



## About Portencross Castle

Portencross has been inhabited for thousands of years. An archaeological dig found evidence of an Iron Age settlement on Auldhill, just behind Portencross Castle. The Iron Age lasted from around 800 BC to 100 BC.

Portencross Castle was constructed in three phases starting in 1360. It was the home of a branch of the Boyds. The lands around Portencross were given to the Boyds of Kilmarnock by King Robert I as reward for their help at the Battle of Bannockburn. A number of Royal Charters were signed at the castle and it had close links with King Robert II during that period.

After the 1600s, it was occupied by local fishermen. The roof was destroyed in a gale in January 1739. By the 20th century, the Adams of Auchenames owned the castle. It became a scheduled ancient monument in 1955.

## Friends of Portencross Castle

This leaflet was produced by Friends of Portencross Castle (FOPC).

FOPC is a recognised Scottish Charity (No. SC028181) dedicated to conserving the castle and providing access to the building.

In 2007 FOPC was awarded grant support from The Heritage Lottery Fund, Historic Scotland and the Architectural Heritage Fund. With additional support from local charities, North Ayrshire Council and many individuals, FOPC was able to raise just over £1 million pounds for the costs of the project.

Grant support does not include maintenance. As a result FOPC has to raise costs for staff, maintenance, education materials, website and overheads. We will remain open with the help of donations and by having events and functions at the castle.

**Please donate if you can. You can become a Guardian of Portencross Castle. Find out more from this leaflet or at our website [www.portencrosscastle.org.uk](http://www.portencrosscastle.org.uk).**



# BECOME A GUARDIAN OF PORTENCROSS CASTLE



# Friends of Portencross Castle is very grateful for the vital support of the public by way of donations and attendance at fundraising events. If you would be willing to give more regular support, then please consider becoming a Guardian of Portencross Castle.

Most of the Guardians pay small monthly amounts, as little as £2.50, by Bankers Standing Order. You could pay more if you wish. The income from small regular payments is very valuable to the long term FOPC Business Plan and helps to safeguard the future of the castle as a high quality visitor attraction and cultural resource. Or you might prefer to make a one-off payment (currently £200), to become a Guardian for Life. Some people give this as an interesting and unusual gift for a special occasion.

To become a Guardian please complete and return the enclosed form.

## In return you will receive:

- A Certificate of Guardianship.
- Entry in the Book of Guardians, to be kept in Portencross Castle, arranged according to birthday (year optional). In honour of your support, the flag will be flown above the castle each year on your birthday.
- Invitation to occasional special events, and priority booking for other events.
- Regular informal newsletters.

Bankers Order is completely under the control of the account holder. You can change or cancel at any time.

## BECOME A GUARDIAN OF PORTENCROSS CASTLE

Please send the completed form to FOPC, Auldhill Cottage, Portencross, West Kilbride, KA23 9QA. We will forward it to your bank.

### TO THE MANAGER (Your Bank)

BANK NAME
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### FROM (Your Name and Address)

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### ACCOUNT DETAILS

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### Please set up the following Standing Order and debit my/our account accordingly

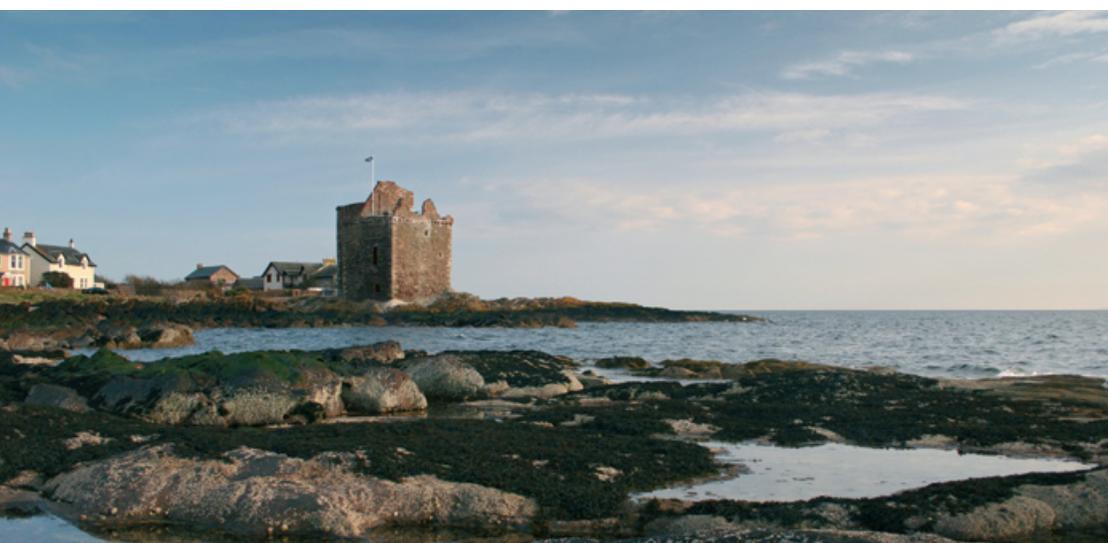
#### PAY

Friends of Portencross Castle  
Royal Bank of Scotland  
West Kilbride Branch  
Sort Code 83-28-04  
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The sum of **£2.50**, or \_\_\_\_\_ (please delete as required and initial)  
Monthly, on the \_\_\_\_\_ of each month  
Commencing \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ until further notice

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If you pay income tax at least equal to this amount, FOPC can reclaim the tax you have paid on this donation under the Gift Aid scheme, currently 28p for each pound given. Please complete the following declaration if you agree to this.

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I wish Friends of Portencross Castle to treat all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify otherwise, as Gift Aid donations.

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You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying FOPC. Please notify FOPC if you change your name or address. You can contact us at the above address or through our website [www.portencrosscastle.org.uk](http://www.portencrosscastle.org.uk)