



## Hazard Information for teachers

# MacLellan's Castle

MacLellan's Castle is situated in the centre of Kirkcudbright on the A711. The site consists of a well-preserved 16th-century noble house set within pleasant gardens.

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 MacLellan's Castle, or to arrange a free pre-visit, please contact the monument manager on **01557 331856**.



### Potential hazards at MacLellans Castle

#### Pedestrian access to site

- No car park on site; risk from traffic as pupils walk to castle from car park.

#### External Hazards

- Grounds are flat and even with a pathway to shop through gardens. Low risk.

#### Internal Hazards

- One spiral staircase – wide but with no hand rail and uneven steps.
- No barriers along the walkway to the 'laird's lug'. Ground slopes away from wall walk and is very uneven.
- Floors in cellars are flat and even. First floor surfaces are slightly uneven – possible trip hazard.
- Oak barrel on floor of kitchen – possible trip hazard.
- Several low doorways.
- Very low lighting in cellars and basement passageways.