



Take a tour!

But first, study the cutaway drawing on the panel. Then as you walk round, imagine what it was like to live or work at Portencross Castle.

Kitchens were hot, busy, noisy and often dangerous. Children had the worst jobs - 'scullions' cleaned pots, washed dishes, turned the spit and fetched water.

How many people do you think lived here, including the family and servants?

Do you think grown-ups allowed children into the Great Hall?

Imagine that you are a scullion in the kitchen. Where do you sleep? Do you have any time to play?

Imagine that you are a child in the Laird's family. Where do you sleep? What do you do during the day?



Portencross Castle

A tour for maidens and pages.



Follow and fill in this guide to discover the life and times of Portencross Castle.

Up on the rooftop, look at the panel **Auldhill Fort**

Can you find Portencross and Auldhill Fort on the map? Look at the real hill - can you see where the fort would have been? Use the panel to help answer these questions.



What was the old name for the area now called Portencross? ↓

When did building start on Portencross Castle? ↓

Can you work out how old Portencross Castle is? ↓

 years

Find the panel on the stone pillar by the path outside the castle:

Find the name of the family that built Portencross Castle. Write it **here**.

Write the name of the family who gave them the land **here**.



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Look at panel 1 **Why is the castle here?**

Can you find Portencross on the maps?
Write below why it was a good idea to build a castle at the shore.

Look at the brooch. Design your own Portencross brooch or badge, now or later at home, using this space.



Look at panel 2

Robert II, the First of the Stewart Kings

Find the photo of King Robert II and his wife Elizabeth at the top of the panel. Take a careful look at their clothes.

Write here what the cloaks were made of.

What else is Robert II wearing?

What do you think all of those clothes would be like to wear for Robert and his wife?

The writing on the pictures of the charters is very different from the writing of today. Can you read any of it?

Would you create a charter (or law) about your own power as king? Or would you write a law to help other people? What name would you give to your charter? Write it here.

Look at panel 3 **'Transport and the sea'**

What type of boat is at the top of the panel?

Write it here.

Where can you sail to from Portencross?

Look at panels 4 and 5

History and development of the castle

Look at pictures of the castle over the centuries. In the box, say which picture you like the best and why.

How many rooms can you see in the cutaway drawing of the castle?

Write the number here.

How many rooms can you visit?

Look at panel 6 **(photos and paintings)**

Write down the jobs that the people in the pictures are doing.



Original watercolour by Derek McLean, 2010

Look at panel 7 **The Portencross Armada mystery**

Which country was Spain trying to invade?

Write the name of the country here.

Look at the map of their journey and see how far the Spanish ships had to sail before the galleon sank close to Portencross. What differences can you spot between the hebridean ship and the Spanish galleon? Use the panels and pictures to help you fill in the blanks.

lots of s____s

two m____s

one s__l

built for tr____t

built for w_r

6 or 8 o__s

open d__k

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