# Outstanding Cultural Heritage



Home of the New Town



#### An Inspiring Place with Passionate People

Guarded and fought over for Centuries



- Balmoral Estate has been a place of Royal patronage since 1852.
- 2015 was the Bicentenary of the Braemar Gathering (music & games) and is where the British monarch is acclaimed chieftain of the Gathering every year!
- Tomintoul and Dalwhinnie both claim to be the highest village in the Highlands.
- Nobel prize winner professor
   Peter Higgs is said to have thought
   of the Higgs Boson after a walk
   in the Cairngorms in 1964.



**Olympians** for skiing, cycling, snowboarding, curling and rowing

**Artists** such as Edwin Landseer, Frank Bruce, Richard Long and Hamish Fulton

**Writers** such as Robert Louis Stevenson, Byron and Nan Shepherd

**Environmentalists** such as Seaton Gordon and Adam Watson

#### Did you know?

- Secluded Glenlivet was once a refuge for both illicit distilling and the catholic faith.
- To this day, the Atholl Highlanders are Britain's only private army.
- The game of shinty is derived from the Irish game of hurling.
- In WW2, Norwegian commandos trained here while Newfoundland loggers cut the trees down.
- Scott trained for his ill fated South Pole expedition in Glen Prosen.

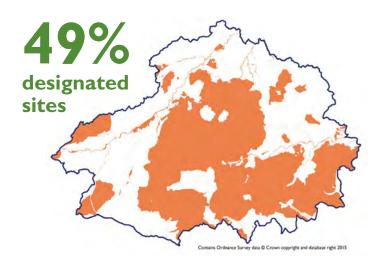
# **Outstanding Nature**



### Cairngorms National Park is home for some of Britain's outstanding nature

#### A unique equation

HM High Mountains
+ NW + Native Woodland
+ W + Wetland
+ NF + Natural Farmland
= ON = OUTSTANDING NATURE



#### CAIRNGORMS NATURE

A thriving Partnership conserving and enhancing the nature of the Cairngorms National Park

## Camouflage?

It is so snowy in the Park that some animals have adapted to this and turn white in winter to hide from their predators!

#### Mountain Hare | Ptarmigan | Stoat

"There really is only one place to go in Britain for a business like mine"

Pete Cairns (nature photographer)

# 25% of Britain's rare and endangered species live in the Park...

capercaillie, twin flower, pine marten, osprey, Scottish wildcat, golden eagle, red squirrel, snow bunting, lapwing, crested tit, dotterel, black grouse... and many more

#### 9 National Nature Reserves

- Muir of Dinnet
- Abernethy
- Glen Tanar
- Glenmore
- Craigellachie
- Insh marshes

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- Corrie Fee (Angus Glens)
- Invereshie and Inshriach
- Mar Lodge Estate



