

## PERTSHIRE TOURISM PARTNERSHIP MEETING 24/06/21

### Historic Environment Scotland Update

#### Opening status of HS Properties in Perth and Kinross

We have introduced limits on visitor numbers to help keep everyone safe, and you will not be able to visit without booking online in advance.

#### How to book tickets

If you are a Member your ticket will be free, but you must book in advance.

#### [Buy Historic Scotland Membership](#)

Before booking please visit the [Scottish Government travel guidance](#) for any current restrictions in place.

#### [Admission Tickets](#) [Historic Scotland Member Tickets](#) [English Heritage, Cadw & Manx Member Tickets](#)

#### What to expect from your visit

Safety measures:

- Our staff have been trained in hygiene and social distancing and have been provided with the necessary PPE
- Signage is on site to guide visitors, including one way systems and marked areas that are currently closed to visitors
- We have introduced enhanced cleaning measures to make visitors feel comfortable while visiting

Face coverings:

- In line with Scottish Government legislation and guidance, **face coverings are mandatory** if you are visiting any indoor/enclosed spaces at our sites including retail and catering areas ([subject to some exceptions](#)).
- Masks will not be provided, so make sure you bring one with you
- Face shields (e.g. visors) no longer count as face coverings on their own. They can only be worn in conjunction with other face covering
- Face coverings are not required while visiting external areas of the sites
- If you feel wearing a face covering at all times during your visit (including in external areas) will make you more comfortable, then please wear one, as we want you to enjoy your visit as much as possible

#### Check for unexpected closures

Although we are working to reopen our sites, adverse weather or other reasons beyond our control may cause a site to close at short notice. For a full list of recent and any current closures please follow us on Twitter [@welovehistory](#)

### Huntingtower Castle

1 Apr to 30 Sept:  
Daily, 10am to 4pm

1 Oct to 31 Mar:  
Daily except Thur and Fri, 10am to 4pm

[Huntingtower Castle: Prices and Opening Times | Hist Env Scotland \(historicenvironment.scot\)](#)

Some of our unstaffed sites are open/partially open to visitors. These include:

[Dunfallandy Stone | Public Body for Scotland's Historic Environment](#)

[Arduvie Roman Signal Station | Historic Environment Scotland](#)

[Balvaird Castle | Lead Public Body for Scotland's Historic Environment](#)

[Muthill Old Church and Tower | Historic Environment Scotland](#)

[Muir O' Fauld Roman Signal Station | Historic Environment Scotland](#)

Please help us to encourage visitors to our unstaffed sites to continue to follow government guidance, observing social distancing and bringing their own hand sanitiser with them, to help keep everyone safe.

*Lochleven Castle, Meigle Museum, Stanley Mills and St Serfs Church and the Dupplin Cross have not reopened yet following the pandemic. Unstaffed properties which are roofed are also closed at present. We're working hard to gradually reopen the places you love while making sure the experience is safe for everyone.*

Planned inspections recently carried out at some of our properties identified a potential safety risk to visitors and staff from unstable masonry at high level. We have therefore taken the decision to close or partially close some sites as a precautionary measure until inspections can take place. This includes Elcho Castle and Dunkeld Cathedral. We know how keen visitors are to access sites however the safety of our visitors and staff is our first concern and we are prioritising a programme of further inspection works at these sites.

We are also continuing to reopen a number of other sites to our visitors including and will be announcing more sites over the upcoming weeks.

### Get into Summer

From 26 June to 17 August, **tickets to our sites are free for all children under 16** as part of the 'Get into Summer' campaign. Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult. We're also launching a range of family friendly activities with an online and offline 'Playing with the Past' programme. We've created a dedicated section on our website: [Get into Summer | Historic Environment Scotland](#)

### **Water Wellness Campaign**

VisitScotland's new marketing campaign for Scotland's Year of Coasts and Waters 2020/21 – Water Wellness - will reinforce Scotland's position as an ideal location to capitalise on the popularity of this trend, highlighting relevant experiences, businesses and locations where visitors can enjoy water wellness activities. The campaign is planned to run throughout summer 2021 and tourism businesses, groups and activity providers are encouraged to get involved in sharing this campaign and promoting the water wellness experiences and products your business or destination offers. The campaign will look to promote:

- activities on or in water including sailing, stand up paddle-boarding, surfing, wild swimming, kayaking;
- activities by or near water, such as coastal, river or waterfall walks, other exercise, yoga, meditation, art; and
- enjoying the natural assets in benefiting well-being, relaxation and mental health and appreciating wildlife that lives in Scotland's marine and inland water environments.

Further details of how to link with this campaign and get involved can be found here:

<https://www.visitscotland.org/news/2021/water-wellness-campaign>

### **The Future of the Circular Economy in Scotland | Climate Emergency Series**

HES is sponsoring the latest in Holyrood's series of Climate Emergency online events, which takes place next Monday 21 June (09:30-16:30). The event will examine what the circular economy could mean for Scotland, how sectors can work together better manage our resources, and discuss the strategic challenges and opportunities ahead. Joann Russell, Head of Estates at HES, will be speaking as part of the *Built for a Circular Economy?* session at 14:10. The session will explore how we can promote a more sustainable use of the existing built environment focusing on reuse of resources, and how crucial this will be to achieving the net-zero climate ambitions of COP26.

The event is free to attend, but you're required to [register](#) in advance.

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