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Players helping heritage

Scotland's largest conservation charity, the National Trust for Scotland is delighted to have attended the 2018 People's Postcode Lottery annual Charity Gala where it was announced that £93.4 million was awarded to charities and good causes in 2017 – thanks to players of People's Postcode Lottery.

The National Trust for Scotland received an incredible £200,000 in 2017 which allowed the charity to create two new all abilities trails and a brand new adventure play experience at Culzean Castle and Country Park, enabling more visitors to experience the Ayrshire estate's wonderful landscapes and making heritage even more fun for younger visitors.

The gala was a celebration of the phenomenal achievements of charities working across Great Britain and internationally that are supported by players of People's Postcode Lottery. The lottery also took the opportunity to announce an increase to 32% of each ticket sale going directly to good causes. The news of the funding total and increase was shared at the annual event, on Tuesday 23 January, at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh.

The event was attended by Actor Emma Thompson, broadcaster Dermot Murnaghan and TV presenter Fiona Philips. Entertainment on the night was provided by Heather Small.

Ali MacLeod, Head of Fundraising at the National Trust for Scotland said:

"Huge thanks to the players of People's Postcode Lottery who have made these fantastic projects possible at Culzean Castle. Thanks to their support, our charity has made real improvements on the ground which mean even more people can experience and enjoy their heritage."

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