

# Annual Review

## 2018/19

2018/19 was another year of rebuilding the Trust after a very challenging period. We are confidently emerging with new leadership and a renewed focus on effective governance. We have continued to improve our financial position and the long term sustainability of the organisation despite continued cuts to our funding.

This review provides you with an overview of some of our key achievements during the 2018/19 financial year. This period saw us continue to deliver core natural and cultural heritage services, environmental improvement initiatives, key projects and events, and visitor services and heritage attractions.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our supporters, volunteers, customers and funders over the year who have helped us as we continue to care for Shetland's heritage.

**Ruth Mackenzie**  
Chair

**Mat Roberts**  
Chief Executive



Over **700km**

of Core Paths surveyed by our Ranger Service

Over

**12,500**



new records added to the Shetland Biological Records Centre about our local habitats, wildlife sites, animal and plant species



**1,756**

school pupils visiting our sites to learn about their heritage or being visited at school by our team



Over

**5,000**

trees germinated for planting in Shetland



Over

**3,500**

people participated in Boat Week, Wool Week and the Nature Festival



**100 hectares**

of peatland restoration work undertaken, equivalent to saving

**2,000 tonnes** of carbon emissions



**295**

artefacts donated to the Museum collection



**64**

new archaeological sites recorded



**1,050**

people undertaking research in the Archives

Over

**100,500**

visitors to our attractions at Sumburgh Head, Old Scatness Broch, the Crofthouse Museum, and Shetland Museum & Archives



**388**



end of life vehicles uplifted and depolluted

**65 tonnes**

of rubbish collected from beaches and roadsides by over

**4,500**

volunteers as part of Da Voar Redd Up



We implemented a new video-conferencing system which has saved the equivalent of over



**£57,500**

in travel costs

and

**90 tonnes** in carbon emissions

We have reduced our debt by

**12%**

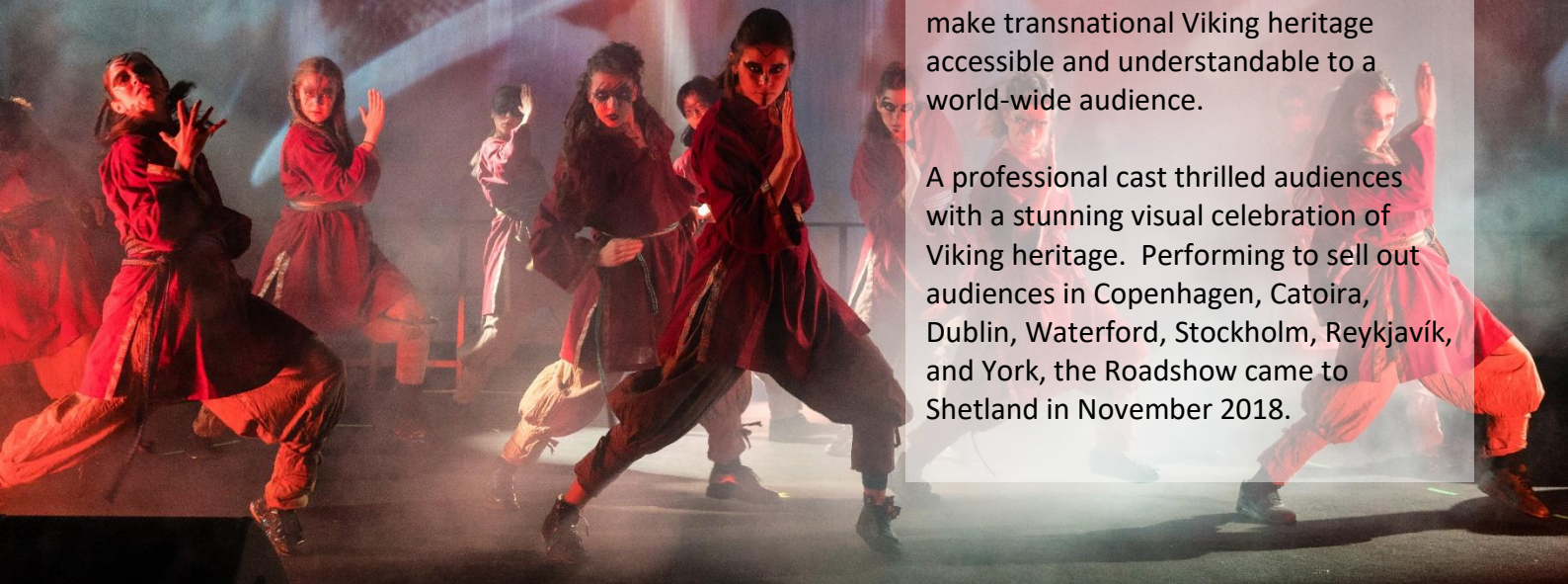


We had

**9**

Volunteer Trustees on the Shetland Amenity Trust Board

# FOLLOW THE VIKINGS



## Follow the Vikings Roadshow

In 2018/19, the *Follow The Vikings* Roadshow was the highlight of a 4-year transnational project led by the Shetland Amenity Trust on behalf of 15 partners from across the Viking World. Funded by Creative Europe, the project aims to make transnational Viking heritage accessible and understandable to a world-wide audience.

A professional cast thrilled audiences with a stunning visual celebration of Viking heritage. Performing to sell out audiences in Copenhagen, Catoira, Dublin, Waterford, Stockholm, Reykjavík, and York, the Roadshow came to Shetland in November 2018.



## Hans Holbein Exhibition

Our team at the Shetland Museum and Archives put on 26 exhibitions during the year. The highlight, however, came in May 2018 when we had the honour of hosting the 1520s masterpiece *A Lady with a Squirrel and a Starling (Anne Lovell?)* by Hans Holbein the Younger.

Holbein was one of the greatest Old Masters of 16th Century art. This high-profile loan came to Shetland thanks to the National Gallery Masterpiece Tour 2018, sponsored by Christie's and is the most important artwork ever to be exhibited in Shetland.

- 7,625 people visited the exhibition
- 388 people participated in special events
- 274 school children visited the exhibition



## Cash for Cans

Our 'Cash for Cans' scheme has now closed after 30 years of operation. We are delighted that recycling is now more mainstream and that the Council collect cans for recycling making this scheme redundant.

Schools, community groups and businesses collected cans which we then assembled and sent for recycling in bulk in return for cash. This cash was then re-distributed to the community groups.

## Working with over 100 participating groups we have

- Recycled more than **6 million** cans
- Distributed **£100k** to schools, community groups and charities
- Sent nearly **200 tonnes** of cans to be recycled instead of going to landfill

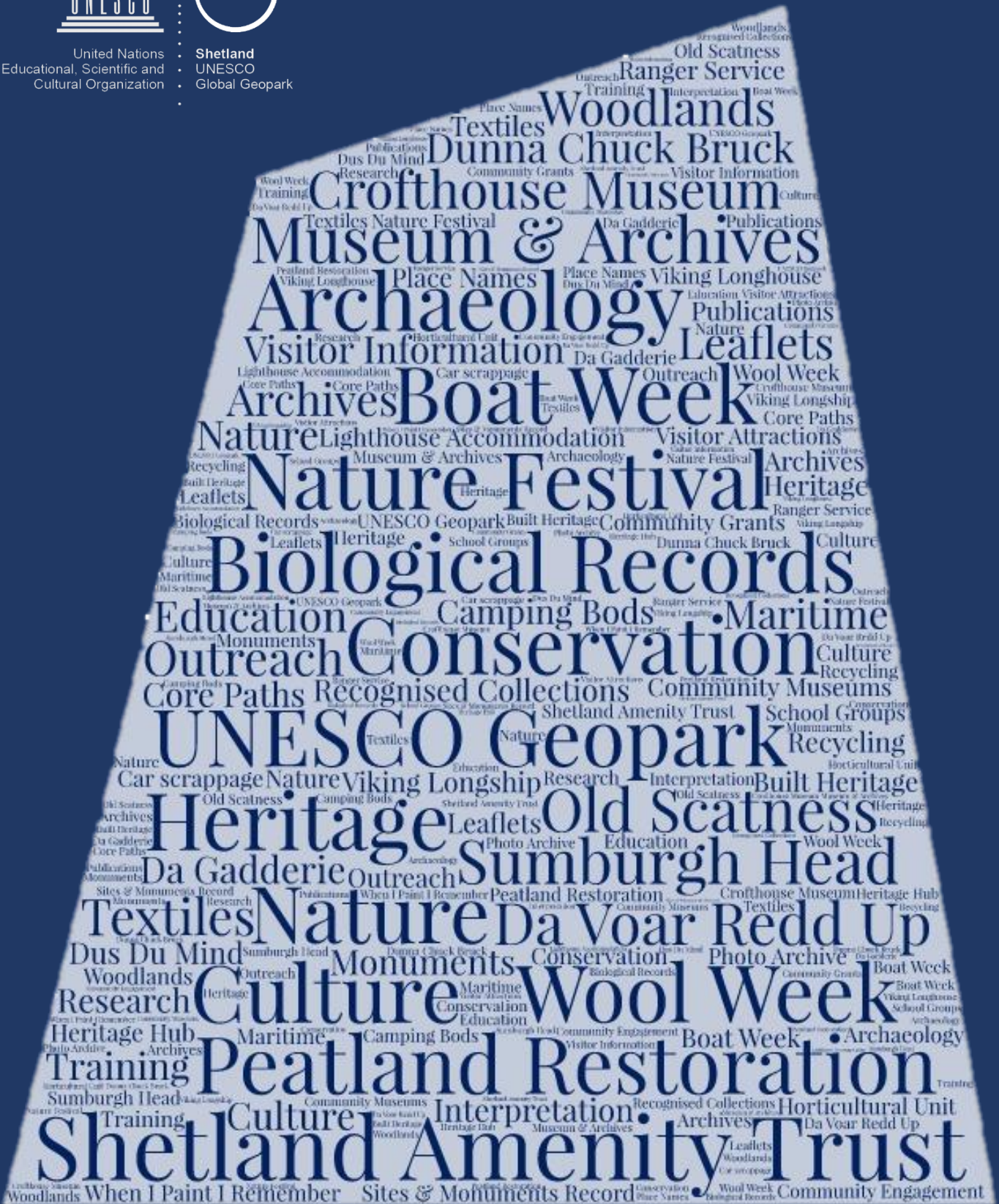




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