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PLAYERS' SUPPORT FOR TRUST TOPS £1.3 MILLION

Support for Scotland's heritage from players of the People's Postcode Lottery has exceeded £1.3 million, the National Trust for Scotland has confirmed.

The news came at the charity lottery's 2021 annual gala where they announced another £425,000 to help the charity that protects Scotland's national and natural treasures continue its vital conservation work, despite the challenges created by the coronavirus pandemic.

Cumulatively, since 2014, that takes the total support received from players of People's Postcode Lottery to £1,398,695.

In that time, the funding has been put to good use at National Trust for Scotland properties across the country:

- At Culzean Castle in Ayrshire, this support enabled the creation of the estate's popular play areas – Adventure Cove and Wild Woodland.
- At Glen Rosa on Arran, this support meant that 40,000 trees were planted, to reforest this area.
- At the Hill House, Helensburgh, the funding made it possible to repair stained glass windows at the historic house.
- At Drum Castle, Aberdeenshire, a new gallery space was created thanks to support of players of People's Postcode Lottery.
- At Inverewe in the North West, the funding meant our charity could purchase machinery that helped us catalogue all the thousands of plants that thrive there.

In 2020, support from players went to the Trust's Project Wipeout, an ambitious project that aims to eradicate non-native invasive plants from a number of Trust places across the country. Since August last year, Project Wipeout has cleared over 40 hectares of the most destructive plants including *Rhododendron ponticum*, Japanese knotweed and American skunk cabbage at eight sites across Scotland.

National Trust for Scotland Chief Executive Philip Long OBE said: "We cannot thank the players of People's Postcode Lottery enough for their longstanding commitment to and support of our charity's conservation work. Over the past seven years, so many important projects have only been possible because of these funds.

"With this help, work like Wipeout, which is making a real difference to Scotland's environment, has been able to continue over the past year. Thank you for helping to protect Scotland's heritage, now and for future generations."

Will Humpington, Climate Change and Environment Advisor at People's Postcode Lottery said: "We are delighted that players of People's Postcode Lottery are continuing to support Project Wipeout and helping to eradicate non-native invasive species which are so damaging to Scotland's wildlife. It's great to celebrate the support of players for National Trust for Scotland projects over the past seven years, and their positive impact for Scotland's heritage."

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Notes for editors

The National Trust for Scotland is the charity that celebrates and protects Scotland's heritage. It relies on the support of its members and donors to carry out its important work of caring for the natural and built heritage of Scotland for everyone to enjoy.

From coastlines to castles, art to architecture, wildlife to wildernesses, the National Trust for Scotland exists to protect the national and natural treasures we all love.

People's Postcode Lottery

- People's Postcode Lottery manages lotteries on behalf of 20 Postcode Trusts. People play with their chosen postcodes for a chance to win cash prizes. A minimum of 32% from each subscription goes directly to charities and good causes in Britain and internationally. Players have raised more than £700 million so far. For details of the charities and good causes which are promoting and benefitting from the lottery draws, please visit www.postcodelottery.co.uk/good-causes/draw-calendar
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