

Essential Information

Visiting Holy Island 2016-18

Plans are now confirmed to undertake a major project at Lindisfarne Castle in the coming months. Work has been taking place at the castle in the last year to redress increasing damage from the elements, much in the form of water ingress.

The impact on the castle is huge and, in order to complete these works in an effective manner, National Trust have reluctantly taken the decision that they need to **close the castle for the works to take place from 31st October 2016 until April 2018**. Throughout this period the grounds, garden and the lime kilns will still be open to visitors. Many options around partial castle opening have been considered, but it is increasing clear this is not feasible.



Gertrude Jekyll Garden

The decision to close has not been taken lightly. The castle is in need of the care and investment it is receiving. The castle team have, in the last few years, worked hard to secure the necessary funding and, with specialist support, understand the castle's problems more fully to ensure we put in some timely repairs that will help ensure the long term future and care of the castle.

If you have individual concerns regarding how the closure will affect you, National Trust are very happy to talk them over and Nick Lewis can be contacted in the first instance on 01289 389903 or by email at either: nick.lewis@nationaltrust.org.uk or lindisfarne@nationaltrust.org.uk.



Lindisfarne Priory



Lindisfarne Gospels Exhibition

We will be making every effort to promote the fact that, though the castle will be closed, the grounds will be open. We are also very keen to promote that fact that Holy Island remains open for business, hoping as far as we can, to reduce any impact of the closure for others.

Holy Island, including Lindisfarne Priory, will still be open for business as usual.