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National Trust for Scotland's Battle of Bannockburn Centre offers free entry to Lottery players

National Lottery funded attractions say #ThanksToYou for 25 years of support with free entry

The Battle of Bannockburn Centre is offering free entry to National Lottery players from 23rd November to 1st December 2019.

The National Trust for Scotland, which owns and cares for many of Scotland's most treasured heritage sites, has received more than £10.5 million in funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund – and to say thank you, the conservation charity is offering free entry to National Lottery players.

For one week, visitors can explore the centre for free by showing any National Lottery ticket.

The Battle of Bannockburn Centre received £4.1 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund in 2011, which was put towards the construction of the centre, creating a state-of-the-art experience to give visitors a real idea of the battle and the stories of those involved.

Cara Stewart, Operations Manager at the Battle of Bannockburn Centre, said: "The Battle of Bannockburn Centre offers a fascinating insight into one of Robert the Bruce's most significant victories. Since opening, the centre has won a number of awards and all this was made possible with Lottery Funding. The money we received went to constructing the centre and made this whole experience possible.

"Bringing the story of such an important battle in Scotland's history to the public is important, and we're glad to be able to give something back by giving lottery players the chance to visit for free."

Ros Kerslake, Chief Executive of the National Lottery Heritage Lottery Fund, said: "This year the National Lottery turns 25, and what better way to say thank you than offering special offers at some of the places that players have helped fund. It's not only our wonderful heritage sites that are offering thanks - we also have free entry and special offers at National Lottery funded arts, sports and community attractions - all the places that make the UK such a great place to live."

More than £40 billion has been raised for good causes by players over the past 25 years in the areas of arts, sport, heritage and community.

The promotion is part of The National Lottery's 25th birthday celebrations, running for a five-week period (from 14 October until 6 December). For more information visit www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk.

For more information on Bannockburn, visit:

Battle of Bannockburn Visitor Centre:

<https://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/bannockburn>

