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City Heritage Trusts - a unique Scottish approach to sustainable conservation management of historic cities

Many pressures, such as modern development, traffic management and the need to maintain the historic built environment, affect our historic cities today. This paper highlights the Scottish way of providing sustainable development of historic cities through the setting up charitable Trusts financially supported for the last 18 years by the Scottish Government and local authorities.

These City Heritage Trusts state their Mission as:

“Through our conservation grants programmes people will enjoy, understand and care for our historic built environment and will be able to access funding and expertise which will ensure the sustainability of the City’s heritage for current and future generations.”

Annually around £4 million are invested by these Trusts into the historic built environment of their cities with the aim to provide social, economic, environmental and cultural benefits. These grants provide leverage for a further £25 million investment from private and other sources. Positive outcomes are improved resilience and wellbeing of residents, economic growth, increased tourism and better understanding and valuing of the heritage.