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### **Family affair for National Trust for Scotland**

Aberdeenshire father and daughter, Graeme and Merryn Benson, have joined National Trust for Scotland members across the country in a video campaign to protect Scotland's heritage.

The film sees members pledge their continued support for the conservation charity to ensure that Scotland's history and heritage are looked after for future generations to enjoy. The film can be viewed [here](#).

Having joined as members three years ago, the family have toured many of the properties in the Aberdeenshire area, including Merryn's favourite, Castle Fraser.

From taking part in Christmas events in winter to Easter egg hunts in spring, the family have been able to combine family time with education for Merryn, who attends Kintore Primary School. For Graeme, who is originally from England but now lives and works in Kintore, joining the Trust has also been an interactive way to learn about the history of Scotland.

Graeme Benson said: "We are proud members of the National Trust for Scotland because not only are we helping protect some of Scotland's most significant places and spaces, but we are also getting to enjoy visiting them every single week. We have taken so many extended family trips to various properties over the past few years and they are now some of our fondest family memories."

Merryn Benson said: "I loved my day filming with my dad. It was fun meeting people and I enjoyed learning the lines and having my photo taken."

The campaign comes as the charity continues to deal with the impact of the coronavirus pandemic which has caused a £28 million loss in essential income. By pledging their support to Scotland and signing up as members, people can enjoy exploring Scotland's natural and national treasures, while helping the charity continue their vital work to protect them for generations to come.

Mark Bishop, Director of Customer and Cause at the National Trust for Scotland said: "Our members make everything we do to protect Scotland's beautiful places possible and we have never been more grateful to those who pledge their support to our charity and our work at places like the beautiful Crathes Castle and Mar Lodge Estate. Joining the Trust does all of that and also gives you the chance to enjoy the incredible landscapes, magical places and unique wildlife that we all love about Scotland."

Check [www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk) for information on how to become a member.

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**Editor's Notes:**

The National Trust for Scotland is the charity that celebrates and protects Scotland's heritage. It relies on the support of its members and donors to carry out its important work of caring for the natural and built heritage of Scotland for everyone to enjoy.

From coastlines to castles, art to architecture, wildlife to wildernesses, the National Trust for Scotland exists to protect the national and natural treasures we all love. To plan your visit today, enter your postcode at [www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk).

