

## The first of 30,000 dried flowers start to be placed into the Christmas Garland at Cotehele



- Work starts to create this year's garland on Monday 6 November, and visitors are welcome to come along to see its progress.
- The full 60ft dried flower garland is expected to be finished by Saturday 18 November and features approximately 30,000 dried flowers.

Gardeners at Cotehele have totted up almost 30,000 dried flowers for their annual Christmas Garland. Staff and volunteers at the National Trust place near Saltash in Cornwall, are now about to start the process of creating this year's garland – a festive tradition for the property since 1956.

All the flowers are picked and dried in the garden at Cotehele; seeds were sown in early spring, flower picking began in May, with stripping flowers to bunch and dry over the summer months. Each flower is added by hand to create the stunning 60ft long garland, which forms part of Cotehele's annual Christmas celebrations.


Dave Bouch, Head Gardener for Cotehele, said 'after twelve months of work by the garden team, we are now reaching the final twelve days of creating this year's garland. This starts by creating a pittosporum base which we then put into position within the hall of the house, before individually placing every single flower to create this year's amazing display'.

From Monday 6 November, visitors to Cotehele will be able to see how the garland is made. From Saturday 17 November, the completed Cotehele Garland can be seen daily until 7 January (except 25 and 26 December).

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### **Notes to editors:**

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