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GREENBANK NEARS COMPLETION OF MAJOR DAFFODIL RESTORATION PROJECT

- **Trust staff and volunteers have planted over 70,000 daffodil bulbs at the historic Greenbank Garden as part of the Donate a Daffodil appeal.**
- **Donate a Daffodil is still welcoming donations to help support the final phase of the project.**
- **Greenbank Garden is home to one of Scotland's most impressive daffodil collections.**

National Trust for Scotland staff and volunteers at Greenbank Garden are celebrating significant progress in the charity's ambitious Donate a Daffodil project, which aims to restore the property's historic daffodil avenue and surrounding displays.

Greenbank Garden is home to one of Scotland's most impressive daffodil collections, boasting over 500 varieties. The Donate a Daffodil appeal was launched in 2023 by Andrew Hinson, Head Gardener for Glasgow at the Trust, and set out to plant a total of 50,000 daffodils along the iconic Cherry Avenue. The initiative was divided into three phases and required £10,000 in funding.

Factors such as natural ageing, storm-related flooding and increased footfall have all contributed to declining bulb performance in recent years. By replanting new bulbs, the daffodil collection can be revitalised and will return the garden to its former glory. Species such as King Alfred, Sailboat, Ice Follies and Quail will line the avenue come spring and Cheerfulness and Actaea varieties will enhance the surrounding areas.

Phase two took place in autumn this year where Trust staff, volunteers from the local community, staff from the University of Glasgow, horticulture students from Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) Queen's Park, gardening groups and visitors joined forces to lift old heritage bulb varieties, remove tree stumps and lay 15 tons of compost to prepare the beds for mass planting. By the end of November, an impressive total of 73,000 bulbs have now been planted across the Cherry Avenue and the designed landscape.

Andrew Hinson, the National Trust for Scotland Head Gardener for Glasgow, said: "Daffodils are such an important part of Greenbank Garden's landscape and legacy, and our goal is to bring back the spring blanket of daffodils that once covered the garden and woodland. Over time, these bulbs will naturalise, which should double the display to over 100,000 daffodils across the garden."

"We are incredibly grateful for the support we've received so far, from donations to volunteers, to visitors who simply come to enjoy the displays in bloom - it all really makes a difference. This project has already surpassed our expectations, and with one final push we can complete the restoration of Greenbank's daffodils"

Greenbank Garden is appealing to the public to help raise the final £1,000 needed to complete Phase Three of the Donate a Daffodil initiative. To donate or learn more about the project, visit www.nts.org.uk/campaigns/donate-a-daffodil

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Over the last 90 years the Trust has pioneered public access to and shared ownership of some of the most magnificent buildings, collections and landscapes in Scotland. It cares for more than 100 sites, from ancient houses to battlefields, castles, mills, gardens, coastlines, islands, mountain ranges and the plants and animals which depend upon them.

In March 2022 the National Trust for Scotland launched *Nature, Beauty & Heritage for Everyone*, its ten-year strategy which sets out the ambitions of the charity over the coming decade. From speaking up for Scotland's heritage which doesn't have a voice, to improving the lives and wellbeing of people across the country, and responding to the climate and biodiversity crisis, the Trust will build on its work in recent years to grow its impact and conserve and restore more of Scotland's heritage, as it moves towards its centenary in 2031.

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