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TRUST THANKFUL FOR US SUPPORT FOR PINEAPPLE CLEAN UP

New signage has been installed at the National Trust for Scotland's Pineapple near Falkirk, thanks to the support of a generous US donor, the charity has confirmed on Thanksgiving Day.

Vice-Chair of The National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA Michael Scott Morton and his wife Marcy responded to the Trust's call for support after it was reported that The Pineapple had suffered vandalism in September.

Graffiti had destroyed every sign at the site and a vehicle had been vandalized and abandoned on the lawn. With Scott Morton's generous donation of \$6,500 (approximately £5,000) the charity was able to clear up and repair the damaged signage and update interpretive panels.

The Pineapple was built in 1762 by the Earl of Dunmore as a summerhouse. The building is rented out as holiday accommodation and the grounds are opened to the public by conservation charity, the National Trust for Scotland.

Set in mature woodland that's home to a wide range of plant and animal species, the Pineapple is a popular location for walkers and a great place to experience nature.

Operations Manager for the area Cara Stewart said: "We are so grateful to our US donors for their help in funding the clean up here at the Pineapple. Without that, our charity would have had to divert funds from other vital conservation activities to cover these costs. The new signs look great and give our visitors all the information they need to get a flavour for this brilliant building and its lovely setting."

Kirstin Bridier, Executive Director, The National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA: "All of us at NTSUSA were disheartened to learn about recent vandalism at The Pineapple, especially at a time when essential conservation resources are spread so thin. I am grateful to the Scott Mortons and delighted that NTSUSA was able to meet the Trust's request for emergency funding as the organization continues the ongoing work of caring for Scotland's irreplaceable heritage on behalf of future generations."

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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.