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Work to renew welcome at Glencoe begins

Work on a major project to transform the visitor experience at the National Trust for Scotland's Glencoe Visitor Centre gets underway this week.

The project is amongst the top priorities for newly-appointed Operations Manager Emily Bryce who is just weeks into her new role.

Emily (AGE), who lives in Fort William, is also responsible for another of Lochaber's top heritage sites, Glenfinnan.

She says the plans for Glencoe's visitor centre will make a huge difference to the visitor experience at one of Scotland's most popular places.

She said: "Glencoe is one of Scotland's natural treasures and captures the imagination of many people, for many different reasons. We'll be making the most of the glen's amazing stories, from its very foundations to the present day, to give visitors an even more memorable experience and to explain why we do all we do to protect this place, for the love of Scotland."

Building works begin this week and the visitor centre, including café, shop and toilets will be closed to the public on Thursday 1 + Friday 2 November while preparations are underway.

Then, from Saturday 3 November, a combined café, shop and information point will be located in the function room at the centre. This cosy one stop shop will be open daily, all winter long.

Emily continued: "While the improvements are underway, we'll continue to offer a warm welcome to visitors from our new home in the Maclain room. We're looking forward to welcoming visitors all winter and giving them a glimpse of what they can expect after our fantastic refresh."

The project to improve the visitor experience at Glencoe Visitor Centre is part of conservation charity, the National Trust for Scotland's five-year, £57 million programme to improve visitor experience and the condition of the heritage in its care.

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