



SPRING IS IN THE AIR: Snowdrops at Glamis Castle. Pictures by Mhairi Edwards.

Snowdrops at castle help to beckon spring

BY HEATHER FOWLIE AND KATHERINE FERRIES

Head gardener Des Cullen extended an invitation for people to explore the nature trail in Glamis Castle Gardens for the Snowdrop Festival.

Castle staff were on hand to speak to those taking part in the festival, explaining the single and double snowdrops known as *Galanthus nivalis* and *Galanthus nivalis* "Thorn Plow".

The festival was a chance to enjoy one of the first signs of spring, when snowdrops were planted around the gardens of Glamis Castle and to develop the woodland for next year.

The trails and sights across the wider gardens include the Italian Garden, designed by the late Queen's grandmother, Countess Cecilia.

The grounds also host a walled garden and the atmospheric Maebeth Trail where oak, Douglas fir and mobile fir sculpted figures depicting her scenes from the play are on display.



Above – Maureen and Mike Owen from Sydney. Below – Glamis Castle gardener Ara Murray with snowdrops.



Family owns 1,118 stuffed animals – and plans to collect many more

A Dunkeld family which owns 1,118 stuffed animals says it plans to keep collecting them.

Kate Lee and her daughters Amber, 12, and Ivy, 7, have been building their soft toy collection for more than a decade.

Now they're curious to find out if anyone in Scotland can rival their hoard.

Kate, 44, said: "The girls started getting teddies when they were born and it reminded me of how much I loved teddies when I was younger."

The collection has grown through charity shop finds, online bundles and souvenirs from trips.

She said she is sure her daughters will never lose their love of the hobby.

Do you know someone who has a collection of any kind that can rival the Lee family's soft toys? Email us at livewords@thecourier.co.uk.



Mum Kate with Amber, Ivy and their huge collection.



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Feedback Event

We are pleased to be holding a second public event on our proposals for the access road to the new Cambushinnie 400kV substation, following our pre-application consultation in November 2024 and feedback period which closed on 8 January 2025.

We are holding this event to present updates to our proposals, following feedback received from the last event and ongoing design developments.

During our face-to-face drop-in event you will be able to view our project proposals, ask questions to the project team and share further comments. Further details will be made available on the project website.

The event will be held on:

Monday 17 March, 5–7pm
Brace Village Hall,
Fiddal Road, Brace, FK15 9GD

We encourage all members of the local community and all interested parties to attend the event.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Community Liaison Manager:
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