



BERKHAMSTED CASTLE TRUST

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Update for Berkhamsted Town Council

13th December 2021 from Peter Matthews, Trustee

This is the current status of the work undertaken by Berkhamsted Castle Trust (BCT). This update is to inform the town council of BCT activities and plans regarding Berkhamsted Castle.

The Castle is settling into the Winter routine with 0930 opening and 1600 closing. The weather seems to have brought a rash of issues to the fore. There is an infestation of moles in the bailey and we will have to deal with the hills before they get too numerous and we restart the mowing. There are also some badgers who have dug toilets in two areas of the bailey. We are asking children to keep clear of these areas for the time being.

The major cracks in the walls have been repaired with lime mortar, an historically correct solution. The location of the repaired areas can be seen as they are covered with hessian sheets. These sheets prevent the rain dissolving the lime mortar before the surface hardens. There are more areas that need attention in the future. The condition of the walls is being constantly monitored by volunteers.

The drains under the rail bridges all connect to the drain that empties into the outer moat. This has alleviated some of the flooding. The grating over the overflow in the moat has been removed for repair work. There is some discussion on lowering the overflow level to prevent flooding of the causeway after heavy rain.

There are several social media sites that are being used for Castle information. The URLs are below.

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youtube.com/BerkoCastle

<https://www.berkhamstedcastle.org.uk/>