



**A place to  
visit..**

# **Dundrum Castle**



*Our aim is to protect and conserve the  
natural and built environment and to  
promote its appreciation for the benefit of  
present and future generations.*

## Dundrum Castle

**Location:** In Dundrum village between Downpatrick and Newcastle, Co Down

Built shortly before 1210, on an earlier fortified site, the castle is set high on a hill overlooking the sea and has a circular keep within massive walls. Begun by John de Courcy, who led the 1177 Anglo-Norman invasion of E Ulster, to guard the land routes from Dublin, Drogheda via Greencastle to Downpatrick. It was visited by King John in 1210, who spent money for minor works to the castle and paid for a garrison there. Subsequently the castle was held by the Earls of Ulster and, from the middle of the 14th century, by the Magennises of Mourne who enlarged it.

Captured by the Earl of Kildare in 1517 and by Lord Deputy Grey in 1538, the castle was surrendered to the Crown in 1601 by Phelim Magennis, granted to Edward Lord Cromwell and sold to the Blundell family. The Magennises took the castle briefly in 1641, but the Blundells returned after the war and built the house on the S edge of the castle.

### Facilities

- Free car park
- Toilets
- Guided tours

### Access

October - March

Open Saturday & Sunday only

Saturday 10.00 - 16.00

Sunday 14.00 - 16.00

April - September

Closed on Mondays

Tuesday-Saturday 10.00 - 19.00

Sundays 14.00 - 19.00

**Admission:** Free

(Children under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult)

### Other Sites

Other EHS properties and sites that you may like to visit in this area include:

- Greencastle
- Jordan's Castle
- Mound of Down
- Inch Abbey
- Clough Castle

**Customer Contact** : (028) 9181 1491