



THIRLESTANE CASTLE

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For over 500 years, Thirlestane Castle has stood watch over the stunning countryside of Lauderdale in the Scottish Borders. Historic seat of the Duke of Lauderdale and home to the Maitland family for over 400 years, the Castle is one of the oldest and finest in Scotland.

The Castle is an outstanding example of a building which masterfully fuses Jacobean and Scottish Baronial styling by architects Sir William Bruce and Bryce and Burn creating breathtaking interiors complimented by the visual impact of the exterior within a designed landscape.

Thirlestane boasts some of the finest 17th century gold gilded ceilings in Europe, by legendary craftsman George Dunsterfield, and holds one of the most extensive family portrait collections in Scotland.



HERITAGE WORTH PROTECTING

SUPPORT US

Thirlestane Castle Trust is a charity established to care for and secure the long-term future of the Castle, grounds and its collections. As the first historic house in Scotland to gain museum accreditation, the Trust is dedicated to caring for the irreplaceable art and objects held within this nationally important collection, and protecting the heritage of the Castle and its surroundings.

Every penny from donations, plus event and visitor income, goes directly to helping preserve this important building and its unique heritage for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations.

The maintenance and vital restorative work of the Castle would not be possible without the continued support of our Patrons and Donors.









THE HISTORY OF SCOTLAND LIES WITHIN

WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON

Over the year's, with the help of funding and the generous donations from our friends and supporters, we have successfully completed several restoration projects including:

- ◆ The sympathetic renovation and transformation of the Castle's South Wing into 5-star accommodation
- ◆ The development of The School Room Toy Museum - a modern and inviting space that is home to several thousand unique period toys, allowing us to host more school groups
- ◆ The introduction of renewable energy sources including: biomass, solar and EV charging points, helping us on the journey to Net Zero.

We're currently raising funds to:

- ◆ Install a lift to ensure that the Castle is accessible for all
- ◆ Support new ways to tell the stories locked within Thirlestane and its collections
- ◆ Improve facilities to enable more public events to be held at the Castle, allowing new audiences to enjoy Thirlestane, and to generate income to support the work of Thirlestane Castle Trust
- ◆ Undertake a wide range of other essential work to safeguard and maintain the future of the Castle and its collections
- ◆ Develop an additional accommodation suite to generate further income that can be reinvested in the care and conservation of the Castle.







SAFEGUARD OUR FUTURE

BECOME A PATRON

The generosity of Patrons plays a vital role in supporting the long-term future of the Castle, by maintaining its historic collections and its incredible architecture. Additionally, our Patrons help us to work towards making the Castle accessible to all and more environmentally friendly, reducing our impact on the environment.

By becoming a Patron you join an extraordinary group of donors who share our passion for history and Scottish heritage. Patrons help us to safeguard Thirlestane for all visitors both now and in the future. We do this by using your donations to support the immediate needs of the Castle and its collections, as well as ensuring that part of your donation is placed in our endowment fund, which is used to ensure that the Castle can weather any future challenges.

Enjoy Exclusive Benefits

Our Patrons enjoy a range of exclusive benefits including:

- ◆ Annual lunch / dinner in the Castle's State Dining Room
- ◆ Champagne tour of the Castle for up to 10 guests
- ◆ Name on the Patrons Board at the entrance of the Castle*
- ◆ A bronze plaque on a tree in our Patrons Boulevard*
- ◆ A Damside woodcut of Thirlestane Castle set on the Maitland tartan
- ◆ 10% off Castle accommodation
- ◆ Tickets to the annual vintage car rally
- ◆ Priority booking for Castle events
- ◆ Named contact at the Castle.

The suggested minimum annual donation for a Single Patron is £1500 and for Joint Patrons it's £1400 per person.

If you'd like to become a Patron of Thirlestane Castle Trust please email, enquiries@thirlestanecastle.co.uk.

* we acknowledge that not all Patrons wish to publicise their donations so this is optional





A LITTLE GOES A LONG WAY

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT US?

Our continuing challenge is to safeguard Thirlestane Castle and its collections, which together tell the story of a place and a family that have played an important part in the history and development of Scotland. You too can help to support our work and ensure this important story is heard, and there are a number of ways that you can do this.

Donate

It's quick and simple to donate and there are a number of ways to do this:

- ◆ Make an online donation via our National Funding Scheme Donate page. Please don't forget to tick the Gift Aid box if you're a UK taxpayer. For more information and to make an online donation visit: www.thirlestanecastle.co.uk/support
- ◆ You can make a contactless donation in person at the Castle's office or shop
- ◆ Make a cash donation in person at the Castle kiosk, shop or office. We also have donation boxes located around the Castle.

Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer, you can opt for a Gift Aid entry ticket. You can either do this online when purchasing a ticket beforehand, or in person at the Castle if you're buying your ticket on the day. 25p in every £1 goes to the charity and makes such a difference.

Leave a legacy

One way in which the Trust receives vital support is from the generosity of those who leave a gift in their Will, leaving a legacy to Scotland. All gifts in Wills are exempt from inheritance tax and Gift Aid does not apply to gifts in Wills. If you'd like to discuss leaving a gift in your Will, please contact us at enquiries@thirlestanecastle.co.uk or call us on +44 (0) 1578 722430.





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If you would like to speak to us about becoming a Patron of Thirlestane Castle Trust, or if you have any questions, please get in touch by emailing enquiries@thirlestanecastle.co.uk or by calling +44 (0) 1578 722430.

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