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## **TRAVELLERS' CHOICE AWARDS FOR INVEREWE GARDEN AND CORRIESHALLOCH GORGE**

The National Trust for Scotland is celebrating a double awards win at two of its spectacular properties in the Northwest Highlands, with both Inverewe Garden and Corrieshalloch Gorge picking up Tripadvisor's prestigious Travellers' Choice 2023 awards.

The awards celebrate places that have consistently received great traveller reviews on Tripadvisor over the previous 12 months, meaning that both of these special places cared for by the conservation charity are among the top 10% of all listings on Tripadvisor globally. For Inverewe Garden, the award follows on from its 2022 achievement to win 5 star Visit Scotland status for the first time ever.

Both Inverewe Garden and Corrieshalloch Gorge are on the NC500 route, with less than an hour's drive between them.

Martin Hughes, the National Trust for Scotland's Operations Manager for Inverewe and Corrieshalloch, commented: 'These awards are wonderful news for our charity's hard-working team at Inverewe and Corrieshalloch and for the local area and community, reflecting our hard work to conserve, care for and share the remarkable nature, beauty and heritage of these special places with everyone. Together with the recently launched West is Best initiative, these awards encourage visitors to slow down, appreciate all that Wester Ross has to offer, and learn, understand and share the rich tapestry of stories from this part of Scotland.'

Martin continued: 'Through the National Trust for Scotland's wide-ranging activity to conserve and enrich these places – from restoring walls and borders in the heritage garden at Inverewe to opening the spectacular Corrieshalloch Gateway to Nature Centre earlier this year – we aim to make a valuable contribution to the Wester Ross area and all the people who live and work here. We're grateful to the National Trust for Scotland members, supporters and partners whose financial support makes it possible for our charity to do this and ensure that they can be enjoyed by visitors and the local community for generations to come.'

For more information about Inverewe Garden and Corrieshalloch, go to <https://www.nts.org.uk/>

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## **Note to Editors:**

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The National Trust for Scotland's Gateway to Nature Centre at Corrieshalloch Gorge National Nature Reserve opened to the public in April this year, and includes low-impact visitor facilities, over 800m of new pathways and four viewing points to allow visitors to discover previously unseen parts of the nature reserve, while protecting the flora and fauna around the site. Visitors are able to use a takeaway café, a covered outdoor seating area and toilets, as well as electric vehicle charging points, and blue and grey waste disposal facilities for touring vans.

The £3.1 million project was made possible by £1,297,071 funding from the Natural and Cultural Heritage Fund which is led by NatureScot and part-funded through the European Regional Development Fund. In addition, work on the paths and interpretation on-site has been supported by players of the People's Postcode Lottery through the Love Our Nature project.

### **About the National Trust for Scotland**

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.

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

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