



TIGRESS PRODUCTIONS DISCOVERS BEACHCOMBER COTTAGE FOR BBC TWO

Monty Halls lives the beachcomber fantasy on the West coast of Scotland

Bristol, 26 June 2008: Leading independent factual producer Tigress Productions has been commissioned by BBC Two to produce a new series ***Beachcomber Cottage***, which follows Monty Halls as he spends a summer living on the remote west coast of Scotland.

The 8 x 30-minute series was commissioned by Richard Klein and will be executive produced by Wendy Rattray for BBC Scotland, by Emma Willis for BBC Documentaries and for Tigress by Dick Colthurst.

Tigress has also just finished filming *Titus – the Gorilla King* for BBC Two; a 60-minute special about the compelling, personal story of one of the most successful mountain gorillas ever.

Beachcomber Cottage follows Monty Halls as he fulfils many people's fantasy to get away from it all and live the good life on a beautiful beach. He was inspired by his childhood reading of the wildlife classic, *Ring of Bright Water*, and now fulfils his lifelong dream to relocate to an area which enthralled him as a child. He sets up residence in an idyllic bothy overlooking an isolated bay, in one of the most beautiful parts of Scotland and turns it into a comfortable home from home. Over the next six months he'll immerse himself in the local wildlife both on land and in the sea. He'll take advantage of each changing season, raising sheep, joining in with local life and discovering the up and downs of living the dream.

Monty is uniquely qualified to give it a go. A former Royal Marine, he's a highly trained diver, marine biologist and explorer. As the seasons change, he will experience a way of life that once supported thousands of crofting families.

Andrew Jackson, Managing Director of Tigress Productions says: "Monty is an exciting new presenter who has thrown his heart and soul into the challenge. He'll be giving viewers a glimpse into a unique lifestyle in a remote place that few of us can imagine."