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### Inverewe up for Garden of the Year

The National Trust for Scotland's Inverewe Garden in Wester Ross has been shortlisted for a prestigious award this year.

The garden is shortlisted as a 'Garden of the Year' in the BBC Countryfile Magazine. It's one of five gardens to be selected, and the only Scottish garden included on the list.

Selected by Joe Swift, BBC Gardeners' World presenter he says of Inverewe: "It's a fabulous garden that proves determination and hard work can overcome a difficult site. The curved walled garden faces south with stunning views over Loch Ewe."

The winner is decided by online vote which runs until 28 February – and the team at Inverewe are looking for your support.

Property Manager Kevin Frediani said:

"We are so honoured to be included in these awards. We all know that Inverewe has loads of fans and supporters. So we would encourage you all to get online and cast your vote. It would be a tremendous accolade if we could take the top spot."

Votes can be cast at: <http://www.countryfile.com/article/garden-year>

Created out of bare rock and a few scrub willows by the revolutionary and showman Osgood Mackenzie, the gardens at Inverewe have been sculpted carefully and thoughtfully over time. Visitors can move effortlessly between South Africa, Japan, New Zealand, Chile and many other far-flung places which inspired this amazing garden, with planting still in existence and thriving today. A generation of gardeners have pushed the boundaries of what can be planted and what can grow within this unique climate, and visitors can explore the rich, riot of colour and captivating landscape, discovering many species seen nowhere else in the UK.

In 2016, Inverewe House opened to visitors for the first time. Set in the heart of the garden, its restored rooms take visitors on an interactive and immersive journey through time to discover the inspiring story behind Inverewe and learn more about its colourful creators.

For more information and to plan a visit, go to [www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk).

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