

Eyes Right



Gairloch Heritage Museum recently received an interesting loan object to compliment their wartime display. It is a small, cuddly toy known as a 'Harwin Eyes Right Highland Dog'. He is about 11 inches tall, made of mohair and rather rare.

Harwin & Co. Ltd. were a British producer of top quality Teddy bears. The company was founded by G.W. Harwin in 1914 in response to the import ban on German goods after the declaration of World War I. At the time teddy bears were mainly produced in Germany by companies such as Steiff. The 'Highland Dog' was made as a patriotic mascot and appeared in an advertisement for Hamley's during the First World War period.

The Highland Dog is on loan to us from a collector of antique toys in Edinburgh, who was keen that the object should be on display in this centenary year.

The image is of him on display in the wartime case.

