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Drum Castle to ho-ho-host unique Christmas craft market

Drum Castle is set to transform into a winter wonderland this December, with an artisan Christmas market and festive activities for the whole family.

The medieval castle, which is protected by conservation charity the National Trust for Scotland, will host a Christmas festival on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 December from 10am - 4pm.

Organised by Exclusively Highlands, the Christmas market will celebrate handmade crafts and produce from across Scotland. More than 30 local businesses will be exhibiting, bringing everything from art and candles to a range of jewellery, stained glass and wooden crafts. For food and drink lovers there will be a locally distilled gin, handmade pies and artisan cheeses on offer.

For some added Christmas excitement, Drum Castle's Brewhouse will be a magical space. Full of twinkly lights and falling snow, little ones can write their festive wishes and pass them on to the Drum Castle Fairy in her hideaway.

Constance Schimmeyer, Visitor Services Supervisor at Drum Castle said: "Christmas at Drum is always a magical experience and we're excited to welcome Exclusively Highlands for what's set to be another fantastic market event – hosting events like one not only help our charity to protect Drum Castle but also Scotland's other special places.

"Drum Castle and its flourishing gardens create the perfect backdrop for a festive day out, and there's no better way to get into the Christmas spirit than by wandering around a market surrounded by the sounds and smells of Christmas."

Entry to the Christmas craft market is £4 for adults and £2 for children. You can find more information at www.nts.org.uk/visit/events/exclusively-highlands-christmas-festival-fairy-hideaway-at-drum-castle.

Drum Castle, Garden and Estate is home to one of Scotland's oldest tower houses. The sweep of 700 years of history is stamped into Drum's battlements, medieval square tower and sprawling extensions. Visitors can take a stroll through the Old Wood of Drum, home to oak trees dating from the 1700s and admire Drum's exquisite, 16th Century chapel.

