

48<sup>th</sup> Ayrshire Scout Group

To whom it may concern

As chairman of the local Scouts (48<sup>th</sup> Ayrshire Dundonald Scouts Group) I am writing to offer our support to the team at "Friends of Dundonald Castle" as they seek to purchase the Visitors' Centre, via a community asset transfer. [REDACTED] and the rest of the team have been instrumental in placing the visitors centre and the castle at the heart of the village, ensuring a wide mix of community activities, designed to appeal to as many ages as possible. The children of the village have enjoyed the Halloween events and craft clubs, and the primary school and Early Years Centre are also able to use the castle and visitors centre as a base not only for curriculum based activities, but also for more woodland based learning and play. Our Scout group in particular has benefitted from the use of the Visitors' Centre for our "sausage sizzle" events and District carol service which have helped to raise the profile of our organisation within the village. The castle has also put on many events designed to bring people (both locals and visitors) together, from musical evenings and theatre productions in the summer to ghost tours and murder mysteries in the winter, not to mention litter picking, star gazing, knitting and information evenings during the year. In our increasingly busy lives, it is essential that we continue to foster the ties of community and working in partnership, and the castle has been the focal point for that. The asset transfer would ensure that they can continue to offer these fantastic community events, as well as promote Dundonald to a wider audience 7 days a week.

Yours sincerely

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Chairman

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