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### **Curtain's up on new season at Crathes Castle**

The National Trust for Scotland's Crathes Castle is launching its spring event programme on 1 April with a special outdoor cinema experience.

How To Train Your Dragon is the first in the series of films lined up for visitors throughout 2017. The family-friendly screening starts at 6pm.

Tickets are on sale now and cost £10 for adults, £7 for kids and £27 for a family. Book online at [www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk).

Crathes Castle which is owned and cared for by the National Trust for Scotland, the charity that conserves and promotes Scotland's heritage, staged its first outdoor cinema event at Halloween last year with great success. More than 250 fearless folk settled down to watch Blair Witch Project, while the wind howled through the trees.

Event co-ordinator Natasha Finlayson said:

"Our Halloween cinema event was a huge hit last year, so we are planning to run screenings throughout the year, with family-friendly favourites. We look forward to welcoming film buffs of all ages for this fresh air film experience.

Cinema is just one of the focuses for 2017, Natasha continues:

"Our rangers are also putting on fantastic nature events for younger visitors all through the year, and of course, the Cadbury Egg Hunt is back for Easter."

For more details about events at Crathes Castle, visit [www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk).

Turrets and towers, winding staircases, ornate ceilings and ancient sculpted yew trees, combine to make a visit to Crathes Castle, garden and estate a great day out for the whole family.

This enchanting 16th-century tower house is surrounded by 240 hectares of formal gardens, woodland walks and rolling Scottish countryside, which are a haven for wildlife and are home to red squirrels, roe deer and pine martens.

For visitor information and events, visit [www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk).

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