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LOCAL COMMUNITY SHARE THEIR LOVE OF NEWHAILES AT ART EXHIBITION

- **Newhailes Squared art exhibition opens on 28 January until 12 February**
- **Free exhibition open to the public at the Stables Courtyard within Newhailes estate**
- **Celebration of local community support for the National Trust for Scotland property**

The local community around Newhailes House has come out in force to share its love for the National Trust for Scotland property in a series of artworks that will be displayed at a free exhibition starting in January.

The Newhailes Squared art exhibition, which starts on 28 January and runs from 11 am until 3pm each day until 12 February, will showcase a variety of different artwork from over 100 entries submitted by members of the local community around the Palladian mansion house and estate, to showcase their love and affection for the historic attraction that is owned by the conservation charity.

Artists submitting their work were challenged to create pieces of art in a medium of their choice within a ten-inch by ten-inch canvas that illustrated their fondness for the 18th century property with the artwork going on display in a marquee at the Stables Courtyard.

Dixie Sudron, National Trust for Scotland Events Manager at Newhailes, said: “We’re really excited to launch the Newhailes Squared art exhibition at the end of the month as a celebration of the local community who support us here throughout the year. Many local residents have been visiting the property with their families for years, so it holds a special place in people’s hearts, and we wanted the artwork to celebrate this.

“We asked for people to submit their works of art to understand what Newhailes means to them, and holding the exhibition is a great way to showcase this love and affection for the estate as well as supporting our Nature, Beauty and Heritage for Everyone strategy and our objective to be a leading provider of inspiring heritage visitor experiences.”

The artwork on display is available to buy with a 10% donation going to the Trust to support its conservation work and to continue to care for and protect Scotland’s natural and cultural heritage.

Newhailes House and Gardens, once owned by the Dalrymple family, sits amongst impressive woodland landscapes with views across the River Forth. The 18th century Palladian mansion features rococo interiors, Italian marble fireplaces, a Chinese sitting room and an impressive art collection.

The Newhailes Squared exhibition supports the National Trust for Scotland's vision to deliver Nature, Beauty & Heritage for Everyone. Its 10-year strategy refocuses its vision of caring for, sharing and conserving Scotland's heritage. The exhibition contributes to its engagement objectives to be a leading provider of inspiring heritage visitor experiences.

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About the National Trust for Scotland

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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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