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Glencoe House is First Choice for Product Photo-shoot









MoMo Chapeaux "Audrey Tweed"



Ginger and MoMo Chapeaux

When two local craft producers were hunting for somewhere special as a location for a photo-shoot, it didn't take them long to decide on Lochaber's latest entrant in the hospitality world - the newly refurbished Glencoe House. The shoot took place on Sunday 24th June and the new, luxury guesthouse proved to be an ideal venue.

Morag Young, who designs and creates hats from her studio in Ballachulish explained, "The MoMo Collection of summer hats is just being released and along with Edinburgh photographer Callum MacLellan, we were hunting a special and unusual place for the shoot. We visited Glencoe House and instantly fell in love with it. The stylish refurbishment has built on the elegant

charm of the place and created a really warm and welcoming Highland atmosphere. Roger Niemeyer, the proprietor, was generous to let us take over the place for the day".

Clothing produced by Morar artist Anna Skea is also featured in the photography. Anna said, "My company, Ginger, hand produce yarns and we use Scottish dyes. They come together in a range of modern womens' clothing that has wonderful natural colours and – I hope!- real Highland style. There's a natural partnership with the handbags, hats and accessories of the MoMo collection – everything just fits together so magically. The extra opportunity to photograph our latest collection against the backdrop of Glencoe House has been wonderful."

Glencoe House is to open to the public in mid July. With seven individual suites in the making, the project to upgrade the old hospital into luxurious accommodation has been an eighteen month mission. "We have been working flat out on the conversion," explained owner Roger, "and it's been great fun and hugely rewarding. The mansion is the former home of Lord Strathcona and has had such a long and fascinating history. It's a truly special building and the setting above Loch Leven is awesome. We feel honoured to be the current guardians, and we are committed to creating an addition to Lochaber's range of accommodation that is very special."

Certainly the house was busy on Sunday as the team for the photo shoot moved in. It was also something of a family affair, for two of the three models were Morag Young's daughters Jessica and Katie and the makeup artist was eldest daughter Andrea Young of Edinburgh's AY Makeup. The third model was Branwen Wilson from Kinlochleven.

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