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Cotehele turns to gold as more than 300 varieties of daffodil bloom

This weekend sees the return of the Cotehele Daffodil Festival, an annual celebration of dazzling daffodils in the Tamar Valley, running from 15-18 March.

The Daffodil Festival offers a chance for garden lovers and families to see National Trust Cotehele's collection of more than 300 varieties of historic daffodils, including 200-year-old heirloom varieties.

Every year, the gardens and estate bursts into colour, signalling the arrival of spring and the start of a very special season. This year, Cotehele's gardeners are marking the occasion with a new take on their handcrafted daffodil display at house, as well as an impressive horticultural display showcasing Cotehele's blooms.

'Daffodils form a really important part of our plant collection,' says Cotehele's Senior Gardener James Davis. 'It's really nice for the garden team to get creative, and to show off the daffodils in such a striking way.'

Furthermore, Cotehele's gardeners and rangers have now completed planting 1000 'White Lion' daffodils, to join the 5000 'Fortune' daffodils in rows in the Millennium Orchard on the banks of the River Tamar, which can be seen to advantage when driving into Cotehele from St Dominick. This sunny display pays homage to the region's rich market gardening heritage.

Cotehele House will also be arrayed in splendour, with daffodil arrangements around the striking manor, built in the Tudor period.

There will also be a slate trail highlighting heritage varieties around the garden, family activities and an opportunity to take a closer look at individual flowers in the East Range lobby of the house.

Dave Bouch, Head Gardener at Cotehele says 'Daffodils are a welcome sight after a long winter, with the first glimpse of bright yellow reminding us that spring is on its way. We all have our favourite places to visit but for me, springtime at Cotehele really takes some beating. The colder weather is holding back the early flowers, but we're expecting a beautiful display in time for the festival.'

The Cotehele Daffodil Festival runs from 15-18 March, 10am – 5pm. Normal admission applies. The festival falls on National Lottery open week, where lottery players can visit Cotehele and other participating places for free with a valid lottery ticket or scratch card and under 18s can accompany a lottery ticket holder for free. More information at [National Lottery Open Week 2025 - National Lottery Good Causes](#)

For more information visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/cotehele.

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About Cotehele

Cotehele is located in St Dominick, Cornwall, near Saltash, PL12 6TA. The estate and quay are open every day dawn-dusk; the garden, Edgcumbe tea-room, Barn Restaurant, shop and gallery from 10am-5pm. the house is open daily from 11am-4pm, the mill from 11am-4.30pm. For more details about Cotehele, please visit <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/cotehele> or facebook.com/cotehele or Twitter: @cotehelent or contact Cotehele on 01579 351346.

For more information about the daffodil collection at Cotehele visit [Daffodils at Cotehele| Cornwall | National Trust](#)

About the National Trust

In January 2025 the National Trust marked its 130th birthday by launching its new 10-year strategy *People and Nature Thriving*.

This strategy, which will guide the charity's work and direction from 2025-2035 and beyond, focuses on three key goals:

- Restore Nature
- End unequal access to nature, beauty and history
- Inspire more people to care and take action

The plans follow the largest public consultation ever carried out by the National Trust, with more than 70,000 people – including members, volunteers and industry partners – sharing their views on the Trust's work and direction.

Read more about the National Trust's strategy [here](#).