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Trae Corbett, 30, is head stylist at Browns on the Whitesands in Dumfries, where she is celebrating 10 years with the team. Hairdressing is her passion and in September she worked backstage doing hair for models at London Fashion Week. She is single and lives in Dumfries, having previously lived in Annan, where her mum, Debbie Renwick, sister Amy, and brother Alex, live.

What is the best thing about living in Dumfries & Galloway?

The fact that you can be out in the countryside so quickly.

Do you have a favourite place in Dumfries & Galloway?

On a sunny day there's nothing better than enjoying an ice cream and soaking up the countryside at Drummur Farm ice cream parlour near Collin.

Tell us about your job:

I've worked in hairdressing for 15 years; 10 of which have been with Browns. My job satisfaction comes from giving people a look which is bespoke to them and makes them happy: it's amazing the difference a good haircut can make. I've had lots of great opportunities out with the salon, including magazine shoots, location photography, competitions and charity events; culminating earlier this year with the amazing fashion event to celebrate Browns' 10 year anniversary. It was held at DG One and we brought international designers to Dumfries for the first time. One of my most exciting experiences recently was my first season at London Fashion Week in September, where I worked on a show for Simone Rocha, daughter of John Rocha. It was an amazing opportunity to get backstage and work with some of the biggest people in the hair and fashion industry. It was something very few people from our area get to do, and without the backing of the salon it would never have been possible.

Who's the most interesting person you've met through your job?

This would have to be my boss, Nelson Brown. He has taught me so much and opened up my career to so many opportunities. His

passion for the industry and dedication to the craft are truly inspiring; I'm very lucky to have such a fantastic mentor.

What do you do to unwind?

I like to take advantage of the facilities at DG One: a good workout is great for stress-busting. I enjoy a good book and even the occasional batch of baking.

Where do you recommend for a good bite to eat?

I'm a big fan of Italian cooking and Bella Roma in Dumfries is just fantastic. Sinos in Dumfries is also an excellent choice for something a little different.

Tell us something that not many people know about you?

I used to enjoy martial arts and achieved a Black Belt 1st Dan.

If you could change anything about Dumfries & Galloway, what would it be?

I'd love to see more town centre regeneration in Dumfries: it would be fantastic for the area to have more of a buzz.

Do you have a favourite walk in the region?

I do like a wander along the River Nith, heading out to Kingholm Quay and stopping off at The Swan for some refreshments.

Which season do you like best here?

Spring is so fresh: bright mornings and hope for the coming season.

If you had to sum up Dumfries & Galloway in a single word, what would it be?

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