



Friends of Portencross Castle

The Future Of Portencross Castle

For over 600 years, Portencross Castle has stood as a landmark on the Ayrshire coast. It is a link to the dramatic past with historic connections to the Stewart kings and, at the same time, a reminder of the obligation to look after our heritage. After a decade of uncertainty, significant steps have been taken to secure the castle's future and return it to the community.

For some years now, Friends of Portencross Castle (FOPC) has been working along with the owners of Portencross Castle, British Nuclear Fuels plc (BNFL), to establish the best possible sustainable future for the Castle, in the best interests of the public. FOPC is a company limited by guarantee and a Recognised Scottish Charity. A Feasibility Study was conducted by FOPC in 2003, with the help of a grant from the Architectural Heritage Fund. The Study considered the options for the castle and concluded that, provided grant funding was available, the building should be repaired and consolidated, preserving, as far as it is possible, the architecture and archaeology as it has come down to us, but with a restored roof and windows to protect the integrity of the structure (by preventing water penetration) thus reducing long term maintenance requirements. This would allow safe access to the interior for the public to enjoy.

FOPC has now submitted an application to Historic Scotland, at their invitation, for a Historic Buildings Repairs Grant. An application to the Heritage Lottery Fund will follow. Discussion on the transfer of ownership from BNFL to FOPC is at an advanced stage. We have a long way to go. Although we hope to raise most of the development costs (currently estimated at around £820,000) from the main funders, they will require us to raise at least 10% from our own resources. We also require to raise funds for long term maintenance of the castle.

If you are interested in participating and supporting our effort to revitalise Portencross Castle for the benefit of future generations, we urge your financial support, which can be accomplished by:

- Direct donation to: Friends of Portencross Castle, The Royal Bank of Scotland, West Kilbride Branch, Sort Code 83-28-04, Account Number 00123213.
- Standing Order. Become a "Guardian" of Portencross Castle (with attendant benefits) by completing the form provided here.

For further information:

Please see our website at: www.portencrosscastle.org.uk

Write to FOPC, Auldhill Cottage, Portencross, West Kilbride, KA23 9QA

GUARDIANS OF PORTENCROSS CASTLE

Friends of Portencross Castle is engaged in an effort to secure the future of Portencross Castle - to undertake essential repair work; and maintain the building as a scheduled ancient monument accessible to the public.

Public support is vital to this project and we believe we do have the approval of the community. We are now in a position to seek financial help and have devised a package for those who feel able to give a small regular amount to the Castle Fund.

For a suggested monthly payment of £2.50, you can become a

GUARDIAN OF PORTENCROSS CASTLE.

The importance of the Guardians to the Castle will be reflected in the following privileges. You will receive:

A Certificate of Guardianship

Entry in the Book of Guardians, to be kept in Portencross Castle, arranged according to birthday (year optional!). In honour of your support, when the Castle is secured for the future, the flag will be flown above the Castle each year on your birthday.

Free entry to the castle during opening hours, as long as you remain a Guardian.

An invitation to the Grand Opening of the castle and priority booking for special events.

Regular newsletters, keeping you informed of progress.

Guardianship for life is available for a single payment of £200. This would make an interesting and unusual gift

Attached is a bankers order form which, if you return completed, will make you a Guardian. Or write to FOPC Auldhill cottage, Portencross KA23 9QA Telephone 01294 823799.

To:

The Manager
 _____ Bank

(Full address)

Sort Code ____ - ____ - ____

From:

(your address)

From

Account Holder _____ Account Number _____

Please set up the following Standing Order and debit my/our account accordingly.

Pay

Friends of Portencross Castle
 Royal Bank of Scotland, West Kilbride Branch, sort code 83-28-04
 Account Number 00123213
 The sum of £2.50 (two pounds and fifty pence)
 Monthly, on the ____ of each month
 Commencing __/__/__, until further notice.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Please send completed form to FOPC, Auldhill Cottage, Portencross, West Kilbride, KA23 9QA. We will forward it to your Bank.

If you pay income tax at least equal to this amount, FOPC can reclaim the tax you have paid on this donation under the Gift Aid scheme, currently 28p for each pound given. Please complete the following declaration if you agree to this.

I, _____ (full name)

_____ (address, including Postcode),

wish Friends of Portencross Castle to treat all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify otherwise, as Gift Aid donations.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying FOPC.
 Please notify FOPC if you change your name or address.