

Strathclyde Group: Saturday 8th June, 2024

Inverclyde Highlights: Newark Castle, Historic Greenock & Ardgowan House

Newark Castle, Port Glasgow: (PA14 5NH): Arrive for 10.00am

The castle's late 16th century transformation from a defensive and lordly residence into an elegant Renaissance mansion is one of the most remarkable examples of Renaissance architectural planning in Scotland. Contrast its beauty with the notoriety of its most famous resident Sir Patrick Maxwell; and enjoy stunning views of the Firth of Clyde. HES (Historic Scotland) members should bring their membership cards. Non-members will have to self-pay the admission charge (£7.50 at time of writing). Inverclyde Heritage Network will be providing us with a guide.



Historic Greenock: A Walking Guided Tour: 11:30am

Guided walking tour by Inverclyde Heritage Network of Greenock's historic quarter (Clyde Square, Cathcart Square, William Street, Bank Street, Cathcart Street). This tour will focus on historic buildings of interest but will also discuss the town's connection to shipbuilding, the Blitz, immigration and emigration. Meeting point is Cathcart Square, PA15 1LS.

Lunch Arrangements: (Cardwell Garden Centre PA19 1BB)

Weather permitting it is the intention to have a picnic lunch at Lunderston Bay where there is a public car park and picnic area. Travel from Greenock to Lunderston Bay is either by the A770 coastal road or by the A78 to the roundabout and at the roundabout take the right turn on to the A770. The viewpoint car park is well sign posted. Alternatively, immediately opposite is the Cardwell Garden Centre which serves meals and snacks.

Ardgowan House: PA16 0DW: Tour 3.30-5.30pm

Curated tour and traditional high tea of light refreshments and home baking. Access from East Lodge on approach to Bankfoot Roundabout (A770).

Built in the late 18th century, Category A-listed Ardgowan House is a Palladian mansion overlooking the River Clyde. Ardgowan Estate has been in the same family for over 600 years and has a colourful history: it evolved from a solitary watchtower to a country estate; there have been battles, witch hunts and wartime bombings; and encounters with Robert the Bruce, Napoleon and Florence Nightingale.



Travel: The visits will be by car; please indicate on the form if you can offer a space (or spaces) in your car or if you require a space (or spaces).

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ADDRESS: -----

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

*EMAIL: _____ *OR ENCLOSE SAE

Number of persons (.....) at £32.00

(CHEQUE PAYABLE TO " STRATHCLYDE GROUP – AHSS".

Amount Enclosed £ _____

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

Please send your booking form, SAE if you do not have an email address, and a cheque for £32 per person made out to Strathclyde Group AHSS by 1st June, 2024 to: Hamish Macbeth, 3 Kirklee Quadrant, Glasgow G12 0TR or for more information email Hamish Macbeth at piano.nobile@outlook.com

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