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FYVIE CASTLE, GARDEN & ESTATE TO TAKE VISITORS BACK IN TIME WITH A SPECIAL TIME TRAVELLING WEEKEND

- **Conservation charity to mark 40 years of Aberdeenshire royal fortress coming into its care with a weekend of events**
- **Programme includes battle re-enactments, craft fair, storytelling and folk music**

Marking 40 remarkable years in the National Trust for Scotland's care, Fyvie Castle, Garden & Estate is set to host 1644 – Travel Back in Time this August - a jam-packed weekend of history, action and family fun.

On 17 and 18 August, ticket holders can experience the roar of canons, clash of steel and smoke of the campfires. 80 re-enactors of the award-winning Earl of Loudon's Regiment of Foote will muster at Fyvie for brilliant displays of live canons, combat skills and 17th century camp life. Local traditional crafts, storytelling, folk music, face painting, owl displays, ranger-led walks and a range of food trucks will keep all ages entertained.

Brimming with centuries of colourful history, 800-year-old Fyvie played host to William the Lion in around 1214 and later counted Robert the Bruce and the young Charles I among its distinguished guests.

The castle grounds, too, echo with history, not least as the location of the Battle of Fyvie in October 1644 marked by this event – a bruising encounter between royalists under the 1st Marquis of Montrose and a Covenanter army commanded by the Marquis of Argyll. While this battle was one of many across the country, Fyvie was at the centre of this major crossroads in Scottish and UK history.

Katherine Williams, Visitor Services Manager at Fyvie Castle for the National Trust for Scotland, said: "We can't wait to see the looks of excitement and share what promises to be a memorable weekend. Fyvie is rich in history, with unique portrait and antiquities collections and beautiful grounds for walks with family and friends.

"As our charity celebrates the 40th anniversary of Fyvie coming into our care, it's the perfect time to thank all our supporters, members and visitors. Your support helps our charity to continue to protect, care for and share Scotland's special heritage with everyone."

For more information about the Fyvie 1644 – *Travel back in Time* event, and to book your place, you can visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1644-travel-back-in-time-tickets-871846906567?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

More information about Fyvie and how to visit is available at: <https://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/fyvie-castle>

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About the National Trust for Scotland

Established in 1931, the National Trust for Scotland is Scotland's largest conservation charity and cares for, shares and speaks up for Scotland's magnificent heritage.

Over the last 90 years the Trust has pioneered public access to and shared ownership of some of the most magnificent buildings, collections and landscapes in Scotland. It cares for more than 100 sites, from ancient houses to battlefields, castles, mills, gardens, coastlines, islands, mountain ranges and the plants and animals which depend upon them.

In March 2022, the National Trust for Scotland launched *Nature, Beauty & Heritage for Everyone*, its ten-year strategy which sets out the ambitions of the charity over the coming decade. From speaking up for Scotland's heritage which doesn't have a voice, to improving the lives and wellbeing of people across the country, and responding to the climate and biodiversity crisis, the Trust will build on its work in recent years to grow its impact and conserve and restore more of Scotland's heritage, as it moves towards its centenary in 2031.

Scotland's largest membership organisation, the National Trust for Scotland relies on the support of its members and donors to carry out its important work.

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