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Countess of Wessex will open hotel complex

ST Austell is expecting a royal visitor next month as Sophie, Countess of Wessex, opens the new hotel complex at Tregorrick.

The Countess, who is married to Prince Edward, will officially open the £32 million hotel and spa on Pentewan Road on Monday, March 8.

It is the first royal visitor the town has had for several years.

The Cornwall Hotel Spa and Estate is set in 43 acres of Victorian parkland.

It has 65 bedrooms and suites, two restaurants, spa, infinity edge pool with retractable roof, fitness centre and 22 luxury woodland homes for sale and holiday rental.

The four-star complex will

employ up to 100 people, from bar staff to room service.

The project has seen the development of the Grade II-listed 19th century White House on the B3273.

In the 19th century the estate passed into the hands of the Coode family and the striking house, originally known as Moor Cottage, was built for Edward Coode, a successful St Austell banker, in 1834.

Latterly known as the White House, it remained in the ownership of the same family until 2003. Since then the house has been unoccupied. The conservation of the estate is the guiding principle behind the development and 1,400 trees are being added to the abundance of mature trees.



Sophie, Countess of Wessex when she visited the Roseland in 2003.



A bird's-eye view of The Cornwall Hotel Spa and Estate in St Austell.