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### **Warm and fuzzy welcome at Crathes Castle**

Visitors to the National Trust for Scotland's Crathes Castle near Banchory will have a colourful arrival, thanks to some creative yarn-bombers who visited over the weekend.

Local people and community groups, including the Girl Guides and multiple "knit and natter" groups got involved to create cosy coverings for trees leading up the drive for National Knit in Public Day.

Bright and colourful designs can now be seen on the entry to the historic estate which has been in the care of Scotland's largest conservation charity since 1951.

Events co-ordinator for Crathes Castle, Natasha Finlayson said:

"We are so impressed with the creativity of everyone who has contributed to create this amazing display. It is so colourful and gives the entrance to the estate a whole different feel."

The yarn-bomb creations will remain in place until 26 June.

Turrets and towers, winding staircases, ornate ceilings and ancient sculpted yew trees, combine to make a visit to Crathes Castle, garden and estate a great day out for the whole family.

Owned and cared for by the National Trust for Scotland, the charity that conserves and promotes Scotland's heritage, this enchanting 16th-century tower house is surrounded by 240 hectares of formal gardens, woodland walks and rolling Scottish countryside, which are a haven for wildlife and are home to red squirrels, roe deer and pine martens.

For visitor information and events, visit [www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk).

