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PRESS RELEASE

MNH to launch Children's Discovery Trail at Castle Rushen

The often turbulent history of the Kings and Lords of Mann will be the topic of a great new children's discovery trail to be launched at Castle Rushen on Saturday 2nd May. Children from 5 to 11 years old will have the opportunity to answer questions and complete fun activities around the castle, helping them to interact with the displays and get the most out of their visit! Castle Rushen is open daily from 10am to 5pm until the end of October.

Along the trail, children will be able to discover which famous Scottish King briefly took over the Castle in 1313, learn who 'The Great Stanley' was, and find out interesting facts about medieval and 17th century dining habits, which were quite unusual by today's standards!

Every child that completes the trail will receive a sheet to take home and colour in, as well as a sticker and a voucher giving them FREE entry to another Manx National Heritage attraction.

Howard Parkin, Public Services Manager for Manx National Heritage commented:

"This exciting new children's trail follows on the success of the Manx Museum Discovery Trail, launched in February and still on offer for every child visiting the Island's National Museum."

MNH is set to launch a series of children's discovery trails at different heritage attractions throughout the summer season and beyond. Look out for trails appearing at The Laxey Wheel and Mines Trail, The Grove in Ramsey, and Rushen Abbey, the Abbey Gardens and Interpretive Centre in Ballasalla! To commemorate the 200th anniversary of Charles Darwin's birth, MNH will launch a special natural history-themed trail at the Manx Museum ready for the summer holidays.

For further information on MNH events and exhibitions please visit www.storyofmann.com or pick up a free 'What's On' leaflet available from all Story of Mann heritage attractions.

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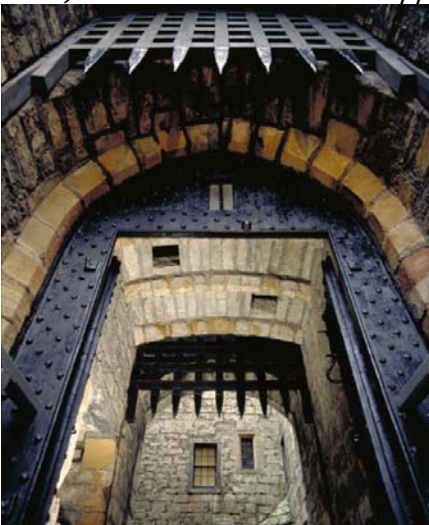
Please note that children under 12 visiting Castle Rushen must be accompanied by an adult and kept under close supervision at all times.

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Image Captions:



1) Children will have the opportunity to explore Castle Rushen.



2) The dramatic portcullis at Castle Rushen.

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