

Hiring Dundonald Castle for

Weddings and Events



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Dundonald Castle is a dramatic setting for many social occasions providing a unique venue for wedding ceremonies and corporate events alike. It has hosted many weddings, been a film location and has been used for church services, recitals and product launches. However there are practical factors we ask you to consider first.

SUITABILITY

- The maximum legal capacity for any event is 60 persons, for weddings this number would include the bridal party and minister as well as guests, photographers etc.
- As an ancient monument in the care of Historic Scotland, the castle must remain open to the public during normal, published opening times. In practice we find visitors do not intrude and indeed, are delighted to see a wedding at the castle.
- There are no toilets at the castle.
- Access paths can prove difficult for those with mobility limitations but four-wheel drive vehicles can have access. Hirers proposing to use a vehicle must satisfy themselves of the suitability of the track.
- There is no heating in the castle.
- The castle is licensed for civil marriages.

AVAILABILITY

Contact should be made directly with Visitor Centre staff in the first instance to confirm available dates. If the preferred date is outwith castle opening times then an additional charge will be required to cover staffing costs.

CHARGES FOR HIRE

The cost of hire is **£350**. The booking can only be confirmed on payment of a deposit of £200 with the balance (£150) payable no later than six weeks before the event date. Cheques should be made payable to: **Friends of Dundonald Castle**.

Cancellations can only be accepted in writing. If cancellations are made earlier than six months prior to the date of the booking, £100 of the deposit is refundable.



The space for hire is on the ground level of the castle. The absence of the historic wooden floor of the Laigh Hall (at balcony level) creates a majestic space with great acoustical qualities.

Chairs may be hired from the village Church Hall although you are free to use any supplier you wish, it would, however, be advisable to make any potential supplier aware of how narrow and steep the access path is and that access to the castle is only during normal opening hours (10AM-4.30PM) unless by prior arrangement.