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# Broughton House & Garden

## Information for schools



Broughton House was the home of the renowned Scottish artist E A Hornel, a member of the 'Glasgow Boys' group of artists. Between 1901 and 1933, Hornel extended the house and added an art gallery and studio. As well as a major collection of Hornel's works, the house contains artworks by several other artists plus an important collection of Scottish books, including many works by Burns.

Broughton House is a home, as well as an art gallery. Hornel also planned the lovely garden which leads down to the estuary of the Dee. In the garden, he combined Japanese influences with other hidden treasures; it has a very special atmosphere and is much loved by visitors.

**The schools programme** complements the Curriculum for Excellence. Teachers can use the visit to develop interdisciplinary work. A class visit includes a guided tour of the house and the artist's studio and gallery. Both primary and secondary pupils are welcome. The house and garden provides inspiration for Expressive Arts projects, especially individual projects for senior-phase secondary school pupils. Schools can also learn about the wildlife and conservation work carried out in the garden. Our Head Gardener or Assistant Gardener will guide groups around Broughton House Garden.

### Resources for schools

#### On Site

- Interpretive panels within the house; a subtitled DVD on Hornel's life and work.
- Interpretation in printed form in the house and garden.
- House Detective Quiz; Garden Quiz – please let us know how many copies in advance.
- Wee Guide, for children, with illustrations and facts about Hornel's life (cost £1.00).

#### Web based

- Broughton House resources for learning: [www.nts.org.uk/Learn/schools/sitespecific](http://www.nts.org.uk/Learn/schools/sitespecific).
- The Victorians resource pack (teachers' notes with a timeline & pupils' activities; folders of images). On the Schools website: [www.nts.org.uk/Learn/schools](http://www.nts.org.uk/Learn/schools).

### Planning your class visit

- To book: please contact Broughton House for a booking form.
- Book well in advance to avoid disappointment.
- Maximum class size: 24, with a ratio of 1 teacher/adult to 8 pupils.
- There is a small education room which can be used by up to 8 primary or 6 secondary pupils (at one time) for learning activities or special workshops.
- Access: We regret that there is limited access to this historic house. There is an entrance with level access to the lower ground floor in Castledykes Lane at the side of the house. A lift is available between the lower ground floor and ground floor (street level). The first floor is not accessible by lift. The garden can be entered on level ground but not all the paths within the garden are accessible for visitors with mobility impairment. Check the web page for further details (on the NTS website) or contact Broughton House.
- Toilets: There are two toilets on the lower ground floor. One is accessible.

For more information, visit [www.nts.org.uk/Learn](http://www.nts.org.uk/Learn)

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### Planning your class visit continued

- Refreshments: there are none available at this site but there are areas within Kirkcudbright where pupils can eat packed lunches. Staff can provide advice.
- The site has been risk assessed. Teachers are expected to prepare their own RA for the visit.

### Charges

- There is no charge for schools with NTS educational membership.
- Non-members are welcome but there is a charge of £2 per pupil – accompanying adults are admitted free (ratio 8 pupils/1 adult).
- Membership: to apply for membership, please go the NTS Schools website – or contact Broughton House.
- Class teachers are encouraged to make a free preparatory visit to the site.

### During your class visit

- NTS staff will lead the school programme.
- Teachers are responsible for their pupils, and for their behaviour.
- Open for educational visits from 1 September – 15 May each year. School programmes begin at 10.00am.
- The duration of a programme can vary, depending on class size.
- Your class will be split into groups. Each group should have a teacher/adult helper, with disclosure permissions where required.
- Please check the number of groups when booking.
- Pupils do not need to bring any materials for the school programme.
- Pupils may take photographs. Please do not use flash photography within the building.
- Coats can be left on a coat rail on the lower ground floor. Bags should be left at reception on admission. (No valuables should be left in coats if the property is open to the public at the time of the visit.)
- Shop: pupils are welcome to visit the small shop (up to 5 pupils at a time), under the teacher's supervision.
- On arrival: please report to the reception desk.

### Getting to Broughton House & Garden

- Situated in the centre of Kirkcudbright, off the A75 (A711/A755), 28 miles from Dumfries and 9 miles from Castle Douglas.
- Parking instructions for school coaches  
There is no coach parking adjacent to Broughton House – but coaches can usually stop outside to allow pupils to disembark or alight. There are coach-parking areas along the main road (A75) approach to the town. Smaller vehicles (minibuses, small coaches) may park in the main harbour square.



### For online viewing

Click on the map to see a full size version online.

[Click here](#) to view our route planner online.

### For more information and a booking form, please contact:

The Property Manager, Broughton House & Garden, 12 High Street,  
Kirkcudbright, Dumfries and Galloway DG6 4JX

**Telephone:** 01557 330437

**Email:** (please entitle: SCHOOLS BOOKING REQUEST):  
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