

Caring for Corfe Castle Conservation project

Phase 2 and 3 of the conservation project has been awarded to Stone West Limited and commencement of work begins on Monday 4 November 2024. The project will span roughly 60 weeks ending in February 2026. A team of roughly 15 expert conservationists will be working their way across the castle and some sections will be required to be scaffolded to reach areas that are not easy to access. Tumbles across the castle mound and in the river will also be worked on. <https://www.stonewest.co.uk/>

As part of fundraising for the work we have been granted permission from Historic England to erect a viewing platform to the top of the South Annex. Supporters will be able to give a suggested donation to climb to the platform via a set of Haki stairs. These stairs will be built internally through the South Annex and will not be able to be seen from outside the castle. The fundraising project is called the 'King's View' and we will be starting to promote it over the next couple of weeks. From the King's platform you'll be able to witness panoramic views across the Purbeck landscape, views that only a handful of individuals have been privileged to see since the destruction of the castle after the English Civil war in 1646. [Conserving Corfe Castle | National Trust](#)

Housing in the village

To support the increasing costs of preserving the castle a decision has been made to sell two properties in Corfe which were gifted to the National Trust for investment purposes by the Bankes Estate. 112 East Street will be sold on the open market and 48A West Street by auction later in the year.

95% of land owned by the National Trust is inalienable – in other words it is held in their care forever and unable to be sold. Nationally the National Trust holds less than 1% of all our land for investment purposes, which it is able to sell. This is the case in this instance – proceeds from the sale will enable conservation work at Corfe Castle and core properties in the village square – both of which are fundamental to the village setting.

Christmas events at Corfe Castle

The National Trust will be working in collaboration with the Festivities Committee this year during Christmas. We have offered the village the use of the castle on the evening of Saturday 7th December. More details to come closer to the time.

The castle will be open late for the Winter Lights event on the evenings of Friday 13th and Saturday 14th December: [Christmas at Corfe Castle | Dorset | National Trust](#)
