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## **GLASGOW LOCALS JOIN MISSION TO SAFEGUARD SCOTLAND'S HERITAGE**

Glasgow locals, Suzanne Devine and Lorna Davidson, have joined National Trust for Scotland members from across Scotland in a video campaign to help 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 cared for future generations to enjoy. The film can be viewed <a href="here">here</a>.

Suzanne joined the National Trust for Scotland after returning home to Glasgow, following years of living in Dubai and Australia. From days out at Pollok House with her granddaughter, including a visit to Mrs Claus at Christmas, to the breath-taking landscape of Glencoe, Suzanne has taken full advantage her year-long membership to understand the work of the Trust.

Suzanne said: "I recently hit a milestone birthday and have decided to really push myself to try new experiences. When I saw the National Trust for Scotland call out for members to get involved in this important campaign, I thought I'd brush aside my nerves and get behind a cause I believe in.

"The work of the Trust is immensely important. I don't think the majority of people realise just how much the charity does for Scotland."

For GP, Lorna, the mission was a personal one, helping to protect the places that she spent her childhood so that her son, Fergus can also enjoy them. Based in Clarkston, Lorna has access to local outdoor spaces and gardens in the care of the National Trust for Scotland, including Greenbank Gardens where part of the film was made.

Speaking of her experience, Lorna said: "Visiting areas cared for by the Trust gives us, as a family, so much happiness. The National Trust for Scotland membership gives the holder the key to so much history and beauty. We've discovered new properties we didn't know existed and it lets us view our own country through the eyes of a tourist which makes a lovely change. The confines of the lockdown further highlighted the importance of our outdoor spaces and the need to preserve them."

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 for information on how to become a member.

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