

# Strathclyde Group

## Dalmusternock Farmhouse & Craufurdland Castle

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022



Speaking for Scotland's Buildings

At day out in Ayrshire by car to visit two separate properties; an unusual conversion of a 17<sup>th</sup> Century dower-house into a farmhouse and a 13<sup>th</sup> century tower-keep with later additions which was "gothicised" in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

#### Dalmusternock Farmhouse

Dalmusternock was built in 1615 as a home for Sir William Mure on his marriage to Anna Dundas, the daughter of the laird of Newliston, near Edinburgh. As the eldest son and heir to the Rowallan Estate the house was from its inception likely to be considered as a temporary home and Sir William and Lady Anna finally moved to Rowallan Castle in 1639. Dalmusternock then became a dower house. Prior to 1851, it was re-modelled as a farmhouse for dairy farming and included a watermill and was used as such until fairly recently. The current owners have converted the buildings into family accommodation. Arrival is scheduled for 10.30am for tea/coffee and scones followed by a tour of the house given by the owners James and Jeanie Garven and family.



#### Craufurdland Castle.

The lands of Ardoch were given to the 2<sup>nd</sup> son of Sir Reginald de Craufurd, the first Sheriff of Ayr in 1245, and renamed Craufurdland. The Keep / Tower House was built in the 1300s, but abandoned for some period with the adjacent Laird's house being built in the 1600s.

In the early 1700s the Laird's house and Tower were unified into a single building and the façade re-worked in a Gothic influenced style along with the creation of the Wallace Suite, the Georgina Library and the Drawing Room which were added slightly later.

The current Laird - Simon, his wife Adity and their 2 children live in the Laird's House with the Tower available for self-catering accommodation. On arrival at Craufurdland Castle (circa 13.30pm) we shall have a tour given by the owners followed by a light lunch.

NOTE: The event will be subject to compliance with any restrictions/requirements in relation to Covid-19.

Limited numbers so book early. Return the form no later than Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022 Full details will be issued to all participants.

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#### AHSS STRATHCLYDE GROUP: DALMUSTERNOCK & CRAUFURDLAND CASTLE 14 May 2022.

NAME(S): .....

ADDRESS: .....

POSTCODE: ..... TELEPHONE(Day/Evening): ..... Mobile: .....

\*EMAIL: ..... \*OR ENCLOSE SAE

Number of persons (.....) at £38.00

(CHEQUE PAYABLE TO STRATHCLYDE GROUP – AHSS).

Amount Enclosed £ .....

Any special dietary or allergy requirements: Eg. Vegetarian / Vegan

As the outing is by car please indicate on the form: I can offer ( ) spaces in my car. I/We require ( ) spaces.

Please send your booking form, SAE if you do not have an email address, and a cheque for £38.00 per person made out to "Strathclyde Group – AHSS" by 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022 to:-

**Mr. John Wright, 2 MacKinnon House, Keil Gardens, Dumbarton, G82 4EJ.**  
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