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IMAGES: <https://www.flickr.com/gp/133918740@N04/b0U868> - Trust Chief Executive Simon Skinner at Pollok House + the Hill House Box

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Trust Chief Executive confirms retirement plans

National Trust for Scotland Chief Executive Simon Skinner will retire in May after five years at the head of the conservation charity.

Mr Skinner joined the charity that protects Scotland's national and natural treasures in April 2015 and implemented a programme of change and modernisation across the organisation.

In 2018, Mr Skinner launched a new corporate strategy which restated the Trust's commitment that Scotland's heritage is valued by everyone and protected now and for future generations, setting ambitious targets to grow annual visitor numbers, build membership, increase donations and create active learning experiences for people, as well as investing millions in properties.

Announcing his decision today, Simon Skinner said: "When I took on this role back in 2015, I wanted to be able to give something back, for the love of Scotland and it has been an honour to lead this charity. We have successfully created a solid foundation for the future and safeguarded our vital mission of conservation.

"The Board of Trustees share my confidence that delivery of our five-year strategy is sufficiently embedded and on track. Therefore, this is the right time to recruit a new Chief Executive who will forge a partnership with our new Chairman, Sir Mark Jones."

The recruitment process for the Trust's new Chief Executive is being managed by its Nominations Committee and will be open to both internal and external candidates.

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In 2018/9, the Trust recorded record levels of membership (368,000), visitation (4.1 million) and income (£57.9m) and invested significantly in its properties, completing projects at Culzean, Brodie and Brodick Castles, Glencoe Visitor Centre and building the pioneering Hill House Box in Helensburgh.

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. To plan your visit today, enter your postcode at www.nts.org.uk.

