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## **SCOTTISH MOVIE STAR AND WRITER SHARES HIS CUMMING HOME PLANS**

- **Alan Cumming admits wanting to be based in Scotland on the latest episode of the National Trust for Scotland's podcast, Love Scotland**

Movie star, writer, actor and performer, Alan Cumming, has revealed that as he gets older, he feels more and more connected to Scotland and wants to be 'more based' here. His admission features in the latest episode of the National Trust for Scotland's podcast series, Love Scotland, out now.

Talking to podcast presenter and the conservation charity's President, Jackie Bird, whom Alan previously worked with in Dundee when they were teenagers, Alan says that he 'feels like [Scotland] is such a good place to be in the world right now'.

When Jackie asks: "So, is it time for Alan Cumming to click his heels together and say there's no place like home?", he responds: "I think I've always said that [I will]. There's a thing about going away from your country. Sometimes people think in some way you're abandoning it. But actually, the reasons that people go away is because they have been successful in their country. Work took me to other places.

Speaking from California, he continues: "I settled in New York and life happened, but I think your understanding of who you are and what you are is much stronger because of travelling. I feel very connected to Scotland, more and more. So, as I get older, I feel I want to be more based there. And to be able to come back and forward. I always love being in Scotland. And I just feel like it's such a good place to be in the world right now."

Alan is an enthusiastic advocate and supporter of conservation charity, the National Trust for Scotland, which cares for over 100 sites across the country, from castles to coastlines. He regularly bids through the National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA to stay in the Scottish Trust's historic properties and has previously stayed in Fyvie Castle and the House of Dun. He has also had the honour of presenting the USA Trust's Great Scot Award to Scots comedian Billy Connolly, an award Alan has also received.

In the podcast, Alan talks about his upbringing on a country estate just outside of Angus, his passion for Scotland's heritage, its people, and the Scots' "good, kind values". He touches on his career to date, including his recent show Burn which challenges the 'biscuit tin' image of Scotland's famous bard through music and dance and toured from

Greenock to New York. He also speaks about “researching himself” for his autobiographies and shares stories of his famous friends, including Liza Minnelli.

**Jim Whyteside, Interim Director of Customer & Cause at National Trust**

**for Scotland, said:** “The Love Scotland podcast is focused on celebrating Scotland’s rich history, culture and its people which aligns with our mission of providing every single person access through stories and experiences to our country’s diverse nature, beauty and heritage.

“Alan is one of the many fantastic guests with a passion for Scottish culture and heritage that we have spoken to this season, following on from Sam Heughan in our last episode. There are not many of our guests who have had such a varied a career as Alan’s, from working as a journalist in Dundee to performing in the bright lights of Broadway.

“We thank Alan for joining Jackie for this latest Love Scotland episode. It really is a fantastic listen.”

Aligned with Trust’s ten-year-strategy which was rolled out earlier this year: Nature, Beauty, and Heritage for Everyone. Love Scotland is the National Trust for Scotland (NTS) podcast presented by NTS President, Jackie Bird, and in currently in its fourth season. Each week, the podcast uncovers spellbinding stories from Scotland’s history, the amazing properties in the Trust’s care, as well as the expertise of its people in conserving precious artefacts, investigating archaeological sites and protecting beautiful landscapes.

Celebrated stories that have featured on the podcast so far this season have included focuses on: Flora MacDonald, Scotland in the war and the homes that became hospitals, The ghosts of Scotland’s past and Mary Queen of Scots.

For more information on the National Trust for Scotland visit: [www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk).

*Love Scotland* can be accessed on Spotify or Apple Podcasts or directly via its website: <https://www.nts.org.uk/stories/for-the-love-of-scotland-podcasts>

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Established in 1931, the National Trust for Scotland is Scotland’s largest conservation charity and cares for, shares and speaks up for Scotland’s magnificent heritage.

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.

Scotland's largest membership organisation, the National Trust for Scotland relies on the support of its members and donors to carry out its important work.

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