



## National Trust press release

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### **Embark on a new adventure this New Year with volunteering opportunities at Croft Castle**

As a conservation charity, the National Trust relies on the continued support of their volunteers, members and supporters to enable them to preserve hundreds of special places and spaces for ever, for everyone. Croft Castle is currently looking for volunteers to help bring their stories to life. A willingness to get involved, desire for a new challenge and enthusiasm for the Trust's cause is all that's needed.

Croft Castle are looking for castle volunteers and tour guides to help engage their supporters with the history of Croft, which dates back to the Domesday Book. With almost one thousand years of history, the castle has many rich and fascinating stories to uncover. Uniquely, castle volunteers have freedom to roam inside the castle, sharing stories they love with visitors, revealing parts of the collection they may not have seen before and helping families engage with some of the memorabilia, costumes and games Croft has to offer. It is a very flexible role; castle volunteers can start their day by greeting visitors on the front door and finish by revealing the captivating story behind a particular painting. Croft are also looking for tour guides to show people parts of the castle they wouldn't normally see. Full training and support is provided throughout and castle volunteers and tour guides are able to choose which days suit them and how many hours they'd like to give.

Anyone who's interested can pop along to Croft Castle's volunteer open day on Tuesday 7 February between 11am and 2pm to find out more about these roles and how they can get involved.

To find out more, or if you are unable to come and want to contact the property directly please email [croftcastle@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:croftcastle@nationaltrust.org.uk) or call Laura or Emma on 01568 782122 .

More details about volunteering, events, prices, opening times and accessibility can be found by visiting Croft Castle's website [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/croft-castle-and-parkland](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/croft-castle-and-parkland)

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## **Notes to editors**

### **About Croft Castle**

Croft Castle is a seventeenth-century castellated manor house set within 1500 acres of parkland, near Leominster, Herefordshire. Acquired by the National Trust in 1957, the castle contains fine Georgian interiors and is sharing its twentieth-century stories throughout 2017. More information about Croft Castle can be found here: <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/croft-castle-and-parkland>

### **About the National Trust**

The National Trust looks after more than 250,000 hectares of countryside, 775 miles of coastline and hundreds of special places across England, Wales and Northern Ireland. For more information and ideas for great value family days out go to: [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)