



Hazard Information for teachers

Smailholm Tower

Smailholm Tower is situated near Smailholm village, six miles west of Kelso on the B6404. The site consists of a well-preserved 15th-century tower set on a high rocky outcrop. Inside the tower is an exhibition of tapestries and costume dolls relating to Sir Walter Scott's poetry. 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 Smailholm, or to arrange a free pre-visit, please contact the monument manager on **01573 460365**.



Potential hazards at Smailholm Tower

Pedestrian access to site

- Risk from moving traffic in car park.
- Paths to the tower can be wet and muddy in wet weather.

External Hazards

- Rough ground on hillside approach to tower.
- Millpond in the grounds below tower – please supervise pupils closely in this area.
- Hillside around are regularly grazed by free-ranging cattle and sheep.
- Area round tower has steep drops with railings.

Internal Hazards

- Steep and winding stone staircases with rope handrail.
- Many low doorways.
- Low light levels throughout.