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National Trust for Scotland properties offers free entry across Dumfries & Galloway

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

Threave Garden, which is cared for and run by the National Trust for Scotland, 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.

Threave Garden, located near Castle Douglas, is just one 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 the magnificent gardens and estate for free by showing any National Lottery ticket.

Samuel Gallacher, Operations Manager at Threave Garden said: "We're looking forward to welcoming National Lottery players for free at Threave Garden to celebrate 25 years of lottery good causes. Thanks to the players and National Lottery funding, some of Scotland's most significant historical sites have been constructed, preserved and developed.

"As a charity, the funding is crucial in helping the National Trust for Scotland continue educating, informing and entertaining visitors from across the globe with tales of Scotland's rich culture and heritage."

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 <u>www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk</u>.

For more information on Threave Garden, visit:

Threave Garden: <u>https://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/threave-garden</u>

