



Mr Gwilym Hughes,
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Re: Dolwyddelan Castle

Dear Deputy Director and Head of Cadw, Mr Hughes,

I am writing with regards to my serious concerns about Cadw's management of one of the most spectacular castles in Wales: Dolwyddelan.

As you may be aware, the tourism sector is booming in Aberconwy. For example, Llandudno has been recently been recognised as the best holiday destination in the whole of Wales.

Tourism is worth around £900million to Conwy County annually, generated from 9.5 million visitors. One key element of the thriving sector is the fantastic variety of attractions across the area. This includes Dolwyddelan Castle.

Alongside being a major attraction, the fortress is also of huge significance to the history of Wales. Indeed, even Cadw describe it as being 'a lasting memorial to Prince Llywelyn ap Iorwerth, or Llywelyn the Great'. It follows that the castle can be understood as playing a vital role in ensuring that as many visitors and locals as possible learn about the Welsh princes.

Given the above, I am extremely disappointed that the castle can only be viewed externally. It follows that I would be grateful if you could explain the reasons why, and if urgent action can be taken to lower the drawbridge to visitors and locals alike this summer.

Kind regards,

Janet Finch-Saunders MS/AS

