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NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND STARTS CONSERVATION WORK AT BRODICK CASTLE

The scaffolding is going up at Brodick Castle, as the National Trust for Scotland embarks on a major project to protect Arran's landmark Castle for future generations. The conservation charity has mapped out a nine-month programme of building work on the fabric of the building to help it withstand the effects of time, rain and climate change.

The skilled and specialist restoration work will include roofing repairs, overhauling windows, repair of stonework and repointing, and improvements to leadwork, guttering and drainage. Some paths in the gardens will be closed to the general public while the work is ongoing, but the Trust is working closely with its building contractors to minimise disruption.

Sally Gandon, the National Trust for Scotland's Operations Manager for Brodick Castle, said: 'With much of the work on the Castle taking place at high level, even putting up the scaffolding has been a major task. But we're excited that it's now in place so we can start on our conservation work, ensuring that the local community and Arran's visitors can enjoy this magnificent Island Castle, and its exceptional collections, far into the future.'

'The work supports the National Trust for Scotland's strategic objective to improve and stabilise the condition of our heritage buildings and structures, ensuring their future and that of our collections and gardens. We're very grateful to our members and other supporters who help us to do that and to deliver our vision of Nature, Beauty & Heritage for Everyone.'

'All of us at Brodick are excited to reopen the doors of the Castle later this season, and to welcome back the local community and visitors. We'll update on timings on our website so keep an eye out for details!'

In advance of the re-opening of the Castle later this season, the country park remains open daily and the shop, café, playpark and garden will reopen on 1 April. There will also be Easter Egg trails taking place over the Easter weekend, from Friday 7 April to Monday 10 April, at 10am to 4pm each day. Details of the Easter Egg trails and of opening dates and times for the castle, garden, shop and café can be found at <https://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodick-castle>

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Editor's Notes:

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.

For more information on the National Trust for Scotland visit www.nts.org.uk.

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