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National Trust for Scotland properties offers free entry across Ayrshire

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

National Trust for Scotland properties in Ayrshire are 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.

Robert Burns Birthplace Museum in Alloway and Culzean Country Park near Maybole are just two of the hundreds of National Lottery funded venues and visitor attractions across Scotland offering free entry throughout the week. For one week, visitors can explore some of the most significant historic and cultural locations in Ayrshire for free by showing any National Lottery ticket. Robert Burns Birthplace Museum received £5.8 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund in 2008 to build the museum.

Caroline Smith, Operations Manager at the museum said: "The Robert Burns Birthplace Museum is a focal point for the global following of Robert Burns and it is here as a result of Lottery funding. The money we received went towards constructing the museum and we're really pleased to be able to give something back by allowing lottery players in for free.

"Telling the story of Robert Burns in the place he was born and the setting that inspired him is important, and the funding we were awarded by the National Lottery means we can ensure people can learn about our national Bard for years to come."

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 the properties involved, visit:

Culzean: <https://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/threave-garden>

Robert Burns Birthplace: <https://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/robert-burns-birthplace-museum>

