	0
Land at Kingsmeadows Toilets	2,000	0	2,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Haylodge Toilets	26,281	1,906	24,375	0	1,439	1074	0	6,600	9,113
Land at Gytes Leisure Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Old Corn Exchange Shop (Rear)	32,760	4,080	28,680	3,000	320	0	0	0	320
Kingsland School Site	70,000	0	70,000	3,500	0	0	0	0	0
Haylodge Pavilion Site	1,250	0	1,250	250	0	0	0	0	0
Elliots Park Grazings	95,000	0	95,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kingsland Primary School Sub Stn	750	0	750	0	0	0	0	0	0
Connor Ridge Monitoring Site	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tweed Green Car Park Site	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	20
Victoria Park Construction Store	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Walkershaugh Railway Embank	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Biggiesknowe Garage	0	0	0	50	0	0	(39)	0	(39)
Property Expenditure (General)	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>838,926</b>	<b>37,441</b>	<b>801,485</b>	<b>35,777</b>	<b>8,573</b>	<b>1,074</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>6,600</b>	<b>16,280</b>

**Moveable Assets**

Leather Chairs (14)  
Chairs (5)  
China Cabinet  
Antique Mirror  
Square Coal Scuttle  
Oak Mantle Clock (1930)  
Antique Fire Irons & Grate  
Log Effect Electric Fire  
Oval Oak Table  
Light Pendants (5)  
Single Pendant  
4 Single Brass Gas Wall Fittings

## PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND

## INVESTMENTS EXTERNALLY MANAGED

<b>Cost of Investment</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>£</b>
Initial Investment - 13 December 2013	187,196	350,000
Further 2014-15 Investment	10,341	20,082
Further 2016-17 Investment	27,165	52,000
Newton Fund Disinvestment (February 2018)	(224,702)	(422,082)
Kames Capital Investment ( February 2018)	387,354	419,388
<b>Total Invested to 31 December 2017</b>	<b>387,354</b>	<b>419,388</b>

<b>Value of Investment</b>	<b>£</b>
31 March 2017	384,308
30 June 2017	440,260
30 September 2017	430,283
31 December 2017	431,435
31 March 2018	418,032
<b>Increase/(Decrease) from Total Cash Invested</b>	<b>(1,356)</b>

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**Peebles Common Good Fund - Grants & Donations paid**

<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>2008/09</b>	<b>2009/10</b>	<b>2010/11</b>	<b>2011/12</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>Total</b>
Beltane Studio					6,850						6,850
Bonnie Peebles Committee	166								6,500		6,666
Captain David Younger			250								250
Eastgate Theartre Co				1,400		5,000					6,400
Elm Court Education				5,040							5,040
First Nursery		629									629
Friends of Dovecot								2,500			2,500
Halyrude Parent Council			400								400
Hire of Burgh Halls									68	100	168
Inchorus	1,500			10,000			0				11,500
Interest Link Borders			1,800				1,500				3,300
Ish'uze Youth Action Project	20,000	10,000		9,500	7,500						47,000
Kingland PS		9,916									9,916
Lord Lieutenant									709		709
Millennium Fountain		17									17
Music in Peebles							600				600
Nomad Beat CIC			4,000	5,000							9,000
Peebles & District Round Table	150										150
Peebles 1996 Company Ltd		9,650									9,650
Peebles Archaeological Society										823	823
Peebles Arts Festival		2,000	3,000		2,000		2,000				9,000
Peebles Astronomical Society									5,000		5,000
Peebles Beltane Festival			152								152
Peebles Civic Society			750	150							900
Peebles Community Trust									1,500		1,500
Peebles District Guides			500								500
Peebles Ex Service Pipe Band				1,200							1,200
Peebles Football Club				1,500							1,500
Peebles Golf Club		1,000								5,000	6,000
Peebles Hendaye Twinning Association								1,580			1,580

<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>2008/09</b>	<b>2009/10</b>	<b>2010/11</b>	<b>2011/12</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>Total</b>
Peebles HS								1,000			1,000
Peebles Jazz Festival	1,000										1,000
Peebles Lawn Tennis Club										10,000	10,000
Peebles Mural Project								2,270			2,270
Peebles Old Parish Church					250	90					340
Peebles RFC							15,812				15,812
Peebles Round table				10,000							10,000
Peebles Rovers			2,500								2,500
Peebles Scout Group				500					10,000		10,500
Peebles Silver band	3,000							7,000			10,000
Peebles Strictly Seniors Dance Group								2,000			2,000
Peebles Twinning Assoc			1,685	82							1,767
Peebles Xmas Lights Assoc	3,028			3,000							6,028
Peebles Youth Facilities					700						700
Peebles Youth Trust		6,000		8,400	4,000						18,400
Reprographics M8				72	83						155
Rosetta Voluntary Group				2,000							2,000
Royal Burgh of Peebles Callants Club					10,000					3,000	13,000
Tontine Hotel								292	292	488	1,071
Treefest Partnership								1,850			1,850
TV Doctor	150	200	185	185	195	205		410	205		1,735
Tweeddale Youth Action								2,000			2,000
Tweeddale Rovers AFC			2,500					6,000			8,500
Tweedlove Trails								10,000			10,000
UP2U		8,000									8,000
Venlaw Community Woodland				1,000			1,000				2,000
Victoria Park Centre Welfare fund			2,500								2,500
	<b>28,994</b>	<b>47,411</b>	<b>20,222</b>	<b>59,029</b>	<b>31,578</b>	<b>5,295</b>	<b>20,912</b>	<b>36,902</b>	<b>24,273</b>	<b>19,411</b>	<b>294,027</b>



**PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND  
APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

<p><u>Applicant Details</u> Name and Address of Applicant/Organisation:</p> <p>Telephone No:</p> <p>E-mail address:</p>	<p>Sarah Keen, Programme Manager, Peeblesshire Youth Trust, 2 Rowan Court, Cavalry Park, Peebles EH45 9BU</p>
<p>Address to which payment should be made:</p>	<p>As Above</p>
<p><u>Activities</u> Please supply a brief description of the activities of your organisation and the benefits it brings to the local community:</p>	<p>PYT supports children aged 10-14 years, who are at risk of making poor decisions or becoming isolated, to build confidence and self-esteem. Our vision is that PYT nurture, support, engage and encourage these children throughout Tweeddale, to feel valued and to reach their aspirations.</p> <p>We believe that early intervention is key to delivering real change in later life, and we achieve this by working in structured workshops, group activities, and through one-to-one engagement with volunteer mentors. Our programmes teach our young people to believe in themselves. Our volunteer mentors are all recruited from the local community. The mentors help to deliver the workshops, then are matched individually with our children to meet up regularly.</p> <p>We work across the whole of Tweeddale, engaging with children and mentors from the most rural and most deprived parts, as well as within more affluent areas of the towns and villages in our area. The volunteers forge connections with fellow volunteers, so not only do the children benefit, but also the adults as they build their own self-belief and value in the community.</p>
<p><u>Assistance Requested</u> Please indicate the sum requested and the purpose for which it will be used:</p>	<p>£300</p> <p>To purchase a projector to assist with delivery of training for our volunteers, and delivery of workshops with our children.</p>
<p>When will the donation be required:</p>	<p>June 2018</p>
<p>If this is a one-off project then please give the following details –</p> <p>Date (s):</p>	<p></p>

<p>Estimated total cost:</p> <p>Funds already raised by applicant's own efforts:</p> <p>Funds raised or expected to be raised from other sources (please state sources):</p>	
<p><u>Other information</u> If you have other information which you feel is relevant to this application please provide details including details of any previous assistance given:</p>	<p>We have received £100 donation from Peebles Rotary Club to assist with the purchase of our own projector. We now seek funds to contribute to the remaining cost of purchase.</p> <p>As we are working with more children than ever before at PYT, we are also working with an increasing number of volunteers. This necessitates more training and workshops, in a variety of locations across Tweeddale, therefore the requirement and benefits of having our own projector to use is increasingly evident.</p>
<p><u>Declaration</u> I hereby make application for assistance as set out above and certify that the information I have provided is accurate Signed:</p> <p>Sarah Keen</p> <p>Position Held: Programme Manager</p> <p>Date: 01.05.18</p>	
<p><b>Note: All applications from organisations MUST be accompanied by a copy of the latest audited accounts</b></p>	
<p>This completed form, accounts and any supporting details should be submitted to Louise McGeoch, Democratic Services Team Leader, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA. Telephone 01835 825005</p>	

# Peeblesshire Youth Trust



## **Closing Report and Financial Statements**

**1 August 2016 – 21 July 2017**

## Introduction

The period since our last annual report has been very successful for PYT, with an expanded Achieve Your Potential programme, with more children involved and more sessions included in our programme which is closely linked to Education's Curriculum for Excellence.

We have increased our fundraising from Trusts, the Big Lottery and our own community in Peeblesshire with events such as our first "Achieve-a-Ball" and our tenth annual Golf Day.

One of the changes over this year has been the disaffiliation from the YMCA and the creation of PYT as a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation). This has meant that we will be a fully independent organisation with the benefits of the structure of a SCIO. This report and accounts represents the closing statement for Peeblesshire Youth Trust as its previous entity, from 1st August 2016 to July 21st 2017 when we transferred all funds into Peeblesshire Youth Trust (SCIO). All other aspects of PYT remain the same, and on-going funding receipts and obligations will be managed under our new entity, registered with OSCR on 12th April 2017, charity number SC047324.

The other change has been saying goodbye and thank you to our Programme Manager, Shona Haslam, who has moved to pastures new and we wish her good luck, and know that her energy and enthusiasm will stand her in good stead in her new role.

We are very pleased that we have appointed Sarah Keen as our new Programme Manager. The next year promises to be as exciting as the last, and with the support and goodwill of our community supporters, volunteers, mentors and staff we will continue to help more young people in Peeblesshire achieve their potential.



Anne Scott, Chair

## For Reference

### Charity Name

Peeblesshire Youth Trust

### Charity Number

SCO40322

### Address

2 Rowan Court

Cavalry Park

Peebles, EH45 9BU

## Current Trustees

Anne Scott, Chair

Robert Harrison, Vice Chair

Rachel Beatton, Treasurer

Caitlin O'Donnell, Secretary (appointed Nov 2016)

Elizabeth Harrison

Campbell Wilson

John O'Donnell

Eric Ward (appointed Nov 2016)

### **What We Do**

Peeblesshire Youth Trust is a charity working in Peebles and the surrounding area. Our aim is to support children during the transition years from Primary to Secondary School. We engage with all 9 primary schools in the area and Peebles High School.

With our volunteers we work with around 30 children in the local area. Supporting them to grow in confidence and self esteem, getting alongside them to help them achieve their potential and helping them in the transition from primary to secondary education.

### **What's changing**

In the period since 1st August 2016, PYT has made a number of changes to improve the way the charity operates while continuing to provide improved opportunities and support within Peeblesshire. Following many years working alongside the YMCA, we chose to disaffiliate from the organisation due to the differences within our services to young people. This was achieved through mutual agreement with the YMCA and the creation of a new constitution for PYT.

The Board of Trustees also moved to adopt the new status of SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation). This is better suited to our one-tier status with a Board of Trustees directly overseeing the day to day running of the charity, with no member involvement. Our application to OSCR (the Scottish Charity Regulator) was approved and we have been given SCIO Status as a new charity with effect from 12th April 2017. The details of our SCIO status include the following:

Within the general geographical area of Peeblesshire, the purpose of the Trust shall be to:

1. Prevent and/or alleviate poverty and deprivation by providing support and guidance to young people with a view to their realising their full potential within and beyond their communities.
2. Advance the education of selected young people through the provision of individual mentoring, group training and other confidence-building activities.
3. Advance young people's contribution to society, their citizenship and thereby to community development more generally through peer mentoring.

Main activities include:

Group training of selected children using the Achieve Your Potential (AYP) methodology originally developed in collaboration with the YMCA.

Individual mentoring of selected children, using trained local volunteer adults.

Peer mentoring by selected High School student volunteers.

A variety of group activities to bring beneficiaries together and to expand their horizons.

Provision of Christmas hampers to beneficiary families.

## Achieve Your Potential

Autumn 2016 saw the delivery of a 7 week AYP programme in Peebles. It was attended by pupils from Kingsland, Priorsford, St. Ronan's and Walkersburn Primary Schools. This was followed in Spring 2017 by another 7 week AYP course in Romano Bridge, attended by some pupils from Newlands, Broughton, West Linton and Halyrude.

The spread of schools that made referrals was much better this year. Eddleston Primary was the only school not to make any referrals as they did not feel that they had any suitable candidates.

Our Achieve Your Potential programme was updated this year to bring it in line with the Curriculum for Excellence and GIRFEC (Getting it Right for Every Child). Topics covered included Decision Making, Success, Teamwork and Self Confidence, which were all covered in an interactive and fun way. Feedback from the AYP sessions was positive with all attendees improving in terms of the evaluation criteria considered throughout the weeks. Our evaluation showed that of the children attending:

- 95% showed an overall increase in eye contact, of these 55% increased by 2 scale points or more.
- 85% showed an increase in more positive body language one individual's score increased by three scale points.
- 90% showed improvement in the ability to take part in group activities
- 90% showed improvement in interaction with peers
- 90% showed improvement in interaction with adults
- 95% showed improvement on listening well to instructions
- 95% Showed improvement on carrying out instructions
- 85% showed improvement at asking relevant questions
- 90% showed improvement at speaking appropriately

**Ever thought about mentoring?**

Do you think that you could make a difference in the life of a young person?

Can you help a child to aim high and make good decisions along the way?

Do you have a little spare time each month?

If the answer is yes then Peeblesshire Youth Trust would love to hear from you!

To find out more about what is involved please visit [www.peeblesshireyouthtrust.org](http://www.peeblesshireyouthtrust.org)  
 email [mentors@peeblesshireyouthtrust.org](mailto:mentors@peeblesshireyouthtrust.org)  
 call 07957 383663  
 Scotland Charity No. SC047294

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Teacher: 'This has been great for N, he has grown in stature and his mum is delighted with his improved resilience.'

Parent: 'She is starting to think about the strategies she has learnt in daily life, and is able to think about things from other's point of view.'

Child 'I liked to make new friends and to feel confident'

## Mentor Volunteers

In August 2016 to July 2017 we had 28 active volunteer mentors. Training has been focussed on ensuring that everybody understands what mentoring is and the different techniques involved. Training has also covered the basics of goal setting with young people and what resources are available to those with



additional needs at the High School. Child Protection Training was provided and this was delivered by staff from Scottish Borders Council.

As well as training, mentors have been offered support in terms of 1:1 meet ups with the Programme Co-ordinator, signposting and the opportunity to network at group activities.

Mentor 'The PYT staff are always on hand to answer any questions and I have 100% confidence in the organisation's ability to support me with any situation that might occur.'

Carer: 'P has been an outstanding mentor for C. He can relate to young people with great ease and we are eternally grateful for the support.'

Child 'I am a lot more confident around new people now.'

### Group Activities

Group activities have been well attended and we have made a particular effort to keep them varied in order to appeal to a broad range of the children over the year. Between August 2016 and July 2017 we hosted:

- Indoor Games evening
- Pumpkin carving evening
- Bubble football
- Christmas wreath making
- Pizza and quiz night
- Farm visit
- Group walk
- Chocolate making class
- Town treasure hunt



### Peer Mentoring

In 2016-17 we worked with the High School to train up peer mentors from S6 and match them with 44 S1 pupils who were struggling to settle into High School life.

The programme was then run by the learning support staff at the school and was very successful in terms of the support that they offered to the young people.

In June 2017 we went to the High School again and spoke to the new S6 pupils. 37 pupils have now come forward to be peer mentors for the coming year. We have made use of feedback from previous mentors and mentees and have introduced new features such as a meeting log that should be completed after each meet up.



### Christmas Hampers

We delivered over 70 hampers to families throughout Tweeddale last Christmas, thanks again to Grace for her incredible organisational skills. Her commitment was recognised at the Volunteer Centre Borders Loving Your Volunteers Award ceremony. Grace won the "Thinking Differently" award.

One of our mentees also won the "Young Volunteer of the year" award for the various work he has been doing in the community.

### Community Fundraising

For the first time, PYT hosted a fundraising spring ball, the 'Achieve-a-Ball' which was a big success and may become an annual event.

We also hosted our 10th annual Golf Day, which was well attended and enjoyed in the May sunshine .

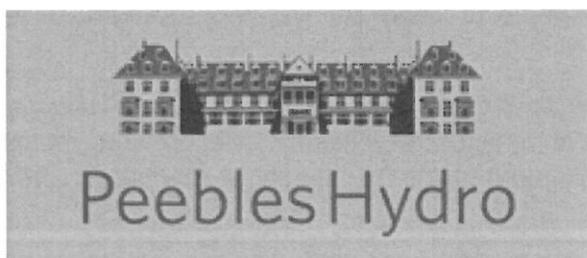
The combined total of these events was £13,000 for the charity that goes directly towards our work with young people.



### Financial Support

We are grateful to the individuals, businesses and organisations who continue to offer financial support by monthly standing order, one off donations, displaying our collection boxes or donating raffle and auction items for fundraising events.

In particular we would like to thank Costa Coffee in Peebles who sponsored our Golf Day and Peebles Hydro for their support for the ball.



We also thank Tweed Homes who rent an office to PYT at a substantially reduced rate.

**Peeblesshire Youth Trust Statement of Receipts and Payments**  
**- For the Period 1 August 2016 to 21st July 2017**

**Receipts**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 1/8/2016 to 21/7/17	Total 1/8/2015 to 31/7/16
<b>Voluntary Receipts</b>					
Fundraising		19,240		19,240	2,434
Donations		12,665		12,665	5,960
Bank Interest		189		189	251
Grants	1	0	12,030	12,030	46,303
<b>Receipts from Fundraising Activities</b>					
Golf Day		7,324		7,324	13,089
Christmas Hampers		0		0	500
		39,418	12,030	51,448	68,537

**Payments**

Achieve Your Potential Programme		664	780	1,444	1,564	
Website		203	0	203	646	
Fundraising		8,090	0	8,090	3,033	
Governance		0	0	0	369	
Group Activities		28	286	314	262	
Hampers		465	665	1,130	1,386	
Insurance		1,123	0	1,123	1,044	
Misc costs		468	1	469	108	
Mentor Support		34	326	360	13	
Salaries		23,978	15,312	39,290	24,156	
Stationery		95	453	548	372	
Subscriptions		80	0	80	335	
Staff Training		400	49	449	154	
Travel		76	133	209	554	
Utilities		2,402	146	2,548	2,032	
Volunteer Expenses		88	498	586	927	
Volunteer Training		0	0	0	109	
Young Start, Big Fund		0	0		12,412	
<b>Total Payments</b>		38,194	18,649	0	56,843	49,476
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the period</b>		1,224	(6,619)	(5,395)	19,061	for 2017
Surplus/(Deficit) brought forward		20,557	13,471	34,028	14,967	from
<b>Total Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		21,781	6,852	28,633	34,028	from
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) on closing</b>		21,781	6,852	28,633	34,028	

## Statement of Balances - At 21st July 2017

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 21/7/17
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>			
Cash at Bank & in Hand - 1/8/16	22,087	25,635	47,722
Surplus/(Deficit) at closing date	1,224	(6,619)	(5,395)
<b>Cash at Bank &amp; in Hand - 21/7/2017</b>	<b>23,311</b>	<b>19,016</b>	<b>42,327</b>
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>			
General Account			42,327
Virgin			0
			<u>42,327</u>
Transfer to Peeblesshire Youth Trust (SCIO) on 21st July 2017			<u>(42,327)</u>
<b>Closing Balance of Peeblesshire Youth Trust</b>			<b><u>0</u></b>

## Notes to the Accounts - For the Period Ended 21 July 2017

### 1 New Grants Received

	Restricted Funds	Total 1/8/2016 to 21/7/17
St James Place	2,500	2,500
Children in Need	9,530	9,530
	<u>12,030</u>	<u>12,030</u>

### Grants Restrictions      End Date

Young Start, Big Fund	Nov-16	Extension of AYP to 2 additional schools, completing the 9 schools in Tweeddale, AYP and group activities.
Robertson Trust	Nov-16	AYP, increasing the skills of our mentors and peer mentoring programme
St James Place	n/a	Mentoring, extend AYP to all the 9 schools in Tweeddale, AYP and group activities.
Children in Need	Mar-18	AYP
Moffat Trust	Nov-16	Mentoring
Gloag	n/a	General costs associated with mentoring and AYP
VAF	Mar-17	Increasing the number of volunteers and increasing the diversity of our volunteers
James Weir Foundation	May-17	Peer mentoring, allowing us to recruit and train 40 peer mentoring at Peebles High School
Christina Hendrie	Apr-17	Peer Mentoring
Castana	Jan-18	Mentoring

All existing donors have been informed of the transition of PYT to PYT SCIO, and that all financial settlements will be transferred to the new entity.

2 Deficit spending in Restricted Funds are covered by the Unrestricted funds.

The financial statements were prepared by Rachel Beaton, Treasurer.

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Peeblesshire Youth Trust**

I report on the closing accounts of the charity for the period ended 21 July 2017, which are set out on pages 7 and 8.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2005. 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 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and 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 any 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.

Scott L Wallace CA  
 Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland  
 Peebles; 1st August 2017.



**PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND  
APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

<p><u>Applicant Details</u> Name and Address of Applicant/Organisation:</p> <p>Telephone No:</p> <p>E-mail address:</p>	<p>Community Council of the Royal Burgh of Peebles and District c/o The Bridge School Brae Peebles, EH45 8AL</p> <p>secretary@ccrbpeebles.co.uk</p>
<p>Address to which payment should be made:</p>	<p>Graham Mackie, Treasurer Braeside, Frankscroft, Peebles EH45 9DX</p>
<p><u>Activities</u> Please supply a brief description of the activities of your organisation and the benefits it brings to the local community:</p>	<p>The Community Council is supporting the fund raising process for a proposed Peebles parkrun.</p> <p>parkrun organise free, weekly, 5km timed runs around the world. They are open to everyone, free, safe and easy to take part in. parkruns take place in pleasant parkland surroundings and the aim is to encourage people of every ability to take part. All are welcome to participate – many just walk the course.</p> <p>The events are managed by local volunteers and take place at 9.30 every Saturday morning. The emphasis is on participation and community involvement. There are well documented benefits for physical and mental health. More details are contained on the website at: <a href="http://www.parkrun.org.uk/">http://www.parkrun.org.uk/</a>.</p> <p>There are currently over 500 parkrun events in the UK with over 1.3m registered parkrunners. Scotland has 36 parkruns with three starting in April but none in the Scottish Borders. Peebles is an ideal location for a parkrun with an active community and a fantastic setting. The attached link to a recent article in the Scotsman newspaper provides an excellent overview of the benefits of parkrun.</p> <p><a href="https://www.scotsman.com/lifestyle/insight-parkrun-happiness-is-just-a-5k-run-away-1-4731961">https://www.scotsman.com/lifestyle/insight-parkrun-happiness-is-just-a-5k-run-away-1-4731961</a></p> <p>We expect most of the participants to come from in and around Peebles but participants from further afield are likely to spend money to the benefit of local businesses.</p> <p>Individual parkruns do not have a constitution or bank account and</p>

	<p>with no need to worry about cash, volunteers need only focus on event organisation. Whilst this is attractive to volunteers on a day to day basis it can cause problems for potential funding bodies</p> <p>Peebles Community Council (PCC) is supporting the parkrun development process and have agreed to act as the applicant for funding. The grant application will be in the name of PCC and any funds provided by a funding body will be controlled by the Treasurer of PCC until the target is reached and the balance is remitted to parkrun UK. This seeks to overcome the problem of a lack of formal constitution and bank account</p>
<p><u>Assistance Requested</u> Please indicate the sum requested and the purpose for which it will be used:</p>	<p>Funding of £3,000 is required to commence a parkrun. In return, the local volunteer team receives all the tools required to set up and run the event including laptop and timing devices, website, course markers and support \ training of the volunteer team. The events are covered under the UK Athletics block insurance policy.</p>
<p>When will the donation be required:</p>	<p>May 2018</p>
<p>If this is a one-off project then please give the following details –</p> <p>Date (s):</p> <p>Estimated total cost:</p> <p>Funds already raised by applicant's own efforts:</p> <p>Funds raised or expected to be raised from other sources (please state sources):</p>	<p>This is a one-off fund raising effort to start a parkrun in Peebles. A parkrun will take place on a weekly basis thereafter and will always be free to enter.</p> <p>The aim is to commence Peebles parkrun from late summer 2018 subject to raising the initial funding and undertaking volunteer training £3,000</p> <p>Nil. Applications have been made to Heath Improvement Borders (unsuccessful) and Live Borders (outstanding). Further applications will be made to other potential funding bodies.</p> <p>Not known at this time.</p>

<p><u>Other information</u> If you have other information which you feel is relevant to this application please provide details including details of any previous assistance given:</p>	<p>The local group is working with Susan Morrison Scottish Event Support Ambassador organiser (voluntary position) for parkrun.  At its February meeting, the Common Good Fund approved an application from the local group to utilise Haylodge Park for the Peebles parkrun.</p>
<p><u>Declaration</u> I hereby make application for assistance as set out above and certify that the information I have provided is accurate</p> <p>Signed:</p> <p>Position Held: Treasurer: Community Council of Peebles and District</p> <p>Date: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018</p>	
<p><b>Note: All applications from organisations MUST be accompanied by a copy of the latest audited accounts</b></p>	
<p>This completed form, accounts and any supporting details should be submitted to Louise McGeoch, Democratic Services Team Leader, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA. Telephone 01835 825005</p>	

**Community Council of the Royal Burgh of Peebles & District - Annual Accounts 2016/2017 - Treasurer's Account**

Notes :-

<u>Income</u>	<u>2015/2016</u>	<u>2016/2017</u>
Balance b/f at 1 April 2016	£ 383.40	£ 841.25
Grants and donations	£ 2,033.40	£ 3,145.35
Other	£ -	£ 298.61
Mural	£ 2,966.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 5,382.80</b>	<b>£ 4,285.21</b>

**Expenditure**

Honoraria	£ 630.00	£ 750.00
Secretarial expenses	£ 99.53	£ 14.05
Hendaye reception	£ 129.16	£ -
Stationery & p/copying	£ -	£ 71.00
Mural	£ 538.00	£ 121.20
Peebles in Bloom	£ 177.75	£ 328.22
Sundries	£ 38.99	£ 58.99
Other	£ 2,928.12	£ 1,873.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 4,541.55</b>	<b>£ 3,217.06</b>
Balance c/f at 31 March 2017	£ 841.25	£ 1,068.15
Deduct uncredited receipts	£ 450.00	£ -
Add uncredited cheques	£ 841.13	£ 134.25
<b>Balance per bank statement</b>	<b>£ 2,132.38</b>	<b>£ 1,202.40</b>

Unpresented cheques:-  
 10883 £30  
 10891 £50  
 10892 £9.25  
 10893 £10  
 10894 £35  
**Total £134.25**

A G Mackie - Treasurer

Date 26/4/17

Independent Examiner's Report

I have examined this income and expenditure account for the year to 31st March 2017 and confirm that it is in agreement with the books, records and vouchers submitted to me.

D Swanson - Examiner

Date 26/4/17

Community Council of the Royal Burgh of Peebles & District - Annual Accounts 2016/2017 - Projects Account

<u>Income</u>	<u>2015/2016</u>	<u>2016/2017</u>	<u>Notes :-</u>
Balance b/f at 1 April 2016	£ 7,902.06	£ 1,088.44	
Mural	£ 2,691.60		
Venlaw Community Woodland	£ 1,123.44		
Walking Festival float		£ 2,500.00	
Transfer from General Account		£ 35.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 11,717.10</b>	<b>£ 3,623.44</b>	
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Mural	£ 10,484.05		
Peebles in Bloom			
Transfer to General account	£ 109.61		
Bank charge	£ 35.00		
Walking Festival Float		£ 2,500.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 10,628.66</b>	<b>£ 2,500.00</b>	
Balance c/f at 31 March 2017	£ 1,088.44	£ 1,123.44	Balance carried forward is the amount transferred from VenlawCommunity Woodland which may only be used for environmental purposes
Add unrepresented cheques	£ 109.61		
<b>Balance per bank statement</b>	<b>£ 1,198.05</b>	<b>£ 1,123.44</b>	

A G Mackie - Treasurer

Date 26/4/17

Independent Examiner's Report

I have examined this income and expenditure account for the year to 31st March 2017 and confirm that it is in agreement with the books, records and vouchers submitted to me.

D Swanson - Examiner

Date 26/4/17

**Community Council of the Royal Burgh of Peebles & District 2016/2017 - General Account**

**Income**

Date	Description	Cr Slip no. (Receipt)	Grants & donations	Other	Total
28/04/2016	Transfer from Projects account	9000040		£109.61	
02/07/2016	Moortfoot Runners (Gypsy Glen race)	9000041	£185.00		
27/08/2016	Peebles in Bloom raffle	9000042		£179.00	
30/09/2016	SBC (towards mural interpretation panel)		£139.00		
16/12/2016	SBC annual grant		£1,365.00		
27/01/2017	SBC grant towards Walking Festival		£1,000.00		
24/02/2017	SBC grant to Central Tweeddale Paths		£456.35		
31/03/2017	Cancelled cheque			£10.00	
			<b>£3,145.35</b>	<b>£298.61</b>	<b>Total</b>
					<b>£3,443.96</b>

**Expenditure**

Date	Description	Cheque no	Honoraria	Sec Exps	Stationery & Photocopying	Mural	Peebles in Bloom	Sundries	Other Expenses
12/04/2016	Google PCC account	D/D						£2.74	
11/05/2016	Google PCC account	D/D						£2.75	
09/06/2016	Google PCC account	D/D						£2.75	
01/07/2016	Scottish Rights of Way Society	S/O						£20.00	
11/07/2016	Google PCC account	D/D						£2.75	
12/07/2016	Secretary's expenses	10811			£71.00				£108.31
12/07/2016	A Snoddy (secretary's honorarium Mar - Jun)	10812	£150.00						
10/08/2016	Google PCC account	D/D						£2.75	
09/09/2016	Google PCC account	D/D						£2.75	
22/09/2016	Peebles in Bloom - various	10813					£61.48		
22/09/2016	Peebles in Bloom - hire of Burgh Hall for awards	10814					£54.00		
22/09/2016	Peebles in Bloom - various	10815					£58.20		
26/09/2016	Peebles in Bloom - trophy engraving	10816					£70.00		
07/10/2016	Google PCC account	D/D						£2.75	
13/10/2016	A Snoddy (secretary's honorarium Jul - Sept)	10817	£150.00						
13/10/2016	B Durkin (minute sec's honorarium Jul - Sept)	10818	£50.00						
13/10/2016	A Snoddy Peebles in Bloom + wreath (£40.20)	10819					£62.94		£40.20
20/10/2016	A Snoddy (PinB engraving £21.60 + secretarial £4.80)	10820		£4.80			£21.60		
20/10/2016	Elmbank Printing re interpretation panel for mural	10881				£30.00			
10/11/2016	Google PCC account	D/D						£2.75	



**Community Council of the Royal Burgh of Peebles & District 2016/2017 - Projects Account**

**Income**

Date	Description	Cr. slip no.	Transfer	Other	Total
09/11/2016	Coldstream Community Trust (float for Borders Walking Festival to be held in Peebles in 2017)	9000034		£2,500.00	
31/03/2017	Transfer to Projects Account to match balance to protected funds	9000035		£35.00	
			£0.00	£2,535.00	<b>£2,535.00</b>

**Expenditure**

Date	Description	Cheque no.	Transfer	Other	Total
12/01/2017	Float for Walking Festival paid into Walking Festival's own bank account			£2,500.00	
			£0.00	£2,500.00	<b>£2,500.00</b>

**Bank Reconciliation**

Balance at 1st April 2016	£1,088.44
Income	£2,535.00
Expenditure	£2,500.00
<b>Balance at 31st March 2017</b>	<b>£1,123.44</b>
Deduct: transfer in not credited until April	£35.00
	<b>£1,088.44</b>
<b>Per bank statement at 31/3/2017</b>	<b>£1,088.44</b>
	OK

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29<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Robin Tatler  
Chair – Peebles Common Good Fund  
Via email

Dear Robin

### **Peebles parkrun- request for financial support**

Further to the February meeting of the Common Good fund I have set out further background to Peebles parkrun and the potential benefits to health and wellbeing in the Scottish Borders. I am also seeking financial support for the event.

A group of volunteers is seeking to set up a parkrun in Peebles. The local group is working with Susan Morrison the voluntary Scottish Event Support Ambassador organiser for parkrun. Ideally, we would like to start from late summer 2018.

### **What is parkrun?**

parkrun organise free, weekly, 5km timed runs around the world. They are open to everyone, free, safe and easy to take part in. parkruns take place in pleasant parkland surroundings and the aim is to encourage people of every ability to take part; from those taking their first steps in running to Olympians; from juniors to those with more experience. All are welcome to participate – many just walk the course.

The events are managed by local volunteers and take place at 9.30 every Saturday morning. The emphasis is on participation and community involvement. All are welcome to run \ walk or volunteer and there are well documented benefits for physical and mental health. More details are contained on the website at: <http://www.parkrun.org.uk/>.

There are currently over 500 parkrun events in the UK with over 1.3m registered parkrunners. Scotland has 36 parkruns with three to start in April but none in the Scottish Borders. Peebles is an ideal location for a parkrun with an active community and a fantastic setting. Participants register once with parkrun and can then participate in any parkrun anywhere in the world. parkruns are always free to enter. The attached link to a recent article in the Scotsman newspaper provides an excellent overview of the benefits of parkrun.

<https://www.scotsman.com/lifestyle/insight-parkrun-happiness-is-just-a-5k-run-away-1-4731961>

### **What do we need to do?**

We have identified a course at Haylodge Park and the Peebles Common Good Fund has approved usage of the Park. We have commenced the process of seeking participants and volunteers (you can do both).

parkrun operates as a franchise. **Each local parkrun needs to raise £3,000 to be paid to parkrun UK.** In return, the local volunteer team receives all the tools

required to set up and run the event including laptop and timing devices, website, course markers and support \ training of the volunteer team. The events are covered under the UK Athletics block insurance policy.

The fundraising process has commenced. Most parkruns have raised their funding through Local Authorities, Health Trusts or Charitable Trusts.

Individual parkruns do not have a constitution or bank account and with no need to worry about cash, volunteers need only focus on event organisation. Whilst this is attractive to volunteers on a day to day basis it can cause problems for potential funding bodies

Peebles Community Council (PCC) are supporting the parkrun development process and have agreed to act as the applicant for funding. Any grant application will be in the name of PCC and any funds provided by a funding body will be controlled by the Treasurer of PCC until the target is reached and the balance is remitted to parkrun UK. This seeks to get around the problem of a lack of formal constitution and bank account

It is surprising that the Scottish Borders does not yet have a parkrun. Financial support for the Peebles parkrun will help the first event to commence and can act as a catalyst for further parkruns across the region.

We are seeking grant support of up to £3,000 to start this key event and as many volunteers and participants as possible

I hope this letter is clear but please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or email to discuss any aspect which requires more information.

Unfortunately, I am away on holiday on the date of the next Common Good Fund Meeting (9<sup>th</sup> May), but I will seek to find another representative to discuss any matters arising.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

**Martin Kelso**



**PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND  
APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

<p><u>Applicant Details</u> Name and Address of Applicant/Organisation:</p> <p>Telephone No: E-mail address:</p>	<p><b>Peeblesshire Archaeological Society</b> Trevor Cowie (Chairman) Dundreich Old Edinburgh Road Eddleston Peebles EH45 8QP</p>
<p>Address to which payment should be made:</p>	<p>Mr Peter Barclay Treasurer, Peeblesshire Archaeological Society, Heather Bank, 3 South Park West, Peebles EH45 9EF</p>
<p><u>Activities</u> Please supply a brief description of the activities of your organisation and the benefits it brings to the local community:</p>	<p>The Peeblesshire Archaeological Society (PAS) exists to stimulate public interest in archaeology generally and to promote the study and preservation of historic and archaeological features within Tweeddale. In pursuit of its aims, the Society holds regular lectures in Peebles, open to members and guests, and is actively engaged in archaeological survey, excavation, field recording and the publication of archaeological data.</p>
<p><u>Assistance Requested</u> Please indicate the sum requested and the purpose for which it will be used:</p>	<p><b>A Walk in the Park:</b> <b>The Archaeology and History of Hay Lodge Park &amp; its Environs</b> The sum of £1500 is requested towards the overall cost of professional design, illustration and production of an attractive interpretive leaflet and web-based guide to the archaeology and history of Hay Lodge Park and its immediate environs.</p> <p>One of the most popular walks in Peebles is the circuit from Tweed Bridge along the riverside and on through Hay Lodge Park, crossing at the Fotheringham Bridge to return along the south bank. However, as they make their way around, many local residents and most visitors will be unaware of the area's hidden history. In fact, people have been active along this stretch of the Tweed for some 10,000 years – variously using the river as a source of food, water power, and in more modern times for leisure activities. Our leaflet and the associated web-based guide will enhance enjoyment of Hay Lodge Park and its surroundings by permitting the visitor to trace the locations of a variety of points of archaeological and historical interest.</p> <p>These resources evolved from a successful guided walk developed by members of the Society and offered over several years as part of Scottish Archaeology Month/Borders Heritage Festival.</p>
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When will the donation be required:	The donation would be required by 31 August (or sooner if possible) as we would like to have these resources available for the public by the date of the Borders Heritage Festival in September 2018
If this is a one-off project then please give the following details –  Date (s):  Estimated total cost:  Funds already raised by applicant's own efforts:  Funds raised or expected to be raised from other sources (please state sources):	Costing 1 May 2018; for completion September 2018  £ 3000 <u>inclusive of VAT</u>  £ 750  See next section
<u>Other information</u> If you have other information which you feel is relevant to this application please provide details including details of any previous assistance given:	Notes 1) An application will be submitted to the Peebles Callants Club for grant-aid to meet the projected balance (£750).  2) The research for this project has been carried out by members of the Peeblesshire Archaeological Society in their own time on a voluntary basis.  3) It is anticipated that the commissioned design work and printing will be undertaken by the Peebles-based companies Abound Design & Interpretation Ltd and Caledonian Colour Printers respectively.
<u>Declaration</u> I hereby make application for assistance as set out above and certify that the information I have provided is accurate  Signed: (Trevor Cowie)  Position Held: Chairman  Date: 1 May 2018	
<b>Note: All applications from organisations MUST be accompanied by a copy of the latest audited accounts</b>	
This completed form, accounts and any supporting details should be submitted to Louise McGeoch, Democratic Services Team Leader, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA. Telephone 01835 825005	

## Peeblesshire Archaeology Society

### Income & Expenditure Account 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018

#### Bank Account

		Income	Expenditure	Balance
01/04/17	B/F			£1568.71
03/04/17	Cash to Bank	30.00		1598.71
07/04/17 392	Towergate Insurance		259.45	1339.26
20/04/17 393	Hire of Hall		10.00	1329.26
09/05/17 394	AGM Refreshments		37.25	1292.01
20/05/17 395	Archaeology Scotland		48.00	1244.01
01/06/17	J. Moffat – Subscription	15.00		1259.01
09/06/17 396	Gift Rosemary Hannay		25.00	1234.01
24/07/17	BofS – Complaint	150.00		1384.01
09/08/17	Cash to Bank	127.90		1511.91
15/08/17 397	Syllabus		32.00	1479.91
30/08/17 398	Coach Hire		105.00	1374.91
05/09/17	Visit Scotland (Books)	48.00		1422.91
15/09/17	Subscriptions	95.00		1517.91
20/09/17 399	Hire of Hall		10.00	1507.91
	Common Good Fund	823.00		2330.91
26/09/17	Cash to Bank	330.00		2660.91
16/10/17	S. Scott – Sub	30.00		2690.91
18/10/17	P. Barclay – Sub	20.00		2710.91
26/10/17 400	Hire of Hall		10.00	
401	Scott – Audio Equipment		1126.33	1574.58
03/11/17	Cash to Bank	130.00		1704.58
16/11/17 402	Hire of Hall		10.00	1694.58
02/01/18 403	Shootinglee – storage equipment		23.20*	1671.38
18/10/18 404	Hire of Hall		10.00	1661.38
19/01/18	Cash to Bank	66.00		1727.38
22/01/18	Over debited by Bank		.50	1726.88
15/02/18 405	Hire of Hall		10.00	1716.88
17/02/18	Cash to Bank	65.50		1782.38
16/03/18 406	Website hosting		38.26	1744.12
407	Hire of Hall		10.00	1734.12
28/03/18 408	Hire of Hall		10.00	1724.12

## Cash Account

01/04/17	B/F		£ 38.72
03/04/17	Cash to Bank		8.72
20/04/17	Mr & Mrs Cotterill	40.00	48.72
06/08/17	Bus re Field Trip	150.00	198.72
	Strat Halliday		22.10
09/08/17	Cash to Bank		176.62
20/09/17	Cash to Bank		127.90
	Subscriptions	320.00	48.72
	Donations	1.05	368.72
	Visitors	4.00	369.77
	Speaker		4.00
	Refreshments		25.00
21/09/17	Cash to Bank		9.05
22/10/17	Sub – F. Brown	5.00	339.72
26/10/17	Subscriptions	140.00	9.72
	Visitors	36.00	14.72
	Speaker		25.00
13/11/17	Cash to Bank		165.72
16/11/17	Visitors	28.00	35.72
	Speaker		25.00
	Subscription	16.00	38.72
23/11/17	Sale of Books	80.00	54.72
	Alidade		79.99
11/01/18	Sub – R.Watt	20.00	54.73
18/01/18	Subscriptions	70.00	74.73
	Visitors	28.00	
	Speaker		25.00
19/01/18	Cash to Bank		147.73
01/02/18	Sale of Books	2.00	66.00
	Donation	3.00	81.73
15/02/18	Visitors	24.00	
	Subscription	20.00	
	Speaker		25.00
17/02/18	Cash to Bank		105.73
15/03/18	Speaker		65.00
	Visitors	28.00	40.73
	Donation	1.00	15.73
	Subscription – Ross	20.00	44.73
			64.73

## Analysis of Income & Expenditure 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018

<b>Income</b>					
	2017	2018		2018	2017
Subscriptions	£ 690.00	£ 811.00	Insurance	259.45	
Sale of Books	151.00	130.00	Speakers	150.00	125.00
Visitors	16.00	148.00	Hire of Room	80.00	69.00
Grants	1773.40	823.00	Shooting Lee	103.19	2072.40
Outing		150.00	Outing	127.10	
Donation		5.05	Gift	25.00	
Bank		150.00	Equipment	1126.33	11.24
			Refreshments	46.30	38.25
			Syllabus	32.00	30.00
			Subscriptions	48.00	
			Website	38.26	55.04
			Stamps		6.60
			Surplus Income	181.42	189.87
			Photocopying		3.00
	<u>£2630.40</u>	<u>£2217.05</u>		<u>£2217.05</u>	<u>£2630.40</u>

### Balances at 1 April 2017

General Account	£1568.71
Cash Account	38.72
	<u>£1607.43</u>

### Balances at 31 March 2018

General Account	£1724.12
Cash Account	64.73
	<u>£1788.85</u>

### Examiner's Report

The Income and Expenditure Account and Abstract of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 are in accordance with the Books and Vouchers presented to me and appear to give a fair and accurate position of the financial state of the Society.

Fergus Brown  
Account Examiner

### Treasurer's Report

It is encouraging that the income from both Subscriptions and Visitors has increased. While that from the Sale of Books has fallen only slightly there will be a substantial decline in the year ahead as most of the books bequeathed to us by Jock Cooper have been disposed of. For those who are more recent members I would mention that Jock was a Past President of our Society. It was necessary to replace a number of items to improve the presentation of our monthly winter including our projector and screen and the cost was largely covered by a Grant from Peebles Common Good Fund. The unusual income entry described as Bank arose as a result of a cheque for £150 in compensation when I complained over the rejection of a direct debit on the grounds that the department responsible did not have a copy of authorised signatories on our Bank Account. The 50p is accounted for by an error in processing one of our cheques.

Peter Barclay  
Treasurer





# PAST

Peeblesshire Archaeological Society Times  
Spring issue / April 2018

## Annual Report 2017-2018

### Lecture summaries

*As usual, the arrival of Spring means we have come to the end of our programme of talks. As in previous years, this issue of the newsletter provides an opportunity to recall the wide range of topics that have been covered by our guest speakers.*

Back in September, the lecture programme was given an excellent start with a talk by **Dr Margaret Maitland** (National Museums Scotland) which took us from the north of Scotland to the sands of the Nile. In her presentation, '**Pioneering Scottish Archaeologist Alexander Henry Rhind and The Tomb at the National Museum of Scotland**', Margaret traced the story of Rhind from his early life and his ground-breaking excavation of a broch at Kettleburn in his native Caithness to his investigations of an undisturbed ancient tomb at Thebes near modern Luxor.

Sadly Rhind developed TB while still a young man, and decided to go to Egypt in the hope of a more suitable climate. He corresponded with eminent Egyptologists of the time, learned quickly and soon obtained permission to dig. In Scotland, Rhind had pioneered a systematic approach to excavation and he brought this to bear in his work in Egypt, in particular in his investigation of the tomb at Thebes.



Portrait of Alexander Henry Rhind by Alexander S Mackay  
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The focus of a recent, hugely successful temporary exhibition in the National Museum, the tomb in question was originally built for a Chief of Police and his wife around 1290BC, shortly after the reign of Tutankhamun and around the height of the ancient Egyptian empire. Over the following centuries it was looted and reused several times, leaving behind a collection of beautiful objects from various eras. In her talk, Margaret showed how these and objects found in other tombs nearby give a vivid sense of how burial in ancient Egypt changed over time.

The Tomb's final use occurred around 9BC, shortly after the Roman conquest of Egypt, when it was sealed intact following the burial of an entire family whose names were still identifiable from rare funerary papyri full of family information. Even their family tree could be constructed! The tomb then lay undisturbed until it was excavated by Rhind. He died only a few years later at the age of only 29.

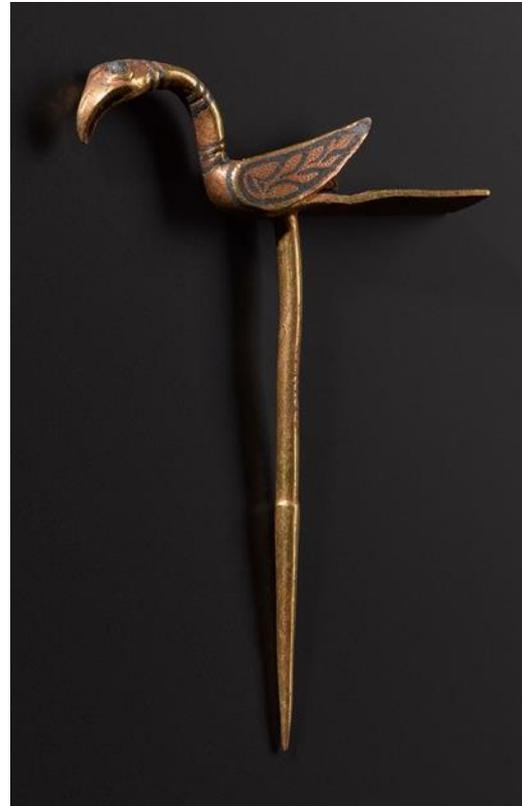
The speaker for our October meeting was **Andrew Nicholson** (Dumfries & Galloway Council) on the subject of '**Excavating the Galloway Hoard**'. A full house heard an enthralling talk about the discovery and excavation of the spectacular Viking Age hoard found in Galloway in September 2014.

As the Council archaeologist, Andrew was contacted after metal detectorists discovered a number of silver armrings and ingots. Circumstances were such that an immediate excavation was deemed necessary. In the event, it proved to be the largest hoard of Viking Age objects found in Scotland for over 150 years, containing over 100 items, with material from Britain, Ireland, Western Europe and beyond. It includes over 70 silver armrings and ingots, a Carolingian silver vessel, Anglo-Saxon and Irish brooches (some unique in form), a unique gold pin and a large decorated cross, as well as a very significant group of early medieval textiles which poses a particular challenge to the conservators!

Buried at the beginning of the 10<sup>th</sup> century AD, the hoard opens a fascinating window on a formative period in the story of Scotland, illustrating links to the wider world and giving a glimpse of the superlative craftsmanship of the period.

By coincidence, the date of our talk coincided with the announcement by National Museums Scotland that it had achieved its fundraising target of £1.98 million in order to acquire the hoard on behalf of the nation.

Their programme of conservation and research is sure to unlock further secrets of the hoard, and over the coming years we look forward to hearing more about this amazing find.



**The unique gold bird pin from the Galloway hoard © NMS**

The meeting of the Tweeddale Society held on 14 November was designated as the annual joint meeting of our two societies. An excellent presentation was given by **Rosemary Hannay** (recently retired from her post as Curator of the Tweeddale Museum) on '**W & R Chambers: Sons of Peebles, National Figures**'. Rosemary charted the lives of William (1800-1883) and his brother Robert (1802-1871) from the family's early years in Peebles through to the eventual success of their publishing business in Edinburgh, which coincided with the rise of mass publishing, the growth of the self-education movement and recognition of the value of social improvement (for a fuller summary of Rosemary's talk see **PAST**, Winter Issue/February 2018, 4-6).

Later in November, many of us enjoyed an excellent talk by **Andrew Jepson** (Archaeology Scotland) on **'Stobs Camp: Past, Present and Future'**, about the ongoing project designed to explore and commemorate this internationally important military site in the Borders. At various times, from the early 20th century onwards, Stobs was used for army training, as an internment camp and to house prisoners of war. Today, it is a site of major archaeological and historical importance owing to the quality of the surviving remains.

Within Scotland, no other site exists where this variety of roles is represented in one place and none has the quality of surviving remains visible, ranging from standing buildings to the well-preserved training ground with its firing ranges and trenches. In particular, as we continue to commemorate the centenary of the First World War, Stobs is recognised as an internationally important site relating to Scotland's preparation for the war and subsequent handling of prisoners during that conflict.

In his talk, Andrew described the story of Stobs and the current multi-stranded project being carried out with the aim of promoting understanding and greater awareness of the site. After setting the scene, Andrew outlined the results so far, ranging from fieldwork to desk-based activities such as genealogical research and oral history recording.

*A site visit to Stobs, led by Andrew Jepson, will form a major part of our summer field trip to be held on Sunday 1st July (see separate circular for details)*

In January, we were delighted to welcome **Strat Halliday** who gave us insights into **'Forts and Fortification: regional patterns in the Scottish Iron Age'**. Strat showed how Peeblesshire has played an important part in the study of Iron Age hillforts in Scotland, being the first county to be studied at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century by the pioneering antiquary, Dr

David Christison. The pattern that he established in his great survey published in 1898 was to provide the cornerstone to every distribution published since, and has been only truly superseded at a national scale with the publication in 2017 of the Atlas of Hillforts of Britain and Ireland (see <https://hillforts.arch.ox.ac.uk/>).

Four years in the making, the Atlas is the most complete dataset on hillforts ever assembled and allows us to examine this key monument of the Iron Age landscape at both national and local scales. However, Strat noted how one of the first problems for the creators of the new Atlas was to agree the definition of a hillfort – especially when it came to ensuring that Scotland's many small forts received proper recognition! The final definition adopted was that the site had to meet two of three criteria including topographic position, scale of enclosing works, and size of the area enclosed.

The strength of the Atlas lies in its consistency, which is allowing various patterns in the data to be teased out. For example, the 5th century BC seems to be a critical time, with marked changes in the form and extent of defensive construction visible across Britain, while in Scotland a distinctive series of oblong, vitrified forts can now be dated to between 400 and 200 BC. Bringing his presentation to a close, Strat exhorted us to explore what the Atlas had to offer – especially as a starting point for exploring sites in the field.

In February, we were very pleased to welcome **Dr Graeme Cavers** (AOC Archaeology Group) to give an illustrated talk about the results of his current excavations on the prehistoric loch village at the Black Loch of Myrton. In a fascinating talk entitled **'Living on the Loch in the Iron Age'**, Graeme explained how the wet, peaty soil conditions at this site have resulted in the remarkable preservation of organic remains, providing unprecedented opportunities for understanding the structure of a 2400-year old settlement.



Drone aerial photograph of the stone-walled fort on the summit of Black Meldon  
© Stephen Scott

Situated near Monreith in Dumfries & Galloway, the existence of a possible crannog at the Black Loch of Myrton had been known since the 19<sup>th</sup> century when some excavation was carried out by the local landowner, Sir Herbert Maxwell.

The site was then largely forgotten until re-discovered during modern agricultural drainage works in 2013. Several seasons of excavation have now been carried out and these have shown that rather than being a typical crannog—i.e. an artificial island with structures constructed on top—the site comprises the remains of an early Iron Age lochside settlement or loch village, dating from around the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC.

Even at an early exploratory stage, the unusual nature of the site and the quality of the survival of the archaeological evidence meant that Black Loch made national news. Later, the results of the first full excavation season featured briefly in an episode of BBC 4's *Digging for Britain* series hosted by Professor Alice Roberts and broadcast in March 2016.

Drawing on the results of a further two seasons of fieldwork, Graeme's fascinating talk provided PAS members with an opportunity to hear the very latest information about this nationally important site (for a fuller summary see forthcoming blog on PAS website).

In March, as our final invited guest speaker of the 2017-2018 session, we were delighted to welcome **Alan Hunter Blair** (GUARD Archaeology Ltd) to give a presentation on '**Neolithic Halls, Bronze Age roundhouses and a late Bronze Age hoard at Carnoustie, Angus**'. Alan (or simply Blair, as he is known to friends and colleagues) described the results of excavations carried out by GUARD, across an extensive area of ground in Carnoustie over a six-month period in 2016-2017.

Although there had been some previous finds in the area, nothing was known on this site. During the course of the work, no less than 14 prehistoric structures and 28 prehistoric pit groups were uncovered and a total of 1.8 hectares of topsoil was stripped.

Three clear major periods of occupation are represented, but we must await further dating and the evaluation of finds to determine the full story of the occupation of the area. The structures comprised two rectilinear timber post-built structures, one of which is likely to date to the early Neolithic period; parts of two elliptical shaped timber post-built structures; seven circular timber post-built structures, and a stone founded structure. A further two putative structures were identified, one centred around an area of heat-reddened sand and the other associated with an occupation layer containing frequent prehistoric pottery and lithic finds. Adjacent to one of the circular structures or round houses, a spectacular Late Bronze Age hoard was discovered.

However this was an excavation that kept on producing surprises. For example, at 35m in length and 9m in width, Structure 8 - the Neolithic hall - is the largest such building so far found in the UK. Blair showed examples from elsewhere in Scotland, all previously dated to between around 4000 and 3500BC.

The roundhouses on the other hand are of a form and size comparable with other Angus sites, and are likely to be Iron Age in date; again, radiocarbon dates are awaited to permit detailed interpretation.

One structure (Structure 9) is centred on an unusually large heat-reddened area of sand, possibly suggesting industrial activity such as metal working.

The most eye-catching find was the Late Bronze Age hoard, discovered during the topsoil stripping. The hoard comprises a bronze spearhead with gold decoration, laid alongside a bronze sword with a pommel, the remains of a scabbard and scabbard fittings, and a disc-headed pin, all contained in a shallow pit. Unusually, there are traces of the textiles used to wrap the spear and sword. Analysis of the gold suggests a southern Irish or southern British source for the metal.

Only a handful of other spearheads with gold decoration are known from Britain and Ireland: one of them is also from Angus – perhaps an indication of the wealth and wide-ranging contacts of Tayside's Late Bronze Age communities.

Most of the presentations on the Carnoustie excavations have so far been limited to professional gatherings and we were lucky to be among the first local archaeological societies in Scotland to hear directly about the results of the excavation. Post-excavation work is now under way and no doubt further surprises await the team working on the material recovered from this remarkable site!

**Jeff Carter**



**The Late Bronze Age hoard as found; the entire block of soil in which it lay was subsequently lifted to permit detailed excavation under laboratory conditions  
© GUARD Archaeology Ltd**

# Treasurer's report

It is encouraging that the income from both Subscriptions and Visitors has increased. While that from the Sale of Books has fallen only slightly, there will be a substantial decline in the year ahead as most of the books bequeathed to us by Jock Hooper have now been disposed of (Jock, for the information of more recent members, was a former President of our Society).

Until recently, we have been using projection equipment kindly loaned by The Bridge or by the Civic Society; in the course of the year, we decided to acquire our own lecture equipment in the form of a powerpoint projector, projection screen, laptop and associated software.

This was largely made possible by a generous grant awarded from the Peebles Common Good Fund. The new equipment has greatly improved the presentation of the lecture series.

The unusual income entry described as Bank arose as a result of receiving a cheque for £150 in compensation, following a complaint over the rejection of a direct debit on the grounds that the department responsible did not have a copy of authorised signatories on our Bank Account!

**Peter Barclay**  
Treasurer

## Analysis of Income & Expenditure | April 2017 – 31 March 2018

Income	2017		2018	
	£		£	
Subscriptions	690.00	811.00	259.45	
Sale of Books	151.00	130.00	150.00	125.00
Visitors	16.00	148.00	80.00	69.00
Grants	1773.40	823.00	103.19	2072.40
Outing		150.00	127.10	
Donation		5.05	25.00	
Bank		150.00	1126.33	11.24
			46.30	38.25
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			38.26	55.04
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				3.00
	<u>£2630.40</u>	<u>£2217.05</u>	<u>£2217.05</u>	<u>£2630.40</u>

### Balances at 1 April 2017

General Account	£1568.71
Cash Account	38.72
	<u>£1607.43</u>

### Balances at 31 March 2018

General Account	£1724.12
Cash Account	64.73
	<u>£1788.85</u>

## Examiner's Report

The Income and Expenditure Account and Abstract of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 are in accordance with the Books and Vouchers presented to me and appear to give a fair and accurate position of the financial state of the Society.

**Fergus Brown**  
Account Examiner

# Fieldwork

## Shootinglee Project: an update

Shootinglee, just two miles south of Traquair, was a forest stead or farmstead within Ettrick Forest and as such it is the first to be investigated archaeologically. The Project is now in its 7<sup>th</sup> year.

In the 1970s, before the recognition of the site and its significance, the area had been overplanted with conifers.

At the very start of 2017, a number of the trees were felled by Scottish Woodland, work made possible by a generous grant from Forestry Commission Scotland, secured for us through the good offices of David Kennedy of their South Scotland Conservancy Area.

The excavation season resumed at the end of March, though most of the next three months were spent removing the tree stumps! However the pay-off for all this hard work has been a larger excavation area free of obstacles, which has permitted us to uncover the ground plan of Building 2 in its entirety and made understanding of the building sequence easier.

The south end of Building 2 had been badly robbed in the past; however, it is now possible to demonstrate that the substantial N-S running drain, first revealed in 2016, turned a right angle to run E-W under what would have been the south wall of the building.



Shootinglee: excavations in progress © Joyce Durham



**View of Building 2 from the south © Joyce Durham**

To the north of this, at a higher level and covering the northern half of the building, there was an occupation layer of dark silty material with evidence of burning and small patches of yellow clay-silt. Overlying this on its eastern half was a layer of grey coloured clay. The occupation layer had a heat-cracked flat stone set centrally, presumably a hearth, as well as further hearths on two levels with a surround of paving in the NE corner.

Finds of early clay pipe bowls and stems from this layer indicate that the building was occupied in the 17<sup>th</sup> century prior to abandonment.

At its southern end, an extension had been built against the building at some stage, with a curved SE corner and narrower walls, a paved floor and a hearth set against the south wall.

An impression of the extent of the excavation trench and the dimensions of Building 2 can be gained from the accompanying photographs.

Building 2 itself is interpreted as a 16<sup>th</sup> century peel house similar to Slack's Tower and Mervinslaw, in Roxburghshire, which both have clay-bonded walls still surviving to their full height.



**Slack's Tower © Joyce Durham**

However, this is by no means the end of the story for we know from documentary evidence and pottery finds that there was earlier activity at Shootinglee site during the medieval period: the 2018 season has just started and the hunt for earlier structural evidence is now on!

**Joyce Durham**

# Outreach

## Autumn work party at Lyne Kirk

Having consulted with a few kind souls regarding their availability, a working party was organised in early November to undertake some essential maintenance of our 'adopted' monuments at Lyne.

On a day that was chilly but dry, six of us set to work to repair the wooden revetment and banking shoring up the summit of the Abbey Knowe and to cut back the vegetation in and around the area of the Early Christian cists.

The opportunity was also taken to clean the interpretation panel on the knoll and the protective glass panels around the Adam & Eve stone at Lyne Kirk.

Further work parties are planned for this spring at Lyne and at Harehope Cairn.

**Gillian Brown**



**Above:  
Abbey Knowe  
work party**

**Left  
a) repairing the  
existing revetment**

**b) The Adam & Eve  
stone following  
cleaning of its  
protective glass  
case**

**Photos T Cowie**

# Some dates for your Diary!

## Archaeological Research in Progress

**Date: May 26 2018**

**Venue: The Engine Shed, Stirling**

This annual one-day conference gives its audience the opportunity to hear first-hand accounts of recent and ongoing archaeological projects across Scotland.

This conference is supported by Historic Environment Scotland and is delivered in partnership with Archaeology Scotland and the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.



**For full details of the programme and booking of tickets see**

**<https://www.socantscot.org/event/archaeological-research-in-progress-2018/>**

## Society of Antiquaries of Scotland Rhind Lectures

**'Drystone technologies: Neolithic tensions and Iron Age compressions'**

**Dr John Barber MA, BA, FSA, FSA Scot, MCIfA**

**Date: June 22 - June 24 2018**

**Venue: National Museum of Scotland**

**Sponsored by Tomatin Distillers**

A series of free lectures exploring the extraordinary technological and design achievements of builders in drystone, from Neolithic chambered cairns to Iron Age brochs.



**For full details of the lectures and to book tickets see**

**<https://www.socantscot.org/event/rhind-lectures-2018/>**

## PAS lecture programme 2018-2019

Our own autumn/winter lecture series will commence on **Thursday 27 September**.

What promises to be another bumper crop of high-quality talks by invited guest speakers has been assembled by programme organiser Neil Crawford. Further details will be circulated in due course but we can look forward to a varied syllabus, with topics ranging from highland shielings to maritime archaeology.

**Look out for details in Peebles Life, the Peeblesshire News and on our own PAS website <http://www.peeblesarchsoc.org.uk/>**



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## **A Walk in the Park**

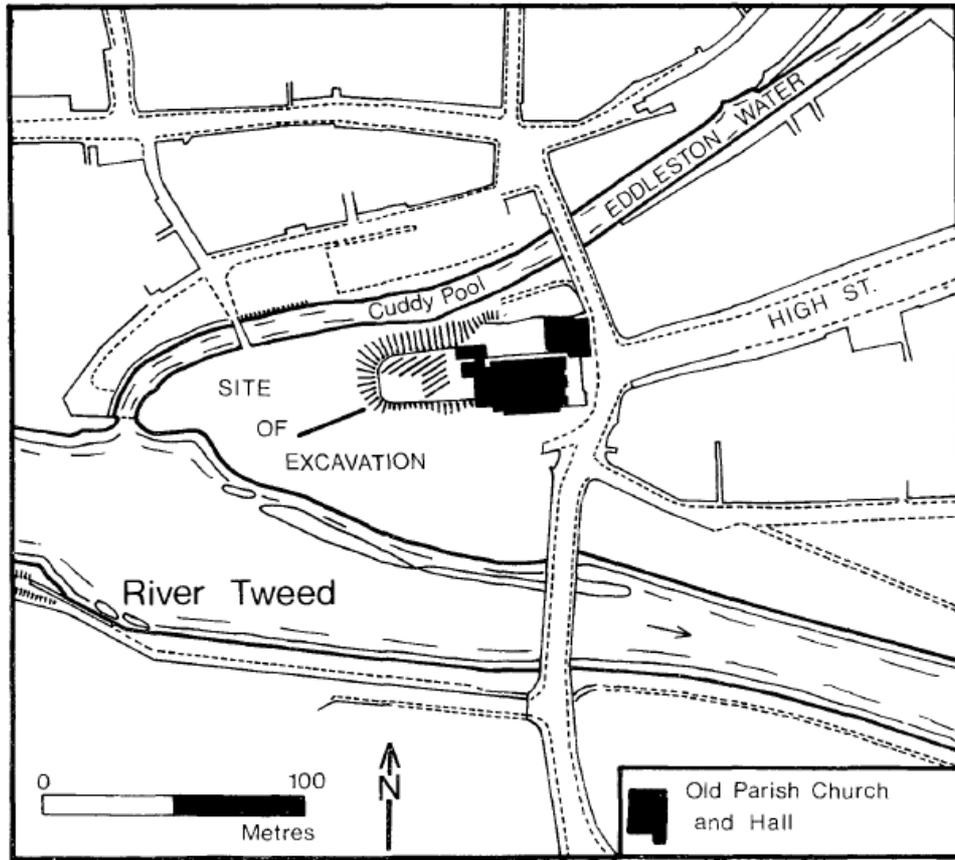
**The Archaeology & History of  
Hay Lodge Park, Peebles & its environs**

**Sunday 23 September 2012**



### **Guides**

Jack Boughey ♦ Trevor Cowie ♦ Joyce Durham ♦ Maureen Erasmuson ♦ Bob Knox



**Fig 1. Location of Peebles Castle Hill on promontory between the Tweed and the Eddleston Water (after Murray & Ewart 1980)**



**Fig 2. Sherds of 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> century pottery found in gardens near the site of Peebles Castle and donated to the National Museum in 1961. L-R: tubular spout from a jug, rim and sherds from strap handles. Photo: T Cowie**

## **1. Castle Hill, Peebles & its surrounds**

### ***Castle (site of)***

There was a royal castle at Peebles in the reign of David I (1124-53). It occupied the neck of the promontory formed by the junction of the Eddleston Water (The Cuddy) with the River Tweed.

The site is marked by the prominent, steep-sided mound, apparently natural, which has Peebles parish church on its E end. The flat summit measures 21.3 by 39.6m, though it may originally have been longer. There are no visible structural remains but excavations carried out in 1977 in advance of the building of an extension to the church hall revealed two wooden buildings.

The Castle Hill appears to have come into the town's possession in the 15th century. The castle disappeared during the 14th century but a chapel, originally associated with the castle, is thought to have been in existence until close to the end of the 18th century, when it was removed - possibly when the first Parish Church was built in 1782. That one lasted 100 years and was replaced by the present church in 1885 at a cost of £10,000.

In 1720 the top of the mound was laid out as a bowling green.

### ***Mills (site of)***

The first known reference to the old corn mill of Peebles is during the reign of Alexander II in the 13th century.

There was a corn mill on the site to the west the bridge in 1461 known as Rood Mill – it received this name because the tenant had to pay 2 merks yearly to uphold the service of the Rood altar in St Andrews Kirk. The lade for this mill ran from a cauld on the Eddleston Water, along the foot of Castle Hill and across the north side of Tweed Green to a waulk mill at the east end of Tweed Green.

There was still a corn mill on the site in 1780 but it is unknown whether it is the same one as the Rood Mill of 1461.

The town council was keen to bring manufacturing industry to the town and in 1856 a large woollen mill was built below the Castle Hill mound – called Tweedside Mill. During the rebuilding, the old lade from the Eddleston Water was abandoned as the cauld there was no longer adequate. A new cauld was created across the river and a new lade brought from the Tweed. The mill burnt down in the 1960s.

The site of the mill is now occupied by Peebles Swimming Pool (1983, architects Morris & Steedman).

### ***Gasworks (site of)***

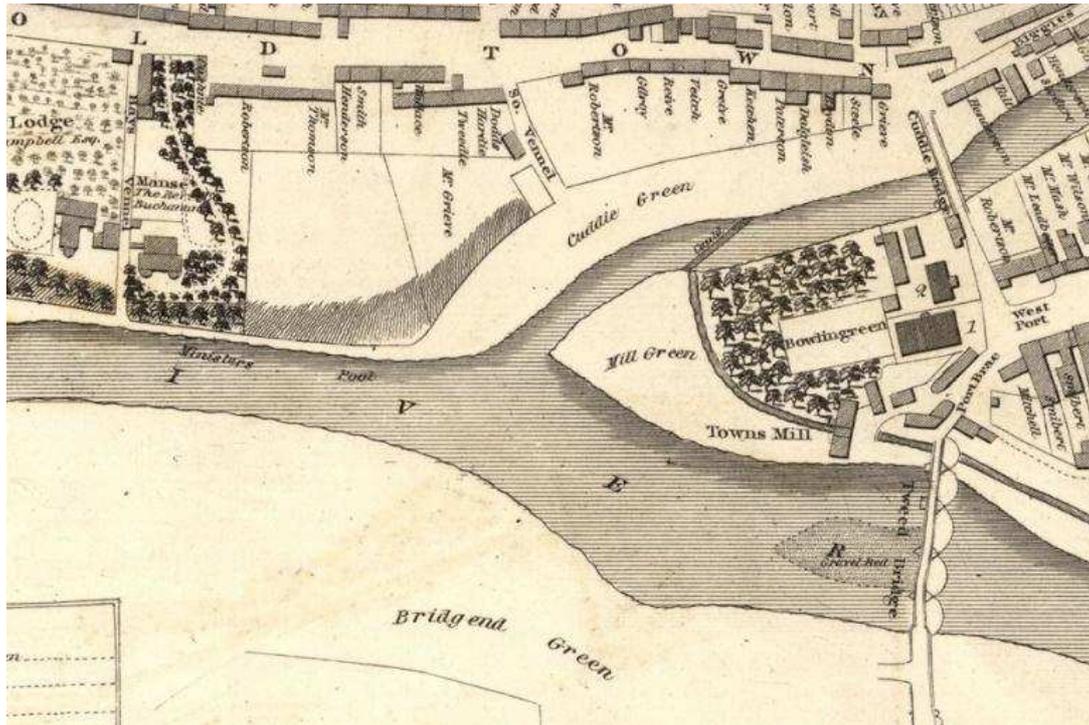
In 1828 gas was introduced to the town – the works was to the west of Castle hill with the gasometer positioned at the end of the promontory.

In 1898 the council took over the manufacturing of gas, consumption increased and in 1905 about 5 acres of land 1½ miles east of the town were fued from the Haystoun Estate and a new larger works was built at a cost of £25,000 (that site in turn is now occupied by the Scottish Borders Council depot at Eshiels)

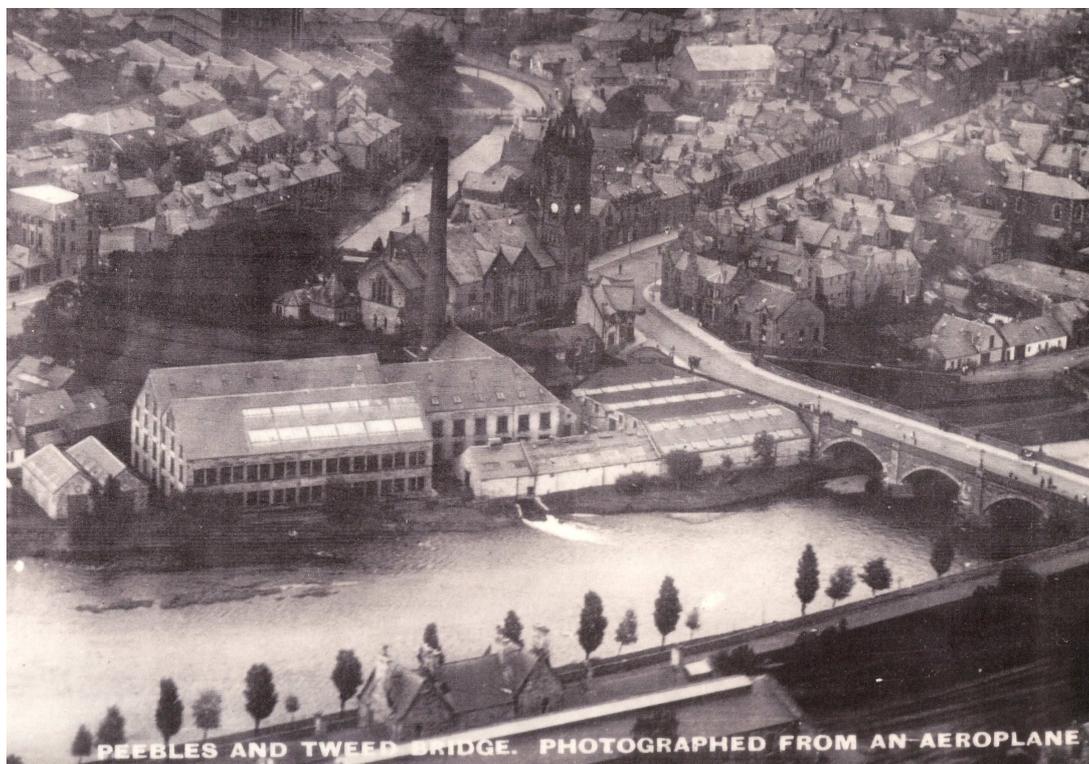
## **2. Greenside**

### ***World War 2 observation post***

Located amongst trees above the level of the path at the W end of Greenside is a small brick and concrete building with a door in one side and a vent hole in two of the other sides. Although it has been recorded as a possible air-raid shelter or ammunition store is, the building is more likely to be an observation post - particularly as the slits are aligned on Tweed Bridge and the former site of the Station.



**Fig 3. Extract from John Wood's map of Peebles of 1823 (© NLS). According to Wood, the ancient Royal Burgh of Peebles was 'delightfully situated on the northern bank of the River Tweed, over which is an ancient stone bridge of five arches'. At the time the town's main source of revenue was from stocking manufacturing and weaving. Peebles had 2,705 inhabitants in 1821 (source: SCRAN). Hay Lodge is just visible at the left edge.**



**Fig 4. View across Tweed to Tweed Mill and the Parish Church, with the Caledonian Railway Station just visible in the foreground, probably taken in the 1920s or 1930s (Image courtesy of Tweeddale Museum). The caption seems to be a statement of the obvious!**

### 3. Hay Lodge House

#### *18th century house and estate buildings*

**House.** This fine Georgian house, long known as Hay Lodge, was built in 1771 by Captain Adam Hay of Soonhope, a descendant of the Hay family who formerly owned Neidpath Castle. Hay was MP for Perthshire and died in debt.

The house was subsequently sold on to various wealthy people - one being Alexander Campbell who built the enclosing walls. He was a merchant in Glasgow with plantations in the West Indies - and hence owed his wealth to slavery.

Further additions were made to the house in the early 19th century. It now provides staff quarters for Hay Lodge Hospital which was built in the former grounds of the house and opened in 1983.

The house consists of three storeys plus attic and basement. The entrance is to the west. The drawing room has particularly fine details. There is some evidence of earlier masonry internally.

**Boundary walls.** The carriage arch was at the SE corner. Old maps show the main entrance was probably where the entrance to the Hay Lodge car park is now, while the line of the drive would have swept round to the front door at the west. The building at the NE boundary wall may have been an 18th century municipal well or pump house.

**Stables.** The former stables lay to the N of the road. These were L-shaped in plan, with a north range where Hay Lodge cottages now stand. The building appears to have been rebuilt between 1775 and 1823.

**Ice House.** The fine ice house which probably once served Hay Lodge is situated on the N bank of the Tweed. Trees would have been planted to provide maximum shade to this area.

The ice house consisted of a subterranean domed construction of stone or brick covered by tons of insulating earth, providing a highly efficient method for storing food.

The period from c 1600 - 1875 is known to have been a 'Little Ice Age'. Historical paintings of winter scenery then depicted people skating on lakes and ponds (eg Raeburn's minister at Duddingston) and sometimes even rivers froze over. Either blocks of ice would have been chipped out (or brought by cart in lead-lined cases) or snow would have been compacted hard, then straw would have been put over the ice to retain the cold. Meat, fish and other perishable goods were stored. Ice was also stored for medical purposes - eg for administration to patients with high fevers.

### 4. Hay Lodge Park

#### *Traditional site of encampment during the '45 Rebellion & park land*

Named after Hay Lodge or Hay's Lodge, the Georgian house built by Captain Hay of Soonhope. Originally known as Arnotshaugh, the grounds have been Burgh property since 1560, previously having been attached to the 14th century Chapel of St. Mary, Peebles. At the beginning of the 18th century the grounds were bought by the Earl of March, remaining in his family until the end of the century. They then went through a number of owners, being bought back by the Earl of Wemyss and March in 1859, whose family sold them back to the Burgh in 1919.

According to local tradition the forces of Prince Charles Edward, en route to England in 1745, encamped in a field west of Hay Lodge. Whether or not there is any basis for this, General Roy's Military Survey which was undertaken after the Jacobite rising usefully shows the extent of the town at this time.



Fig 5. An aerial view of Hay Lodge in 1968 (image courtesy of Tweeddale Museum)



Fig 6. Detail from the Roy Map (1747-1755) of the area around Peebles (© NLS).

Fermtouns and cultivation patterns are only roughly noted, but Peebles itself is carefully depicted as are estate policies. Peebles High Street was built in the 16th century on the land between Tweed and Eddleston Water, with the 'old town' chiefly on the opposite bank of the Eddleston Water.

## 5. 'The Dookits', Neidpath

### ***Finds of Mesolithic (Middle Stone Age) flint and chert tools***

Around this point of our walk, the archaeology of the very distant past and the recent past coincide. Although it was being used in very different ways, the river provides the common link.

At the end of the last Ice Age, as the glacial ice melted in Tweed valley the gorge became plugged with ice and debris. As a result a lake would have formed upstream, and drained via a channel on the other side of Cademuir. Only when the Neidpath gorge eventually became free of glacial debris did the Tweed assume its present course. As the region recovered from the extreme conditions of the last Ice Age, plants, animals and people recolonised the landscape.

Around 10,000 years ago, small, mobile groups of hunters and fishers would have exploited the resources of the river and its hinterland - and we have evidence for their presence at this very spot!

During the 1980s, thanks to the keen eyes of Bob Knox, a sizeable number of worked chert and flint flakes, including the distinctive tiny tools known as microliths, were recovered from this stretch of the footpath.

### ***Outdoor swimming pool, c 1930s***

From 10,000 years ago to less than a hundred years ago... surviving evidence of much more modern archaeology of the river can also be found here.

It takes the form of traces of the diving platforms and revetting of the river bank associated with 'The Dookits', an *al fresco* swimming pool popular in the earlier 20th century.

Eventually changes in the river conditions made swimming here unsafe - leaving these vestiges of 'the archaeology of leisure activity'!

## 6. Fotheringham Bridge

This footbridge was constructed just downstream of the former site of a ford giving access to Hay Lodge Park from the south bank of the river.

J. S. Fotheringham was a baker who left Peebles in 1904 for South Africa. He prospered and at one time was mayor of Johannesburg. He gifted the bridge which now bears his name to the Burgh and it was opened 24th October 1953 by Provost A.P. Daniels.

## 7. The Caledonian Railway

The Caledonian was a major Scottish railway company, formed in the early 19th century until its eventual absorption almost a century later into the London, Midland and Scottish Railway.

The Symington, Biggar and Broughton Railway led from the main line at Symington to Broughton. The Caledonian acquired it in 1861 and the line was extended to a new station at Peebles West. The line opened in 1864 and closed to regular passenger traffic in June 1950.

### ***Peebles Tunnel***

The impressive Peebles (or Neidpath) Tunnel formerly carried the Peebles-Symington branch line of the Caledonian Railway under South Park Wood and along the S bank of the Tweed.



**Fig 7. Worked chert and flint from Mesolithic site near Manor Bridge, just upstream from Neidpath. Similar knapping debris has been found along the north bank of the Tweed - evidence of the presence of hunters and gatherers around 10,000 years ago (© Peeblesshire Archaeological Society)**



**Fig 8. View of the 'The Dookits', Hay Lodge Park. Traces of the footings of the diving platforms can still be seen today (source Robb & Stevenson 1990)**

The 550m long tunnel is brick-lined and entered through stone horseshoe-shaped portals.

As well as being of significance in terms of local industrial archaeology, the tunnel is also the scene of a famous experiment in the history of science. Professor C.T.R. Wilson (1869-1959) was a holder of the Chair of Physics at Cambridge and a Nobel Prize winning scientist. His life's work was devoted to natural phenomena – in particular condensation phenomena and atmospheric electricity.

Although his career was spent in Cambridge, he was born near Glencorse and had family connections in this area. Around 1900, while a young post-graduate, he was investigating the conductivity or ionisation of air. As part of experiments to test whether the production of ions in dust-free air could be explained as being due to radiation from sources outside our atmosphere he made a portable electroscope which he took into the Peebles railway tunnel at night. Wilson failed to appreciate their full significance but the results of this experiment were to lead ultimately to the recognition of cosmic radiation and its development as a field of study.

### ***Neidpath Viaduct***

Once it emerges from the tunnel, the line of the railway crosses the Tweed by means of the Neidpath viaduct. This superb seven-span curved skew viaduct was opened in 1864. The bridge was designed by Robert Murray, who lived in Peebles, at Damdale and George Cunningham, Consultant Engineer to the Caledonian Railway.

## **8. The Cauld**

This cauld or weir spans the River Tweed on the SW side of Peebles, at the downstream end of the Minister's Pool, and immediately below the entry of the Eddleston Water.

In 1726 the cauld on the Tweed fell into disrepair and was abandoned, with water required for the corn mill under the Castle Hill being taken from Eddleston Water. This proved unsatisfactory and in 1829 it was decided to build another one on the Tweed. In so doing the builders built it too high, which resulted in flooding upstream.

This upset the landowners, the earl of Weymss on the south side of the river, and Mr. Campbell, the occupier of Hay Lodge, on the north side. The cauld was lowered, but for the next 20 years a dispute rumbled on between the Earl of Wemyss and the Burgh as to what the height should be.

Part of the eventual decision was flood prevention measures to protect the Earl of Weymss' property, with the Eddleston burn being diverted to enter the Tweed *below* the cauld, and the embankment on the south side being built up.

## **9. Dukehaugh, Peebles**

### ***Loopholed wall: World War 2 defences or an earlier relic of the Railway Age?***

On the S bank of the Tweed, a series of five holes can be seen set low down in the stone wall bordering the riverside walk. Sections of railway line provide support at both the top and bottom.

It has been suggested that these might have been constructed in the wall as part of the defensive measures undertaken in WW2 (the area immediately behind the wall has probably only become banked up with earth in the relatively recent past as a result of the creation of the gardens for the new houses built in Park Drive).

However, as a result of enquiries made locally, it seems more likely that these so-called 'loopholes' are connected with the Caledonian Railway Station, which was formerly located to the rear of the wall.



**Fig 9. Caledonian Station in 1880 by George Washington Wilson. Note the parish church is still to be rebuilt, and the bridge to be widened (image courtesy of Tweeddale Museum)**



**Fig 10. Aerial view of Tweed Bridge from the NW (© RCAHMS). The blue circle indicates the location of the WW2 mortar emplacement.**

In particular, the engine servicing point and railway turntable were located immediately to the south of these 'loopholes' and drainage was required from these installations.

Similar holes can be found further upstream which may suggest that they possibly also permitted drainage at times when the river was in flood.

## 10. Tweed Bridge, Peebles

### ***Mounting for World War 2 spigot mortar***

Set within a small retaining wall among trees approximately 100m to the south of the south end of the Tweed Bridge, is the mounting for a WW2 spigot mortar. The 'archaeological' remains consist of a circular concrete mounting with a stainless steel pin in the centre.

As part of the WW2 defences the southern approach to Tweed Bridge was also protected by a road block. It was formerly still possible to see the marks in the road where the slots for the road block were situated - but as a result of resurfacing, these are no longer visible. Another example of the erosion of history!



**Home Guard soldiers operating a spigot mortar during training in 1943.**  
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## 11. Tweed Bridge

### ***Medieval and later bridges***

The earliest surviving portions of this splendid bridge probably date from the 15th century but it is very likely that there was a bridge over the Tweed at Peebles long before that.

The earliest bridge is likely to have been of timber construction; we can imagine the strategic importance of Peebles in the 12th century with its bridge defended by the royal castle. Indeed, until the 18th century, Peebles was the location of the only bridge crossing of the Tweed above Kelso.

As noted, the architectural character of the oldest part of the bridge is suggestive of late medieval work, attributable to the 15th century, and this would be in keeping with references in the burgh records to bridge building between 1465 and 1470.

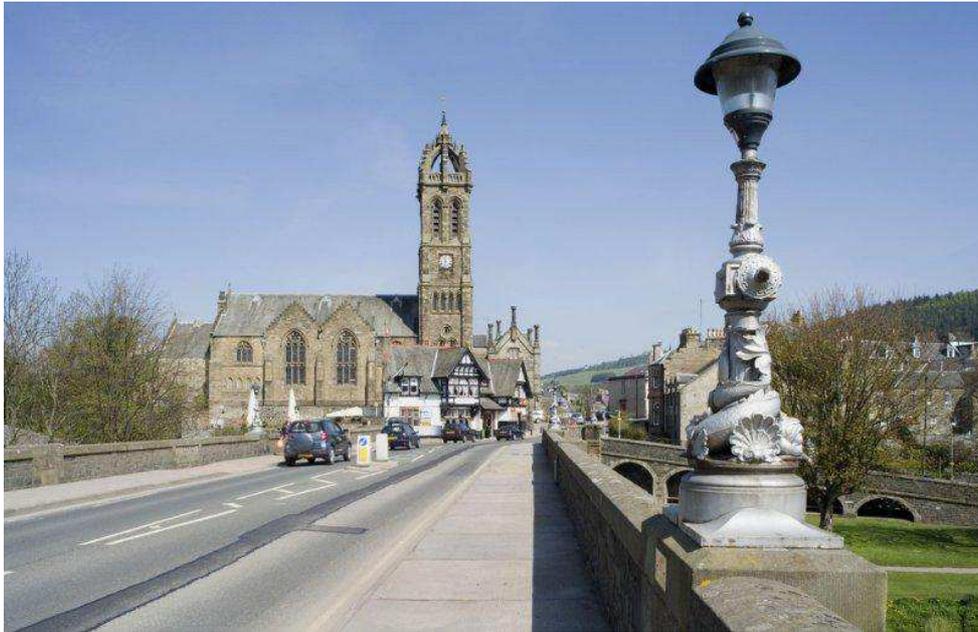
However the records are incomplete for many years and it is often unclear whether reference is being made to repairs to the bridge, reconstruction of the existing bridge or the erection of a new bridge. The original bridge was seemingly only 8ft wide, with 5 segmental arches. The foundations rested on oak logs. The arches were of narrow whinstone with face work and voussoirs of freestone. It may have had safety recesses over the piers. It was said to be "*inconveniently narrow, admitting only one carriage at a time*".

Burgh records show that constant repairs were carried out on the bridge in the 17th and 18th centuries, and three additional arches, since replaced by a railway bridge, were erected in 1799.

Tangible evidence of these works survives at the base of the west cutwater where a re-used stone may be seen, bearing a fragment of incised inscription *Roughly [?Rep]aird July 11 1767*.

The bridge was widened on both sides in 1834 (to 21ft) by John & Thomas Smith of Darnick, and again widened in 1897-1900 (to 40ft) by McTaggart, Cowan & Barker to cope with increased traffic and building development on the S side of the river. Evidence of these widenings can still be seen by inspecting the structure of the bridge.

Masons' marks can be found in abundance all over the Tweed Bridge structure but the bridge's earlier builders are largely anonymous figures, with the exception of John Hislop, a local mason who erected the three arches built in 1799. Sadly he died from injuries received when one of the arches collapsed during the course of construction.



**Fig 11. Following the widening of 1900, eight dolphin lamp standards were added as a decorative feature on the parapets of the bridge. © RCAHMS**

**Front cover:**

**Aerial photograph around 1950 showing the extent of the Caledonian railway site. The river was kept free of islands as they restricted the intake and outflow of water from the mill. Note the lade in Tweed Green. Image courtesy of Tweeddale Museum**

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