



## Hazard Information for teachers

# Crichton Castle

Crichton Castle is situated 2.5 miles south-west of Pathhead off the A68. The site consists of a ruined tower house surrounding a stunning courtyard, set within a peaceful valley.

It is the responsibility of teachers and group leaders to complete a risk assessment prior to any site visit with a group. This is a requirement of most education authorities. The following information is intended as a preparatory tool and does not replace a teacher's or group leader's own risk assessment.

Please be aware that changes in weather may affect the risks inherent in an outdoor site. Pupils should dress for outdoors.

For more information about hazards at Crichton, or to arrange a free pre-visit, please contact the monument manager on **01875 320017**.



### Potential hazards at Crichton Castle

#### Pedestrian access to site

- Risk from other moving traffic in car park.
- Path from car park to castle is uneven with some deep potholes.

#### External Hazards

- Uneven flooring everywhere – trip risk.
- Risks from wildlife in areas outside the castle – nettles, insects etc.
- Rough grass bank around castle on three sides.
- Surfaces can become slippery after wet weather.

#### Internal Hazards

- Five internal staircases, some of which are narrow and winding.
- Low doorways.
- Light levels are dim throughout. Torches are available.
- High stone walls throughout.