

Our Estate Newsletter

Spring 2025



The Gannochy Trust

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Grant Strategy 2022 to 2027

The Gannochy Trust as a Grant Funder

AK Bell established The Gannochy Trust in 1937 to manage housing, farms, Quarrymill, the wider estate, and to support local charities through grant making. This grant making is funded from income from the Trust's investments which also supports some of the costs associated with running the estate.

The current Grant Strategy 2022 to 2027 has an annual fund of circa £4,500,000 and can be found on our website. It describes what type of work we will support in Perth and Kinross and across Scotland. Applicants must be registered charities, and our priorities for Perth and Kinross are 1) To improve the quality of life, 2) To improve the availability or quality of the built and natural environment for wide community use, and 3) To develop and inspire children and young people.

Grants range from £1,000 to sums in excess of £1,000,000 to support major building projects. The new YMCA "Y Centre" on Atholl Street is an example of one of our recent Capital grants and we have supported the building of many of Perth's important facilities such as Bell's Sport Centre, Perth Concert Hall, and the AK Bell Library. We list all of the grants that we make in the News section of our website. We have a range of charitable strategic partners that have a close match to our Grant Strategy and these include Live Active Leisure, Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust, Horsecross Arts Ltd, and Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust. We also partner with Scouts Scotland and Girlguiding Scotland to administer smaller grants across Scotland. In Perth and Kinross, we partner with the Council to provide 5-year funding to seven Universal Youth Work providers to grow opportunities for youth development locally.

In March 2025, we were managing around 350 grants, 75% of which are supporting people in Perth and Kinross. Our Grants Plus programme offers support beyond funding to Perth & Kinross charities. In addition to our main grants programme, we established a Youth Panel Fund and recruited 12 young people to design the grant fund, and to make decisions on these applications. They have an annual funding pot of £120,000 to support 11 to 26 year olds in Perth and Kinross and meet quarterly to assess new applications.

Sheltered Housing

Care Inspectorate Report

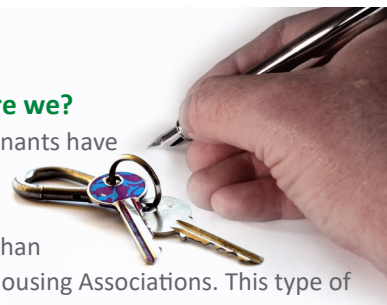
The Care Inspectorate carried out an unannounced inspection of the Sheltered Housing Support Service provided by the Kincarrathie Trust in January. The report is positive, with the service scoring 'Good' for all areas assessed. The full report is available at

<https://www.careinspectorate.com/>

Tenancy Spotlight

Housing Tenure - What type of Landlord are we?

The Gannochy Trust is a Private Landlord and tenants have a Private Residential Tenancy or Assured/Short Assured Tenancy Agreement. This means we have different mandatory and statutory duties than social landlords like a Local Authority or many Housing Associations. This type of information is usually required when applying for any type of benefit or completing an external form for example applying for house insurance.



Priority Service Register - Require extra help or special assistance?

The Priority Services Register (PSR) is a free UK wide service for customers who have extra communication, access or safety needs. It provides extra help during power cuts or when there's an interruption to your electricity, gas, or water supply.

Joining the PSR helps your utility companies to provide adapted services, adjust communications, and make amendments to keep you safe, such as setting up a password scheme and providing advance warning of planned interruptions to electricity, gas, or water supplies.

Website: <https://psrscotland.com> or call your own providers.

Spring clean time

Just a reminder that the better weather is on the horizon and some gardens are looking tired after the winter months and require tidying. It's time to deal with issues such as Children's toys, paddling pools, Trampolines, rubbish, and other items lying around. If anyone still has Christmas lights on gutters and hedges, please have them taken down.

Gannochy Easter Challenge



Every entrant is a winner with our **Gannochy Easter Challenge Event.**

Residents around the Gannochy Estate have placed letters in their

windows for you to collect and identify which Easter related item that they spell. There's no need to enter gardens on your hunt, as all the letters will be visible from the pavement. Collect an Easter Challenge Sheet from the collection point outside 10 Gannochy Avenue from 16th April. The Challenge Sheet has a map to give you an idea of where to look. Open to all under the age of 12 that live in the Gannochy area. The Challenge will be open from Wednesday 16th April to Monday 21st April. Take your completed entries to the Gannochy Trust office before 22nd April and all correct answers will receive an Easter Prize!



GANNOCHY COMMUNITY HALL EVENTS

GANNOCHY EVENTS GROUP - Book with Helen on 07808 087708

CHAIR EXERCISE CLASS Wed afternoons at 2 pm Free (£2 for a brew)

COMMUNITY QUIZ NIGHT Friday 25 April. 7.00 to 10.00pm. £3.50

AFTERNOON TEA AND QUIZ Thursday 15 May. 2 pm. £3.50

COMMUNITY QUIZ NIGHT Friday 20 June. 7.00 to 10.00pm. £3.50

KNIT AND CROCHET - Book with Marianne on 07754 837187

KNIT & NATTER GROUP Mon 2 to 4pm 14th & 28th April, other dates to be advised. £3

CROCHET CLASS Sat 10 to 4pm 12th April, other dates to be advised. £10
BEGINNERS' CROCHET CLASS Wed 23rd April, 6pm. Phone for details.

SHELTERED HOUSING - Book with Shirley on 07950 752284

SHELTERED HOUSING COFFEE MORNING - Every Tuesday at 10.30. (Free)

WILTSHIRE FARM FOODS - Tasting and Quiz - Tuesday 15 April. 1pm (Must Book)

News from Gannochy Events Group

Thanks to people buying raffle tickets etc over the course of our events this year, we have donated the following amounts this month:

£300 to Air Ambulance

£300 to PKAVS

£300 to Perth Foodbank

£100 to PADS (Abandoned Dogs Society)

Mound matters

Gannochy Mound, behind Camilla Bell Crescent, has proven to be a popular attraction for tenants, and recent works have included the installation of bench seating at the summit, a renovated access path with ground stabilising tiles to assist wheeled access to the new bench and viewpoint, and a perch to rest on.

Dog Fouling on the Mound

Do you know that we probably have the most doggie poo bins by head of population in all of Perth City and we still can't solve our poo dilemma! These bins are emptied by Gannochy Grounds staff. An additional new bin has been installed at the centre access pathway to the Mound. The Mound provides a great children's play area, community footpath and dog walking area. Please lift your dog's poo, and don't leave filled poo bags anywhere but in a bin. There are plenty bins near access points and around the Estate. Please use them, stop the dangers to children, help make your estate a more pleasant walking experience, and join the majority of dog owners that are responsible.



Youth Nights on the Green

The Gannochy estate will be hosting three Friday evening youth drop in events for Gannochy under 16's again in May. Dates are 16th, 23rd, and 30th May from 6pm on Gannochy Green. Kinross Youth Enterprise will be leading these, and there will be a BBQ and Games each evening.

The Saints in the Community's Street Sports Team and PKC Safer Communities Team will also be joining us for the first two events.



If you have any dietary or access needs, contact 07545 164359.

FRI 16th May 6pm – 8pm
STREET SPORTS

FRI 23rd May 6pm – 8pm
STREET SPORTS

FRI 30th May 6pm – 8pm
GAMES AND BIKES

Contact 07545 164359 for more info., dietary, or access requirements.

FREE BBQ at every event!

Gardener's Corner

Replanting flower beds at Gannochy Avenue

The rose beds on Gannochy Avenue were originally planted with "Arthur Bell" hybrid Tea Roses, named after AK Bell. Some of these beds were overdue for retirement and have been replanted with low growing plants.

Grass should have it's first cut with a higher set blade and follow up with weekly lower cuts. A light rake to remove the debris before the first cut is always a good plan.

Spring brings our migrant and local birdlife back in full feather to nest and raise a new brood. Watch out for the Pied Wagtail, Goldfinch, and the harder to find Bullfinch. Head down to Quarrymill to spot the magnificent Kingfisher. Bird feeders in your garden will entice them in and you can research which food attracts the birds you want to see.



The Goldfinch is a small striking finch with a black and white head and an unmistakable red face. Their wings are black and white with a yellow wing bar and their tail is black with white spots.

Doo'cot Park Centenary Year 2025

AK Bell created the Doo'cot Park cricket fields and pavilion in 1925, one year after the completion of the first Gannochy Trust homes. At that time, Doo'cot Park was a new base for Strathearn, Perth Northern, Mayfield, and Almond Valley Cricket Clubs. In 2011, a merger with Perth County Cricket Club formed the new Perth Doo'cot Cricket Club. Doo'cot Park celebration events are planned for Summer 2025 including a Centenary Game with Marylebone Cricket Club on Wednesday 30th July - all are very welcome.



Bob's Spring bits

Now that spring is upon us, it is a good time to ventilate our homes! Blow away the winter cobwebs by opening your windows for a short period of time each day (weather permitting) to allow the fresh spring air into your home.



Gas leaks and carbon monoxide alarms

In the event of a gas leak or suspected gas leak, or if your carbon monoxide detector activates with a continuous alarm, please contact National Grid Gas Emergencies on 0800 111 999 immediately and please take the following steps;

- Turn off gas at meter (Quarter turn the handle on pipe at the side of the meter).
- Turn off all gas appliances.
- Don't use electrical appliances or light switches.
- Open all doors and windows.
- Don't smoke or use naked flames.



Don't turn supply back on until remedial action is taken and authorised by a competent person.

Emergency repair contact numbers for "out of office hours"

Trade/Issue	Contractor	Tel. No.
Gas and Heating Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boiler/heating not working• Radiator leak which cannot be controlled• No hot water• Carbon monoxide detector activating/faulty	Thermal Comfort Frank McDonald	07703 107364
Plumbing and Drainage <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blocked drains which are preventing the use of toilet or sink• Leak to cold water supply pipes	Thermal Comfort Frank McDonald	07703 107364
Electrical and Smoke Alarm Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Electrical faults which will not re-set• Faulty smoke or heat alarms	Dave Peebles	07709 365071
Joinery <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jammed or faulty door/lock or window which compromise security	Graham Davidson	07493 233844
Roof leaks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Missing or broken slates causing water ingress	Alan Robertson & Sons	01738 551424
Sheltered Housing Aid-Call System <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Faulty control unit• Faulty smoke or heat alarms	PPP Taking Care Aid Call	0800 0851587