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Images: Inverewe Gardens

TRUST REOPENS PLAYPARKS, CAFES AND VISITOR CENTRES

- Playparks, visitor centres and cafes at certain Trust properties are now open to the public
- Visitor centre at Inverewe now open

Conservation charity, the National Trust for Scotland has reopened playparks, cafés and visitor centres at several properties across the country.

At Inverewe Garden in Wester Ross, the public can now visit the Bothy café and visitor centre weekly from Wednesday to Sunday.

Phil Long OBE, the new Chief Executive of the National Trust for Scotland said: “Many of our gardens and estates have been open since the start of July and it’s fantastic that we’re now able to reopen our brilliant visitor centres at more properties, including at Inverewe Garden.

“At this time of year, our visitor centres are usually packed with tourists learning about Scotland’s fascinating history and while we won’t be expecting many international visitors, we do hope to see people from across the country discovering our places and learning about the work we do to care for them.

“With the threat of Covid-19 still very much at the forefront of our opening strategy, our teams have worked extremely hard to make the necessary adjustments at properties to keep visitors and staff safe. We ask anyone visiting to please stick to the latest guidance on hand hygiene and social distancing.

“It’s a late start to the summer holidays for many, but we’re really looking forward to welcoming back visitors of all ages. We hope to be making further announcements on our built places reopening as soon as we are able to open them safely and would like to thank all our members and donors who have continued to support us during this crisis.”

The National Trust for Scotland has been badly hit by the coronavirus pandemic, creating a £28 million loss in essential income. The charity is running the Save Our Scotland appeal to raise £2.5 million to help the Trust continue its vital work to protect Scotland’s built and natural heritage.

Check www.nts.org.uk for latest information on all properties and to donate to the SOS appeal, go to www.nts.org.uk/campaigns/emergency-appeal.

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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.

