



## Highcliffe Castle Heritage Centre

Highcliffe Castle has now re-opened following a four month closure over the winter. During this period the restoration works, enabled by a grant from the Heritage Lottery fund, continued apace.

Temporary wall structures were removed, flooring and ceiling levels re-instated, revealing the original dimensions of the rooms. The temporary staff offices were stripped out and a hidden fireplace and some original paintwork and marble door surrounds were found. New staircases and underfloor heating were installed and lift shafts were erected to enable better access to the floors above, lift access will be available from Spring 2019.

In the basement kitchen, a specialist painstakingly removed years of soot from the old kitchen range, it was then carefully dismantled and taken away for preservation work and this will be installed in late 2018. Stone masons were on site restoring the mullions in the windows, and reconstructing and replacing steps to an old servant's staircase.

Perhaps the most obvious change that visitors will see this year is the expanded gift shop, enabled by the removal of one wall. The spacious new retail space will stock an extensive range of souvenirs and gifts.

Work will continue throughout this year, in preparation for the opening of the exciting new Visitor Centre in 2019. The castle is open from 10.30am – 5pm Sunday to Friday (last admission 4.30pm) Saturdays variable opening times, please check our website for more details. We look forward to welcoming you.

To follow the HLF building works please visit the castle website here you will find the information listed on our communication boards displayed in the castle grounds.

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