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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your letter of 20 June addressed to Gwilym Hughes, Head of Cadw, regarding Dolwyddelan Castle.

Access to Dolwyddelan Castle has for many years been through the farm at its base, with the farmer, who is also the freeholder, charging for access and unlocking and locking access to the Castle each day. However, the farmer has asked for the access be re-routed to give him and his family more privacy and he no longer wishes to act as the key keeper.

A revised access route has been established which now allows visitors free access to the Castle. However, Cadw has been unable to secure a new key keeper for the monument and due to concerns for the safety of visitors accessing the upper areas of the Castle at all times of the day and night, unfortunately the internal space of the Castle has had to be kept locked. Cadw's website advises visitors of the new route and that the Castle is only viewable externally.

Cadw regrets the current situation but hopefully it will only be temporary as Cadw continues to search for a new key keeper from the local community who can manage the locking and unlocking of the Castle. Cadw's website will be updated with this information as soon as this occurs.

Yours sincerely,

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