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Heritage benefits from players' support

The National Trust for Scotland is delighted to have attended the 2017 People's Postcode Lottery annual Charity Gala where it was announced that £66.3 million was awarded to charities and good causes in 2016 - thanks to players of People's Postcode Lottery.

The Trust, the charity that conserves and promotes Scotland's heritage, is one of 69 charities that benefitted from this incredible funding in 2016 with £225,000 received in 2016 alone.

The news of the funding total was shared at the annual event, on Tuesday 24 January, at Prestonfield House in Edinburgh. The Charity Gala celebrated the phenomenal achievements of charities working across Great Britain and internationally that are supported by players of People's Postcode Lottery.

The event was attended by HRH Prince Charles, Sir David Attenborough, broadcaster Dermot Murnghan and TV presenter Fiona Philips. Entertainment on the night was provided by Mica Paris and Soul Nation.

Support from players of People's Postcode Lottery has helped create a museum-level art gallery at Drum Castle, fund improvements to visitor facilities at Glenfinnan Monument and repair a historic window at the Hill House.

Mark Bishop, Director of Customer and Cause for the National Trust for Scotland said:

"The Trust works day in day out to look after Scotland's heritage and it is an expensive business. The fantastic support from players of People's Postcode Lottery helps us to carry out vital projects all over the country, ensuring our historic collections, stunning buildings and outstanding countryside are conserved for the benefit of the nation, now and in the future."

Clara Govier, Head of Charities at People's Postcode Lottery, said: "Our Gala is such a special time in People's Postcode Lottery's calendar where we come together and celebrate the incredible amount of money raised by our players and the fantastic work carried out by the supported charities as a result of the support. We continue to be overwhelmed by the incredible support of our players and thank them for their funding."

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