



Friends of Brodick Castle & Country Park

supporting the National Trust for Scotland

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Hon. President: The Lady Jean Fforde



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THE PURPOSE OF 'THE FRIENDS OF BRODICK CASTLE'

When the 'Friends' was set up in 1996, it was in response to a perceived need for a support group to work with the staff of this famous National Trust for Scotland property.

The Trust is, of course, a charity, dependent on members' subscriptions, endowments and other financial support - it gets *NO* money from the government whatsoever.

There are many things which the local staff would dearly love to be able to do to improve the property and its attractions, but, because of shortfalls in funding from the Trust's HQ, time and finances do not always allow. This is where the 'Friends' come in.

The 'Friends' recruit volunteers from within their membership to work on specific projects or tasks. The task for which one volunteers can be a one-off or a regular commitment - it is entirely up to you.

Throughout the year a range of fund-raising efforts are organised, such as the annual Victorian Day when many staff and 'Friends' dress up in period costume, or the Easter Egg Hunt when hundreds of 'eggs' are hidden in the grounds and found by eager children.

A glance at the list of jobs on "What we get up to" gives some indication of how we can help, although *NONE* of these is an obligation of membership of the 'Friends'.

WHAT DO WE GET UP TO? . . .

Meetings: Every month between autumn and spring we meet, hear a speaker on a subject of interest and enjoy socialising with like-minded people.

Garden Work Parties: Assist the gardeners with special or routine jobs around the grounds such as weeding, pruning, potting, maintenance and bonfires, etc.

Guiding: Acting as room or tour guides within the castle or gardens, as required.

Sewing: Working with others in making and repairing period costumes for the castle's unique collection.

Helping the Rangers: Manning the Nature Room at the Rangers Centre for a couple of hours, clearing ditches, counting bats at dusk and other nature study work.

Social Events: Helping organise stalls, games and competitions at fetes and other events, baking for fund-raising sessions, decorating the castle at Christmas, lending a hand with moving furniture or erecting marquees, etc.

Fund Raising: Running a variety of innovative ways to create badly needed financial support for all sorts of projects.

Buggy Driving: Spend an hour or two driving those with walking difficulties around the property in a battery-operated electric car.

Generally supporting the staff of the property in all manner of ways.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

2013-2014

JANUARY 2014

Wed. 15th “A Week in Orkney”
2.30pm Joy Blair

FEBRUARY

Wed. 19th A Sort of Amateur Schoolmaster
2.30pm Glenda White

MARCH

Wed. 19th The Kilbarchan Weavers
2.30pm Christine McLeod

APRIL

Sun. 20th Easter at the Castle.
See Local Press for details

The events are held in the Castle Tea room and everyone is welcome to attend. If you are interested then join the Friends and help us to support the Castle.

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