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Uncovering the Secrets of Kellie Castle

Budding archaeology enthusiasts are being given the opportunity to try their hand at making their own archaeological discovery at the National Trust for Scotland's Kellie Castle.

The conservation charity carried out a Geophysical Survey around the castle grounds in 2010 and are now calling on public volunteers to help excavate the site.

On Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 August, the Trust's archaeologist Dr. Daniel Rhodes, will lead an archaeological dig, excavating in the grounds of Kellie Castle to uncover the remains of the 16th century enclosure and to piece together the history of the estate.

When it was first built in the 16th century, Kellie Castle would have been a simple tower surrounded by an enclosure, stables, brewhouse and smithy.

Dr Daniel Rhodes, an archaeologist at the National Trust for Scotland said: "The magnificent Kellie Castle is brimming with history and there is still a lot yet to be discovered. We want to uncover the medieval remains and piece together the archaeological jigsaw."

The dig is open to all (children must be accompanied by an adult) and the garden is accessible via gravelled paths and lawn grass. No experience is necessary and all equipment will be provided.

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Editor's Notes:

'Uncovering the Secrets of Kellie Castle', Saturday 10 and 11 August, 10.30 – 4pm

Tickets are available online at www.nts.org.uk/kelliecastle

For further information email kelliecastle@nts.org.uk, Tel: 01333 720271 or visit the website www.nts.org.uk/kelliecastle.

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