

## **Pre-visit Information**

### **Holy Island**

Lindisfarne Castle is situated on Holy Island, a tidal island off the coast of Northumberland. The causeway road linking the island to the mainland is covered twice a day by the sea.

It is then essential that you check the causeway safe crossing times for your visit, making sure you can get safely on and off the Island.

You can do this by:

- Visiting <http://orawww.northumberland.gov.uk/www2/holyisland/holyisland.asp>
- Contacting the Castle: 01289 389244 or [lindisfarne@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:lindisfarne@nationaltrust.org.uk)
- Checking the safe crossing times locally in the Northumberland Gazette, Berwick Advertiser, or at Tourist Information Offices.
- Checking the safe crossing times board at the car park near the mainland end of the causeway.

Once on the Island, tide times are displayed in the visitor car park and at several sites around the village.

If in doubt, ask!

### **Lindisfarne Castle**

The Castle is 1 mile from the village and there is no car park at the Castle itself. Walking to the Castle initially involves a tarmac road, but once in the Castle field there is a cobbled road which goes uphill to the admission point. After admission there is a cobbled ramp followed by a flight of steps to the ground floor.

A privately-run shuttle bus often operates during Castle opening times, but only when the causeway is also open. This runs every 20 minutes, stopping at the car park, market square, and Castle. Please call the Castle for further details on this service. The National Trust cannot guarantee that this service will be running.

## **Toilets**

There are two toilets available at the Castle, but there are also public facilities in the village coach park and, during summer months, in the centre of the village.

## **Congestion**

During the summer the Castle can get very busy, particularly when opening is from 12.00 until 17.00. However the Castle is often much less busy by 14.00.

The castle is a relatively small building with only ten rooms and two outdoor areas within the walls. These spaces can quickly fluctuate between being very busy and very quiet due to various factors, not least the weather!

Being the only obvious shelter at this corner of the Island, a sudden shower can often see many dozens of visitors flocking inside at once. We would then encourage you to make use of the Castle Point lime kilns. This building is not immediately obvious but is situated just beyond the Castle and provides good shelter as well as having lots of information about the industry which once thrived there. You can download a two-page leaflet about the kilns or a short guided walk around the from the property website.