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Planning starts on People's Postcode Lottery project at Mar Lodge

An ambitious project to protect some of Scotland's most important woodland plants is getting underway this autumn at the National Trust for Scotland's Mar Lodge Estate, thanks to the support of players of the People's Postcode Lottery.

At their charity gala in March 2019, National Trust for Scotland received £125,000 for the Woodlands for Wildlife Project on the Mar Lodge Estate National Nature Reserve.

David Frew, Operations Manager at Mar Lodge Estate said:

"Player of the People's Postcode Lottery have once again supported the National Trust for Scotland's work in protecting Scotland's nature and wildlife. This funding will enable us to carry out vital work to care for the natural treasures which make Scotland so special and which we all love."

The funding will enable the Trust's expert conservation team at the UK's biggest reserve carry out a range of important work to look after woodland, particularly their efforts to revive Caledonian Pine.

They'll also focus efforts on protecting montane willow, Twinflower and Green Shield Moss – species which are all very important for the health of the reserve's woodland and the insects, birds and animals that thrive there.

The funding will also support a programme of information and engagement events for the public, involving them in this work and helping them play their part in protecting Scotland's natural heritage.

People's Postcode Lottery awarded the funding at their annual charity gala held on 15 March and was attended by George and Amal Clooney and Nicola Sturgeon <https://www.postcodelottery.co.uk/about-us/news/charity-gala-2019>.

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