



## THE SCOTTISH TARTANS AUTHORITY

### MEDIA RELEASE - **KING CHARLES III** TARTAN

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His Majesty The King wore a kilt in the newly created ***King Charles III*** tartan while attending the Braemar Gathering on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

The green, blue and red tartan was designed by The Scottish Tartans Authority earlier this year to mark the occasion of the Coronation and in recognition of His Majesty's strong support in preserving the culture and traditions of Highland Dress and Scottish Tartans.

The unique design presented to His Majesty, is based on the Balmoral tartan sett which dates from c.1850 and continues to be worn by The King and members of The Royal Family today. The new tartan has been officially registered with the Scottish Register of Tartans which is administered by the National Records of Scotland.

The cloth, woven in 100% Scottish wool by Lochcarron of Scotland in Selkirk, includes a central triple stripe motif (one broad and two narrow) which is a feature of Royal tartans previously worn by His Majesty including the *Duke of Rothesay*, *Duke of Rothesay Hunting* and *Lord of the Isles Hunting* tartans.

The colours have been matched to the natural dyes of 18<sup>th</sup> century tartan specimens in the collection of The Scottish Tartans Authority.

#### **John McLeish, Chair of The Scottish Tartans Authority, said:**

“Our iconic national cloth has a distinct style and evokes deep feelings of belonging, making it the best-known and best-loved fabric in the world.

The King is an ambassador for tartan, Highland Dress, and the traditions of the Highlands. We are honoured that His Majesty has agreed that a new tartan should be created in his name.

The ***King Charles III*** tartan now takes its place in the history books. It was a great privilege to be at Braemar today to witness His Majesty wearing the tartan for the first time”

**Photograph:** His Majesty The King at the Braemar Gathering, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

**Additional Notes:**

The Scottish Tartans Authority (STA) was formed as a Scottish Registered Charity in 1995. It is dedicated to preserving, promoting and protecting Scottish Tartans and Highland Dress – their respective origins, history, manufacture, use and development. The STA works in partnership with, and as advisers to, a range of public and private bodies and is a membership-based organisation.

Lochcarron of Scotland, founded in 1947, is the world's leading manufacturer of tartans authentically made in Scotland. Woven on a specially adapted loom, Lochcarron use modern manufacturing techniques to replicate historical aspects of traditional kilt cloth. Key to the making of this unique tartan is the pioneering use of Scottish wool within the manufacturing process.

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