

## **Chairperson's Report**

This time last year during my report, I highlighted that we had not been in receipt of many applications for Grant funding.

During 2009, we have seen a significant increase in the number of requests for grant aid. I take this as a very positive development, in that; it demonstrates a greater awareness within our community, of the Trust's purpose. For many of the Grantee's, the award from the Trust has been the first they have received.

As you may recall, the Trust's activities were overseen by The Scottish Communities Foundation, however, in mid 2009, they slackened their control, allowing the Trust to make awards at its own discretion.

Slow progress has been made by the trust and the community as how to use the Glendoe Energy Efficiency Fund.

It was decided in 2009 to carry out a domestic energy audit. This was undertaken by the Energy Saving Trust and advertised in the Boleskin Bulletin. There was a poor uptake from the community and as a result, as we enter 2010, phase 1 of this audit is to start with loft insulation and cavity wall insulation.

Some of the community projects to have received Trust funding during 2009 are as follows:-

Community Web Site  
South Loch Ness Heritage Group  
South Loch Ness Access Group  
Stratherrick Primary Parent Council  
Community Firework Display  
Community Project Consultation Fees.

Award applications awaiting decision:-

Stratherrick Public Hall.  
Wade Bridge Trust.

In conclusion:

I would like to thank, the community for taking the initiative to push forward projects, my fellow Directors and in particular, Alex Sutherland and Frank Ellam, in their respective capacities as Secretary and Treasurer, both roles, equally demanding in time and volume of work

**Helen Grainger.**