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Castle & Garden Calls For Volunteers

Could you help care for a castle? Supporters of local heritage are being sought by the National Trust for Scotland's Kellie Castle & Garden in Pittenweem, Fife to help bring the castle's fascinating history to life for visitors and support the valuable work of the gardening team.

Working with the National Trust for Scotland gives volunteers the chance to get involved with lots of fun and rewarding projects. Whether you are looking to learn new skills, make friends and build community or would like access to exclusive experiences and events – volunteering with the Trust has something for everyone. Volunteers can also gain free access to National Trust for Scotland properties across the country! So, if you're inspired by the work we do, get involved.

The castle and garden is currently looking for volunteers for a variety of roles: Property Guides, Retail & Admission Assistants, Flower Arrangers and Garden Volunteers.

Volunteer recruitment days will be held at Kellie Castle & Garden on Sunday 30th January, Saturday 19th February and Sunday 13th March 2022, 12–4pm for anyone interested in

volunteering for the 2022 season (1st April – 31st October). The recruitment day will give prospective volunteers an insight into volunteer life at Kellie Castle & Garden and will also offer the opportunity for would-be recruits to meet some of the castle and gardens present volunteers.

Caroline Hirst, Visitor Services Supervisor at Kellie Castle said:

“Volunteers help us look after this wonderful property and garden - one of 26 castles and great houses, cared for and protected by the National Trust for Scotland. Our volunteers provide a warm welcome to visitors from around the world and ensure that they have a fantastic experience while visiting our castle and grounds.

We'd like to encourage anyone in the area with an interest in Scottish heritage and gardening to come along to our recruitment day and we're looking forward to signing up new volunteers.”

After 40 hours volunteering, volunteers will receive a volunteer card entitling the holder to free entry to the conservation charities properties and receive a 20% discount in National Trust for Scotland gift shops.

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Editor's Notes:

Those interested in volunteering should contact Caroline Hirst, Visitor Services Supervisor, Kellie Castle & Garden (chirst@nts.org.uk) on 01333 720271.

First built in the 14th century, Kellie Castle has been extended and added to over the centuries, and today features magnificent interior decoration from the 19th century.

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About National Trust for Scotland

The National Trust for Scotland is the conservation charity that over 90 years has saved, maintained and shared many of the country's most loved places, rich with history, heritage, nature and culture. The charity celebrates Scotland's heritage and with more than 100 places in its care, there's a place for everyone to love.

The National Trust for Scotland relies on the support of its members and donors to carry out its important work of caring for the natural and built heritage that people from Scotland and across the world all love, ensuring its future for everyone to enjoy.

Support the National Trust for Scotland and help them protect the places we all love. Become a member at www.nts.org.uk.