

## NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND PICTURE CAPTION FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 15 July 2021

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Picture: Rocket, the youngest calf at Culloden

## **Conservation coos at Culloden**

Conservation charity National Trust for Scotland has hired a new conservation team to help preserve and maintain the moorland at Culloden.

The new team of coos come from a great conservation pedigree, and join 12 Shetland cattle, six Primitive goats and two Highland ponies who all take part in conservation grazing on the battlefield site.

Working to control the scrub and create a healthy moorland, these animals play a crucial role in maintaining the landscape to showcase what the battlefield would have looked like in 1746.

The Trust relies on the herd to provide continuous work on the moorland to protect the archaeology of the land and the natural flora and fauna.

The appeal of cattle at Culloden is truly global. In particular generous supporters in the US have been to donate and name new additions to the herd.

Some of the new cows and calves give a little nod to Culloden's past, with Flora and Lady Anne named after strong Jacobite women who assisted the Bonnie Prince during and in the wake of the 1745 Rising. Others have more quirky names, including our stellar new calf, Rocket.

Culloden marks the last major battle on British soil, where visitors can walk along the battlelines and respect those who lost their lives during the fight. National Trust for Scotland are asking members of the public to help them manage the battlefield, engage the public with its stories and significance

and fight commercial developers to protect the site for future generations. To find out more or to join the Culloden Fighting Fund visit https://www.nts.org.uk/campaigns/cullodens-fighting-fund.

The conservation charity has also launched their new challenge, Step It Up For Culloden, calling on members of the public to do 500,000 steps in six weeks with the property team to raise money for the Culloden Fighting Fund. You can help by taking part in the challenge, which kicks off on the 23 July, or by supporting the team and donating at JustGiving https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/cullodenfightingfund

To get involved email 'SIGN ME UP' to CFFund@nts.org.uk for more details.

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## **Editor's Notes:**

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 almost 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.

From coastlines to castles, art to architecture, wildlife to wildernesses, the National Trust for Scotland protects the national and natural treasures we all love. Support the National Trust for Scotland and help them protect the places we all love Become a member at www.nts.org.uk.

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