



MISSION STATEMENT & VISION



Mission Statement

Friends of Strathaven Castle (FoSC) exists to champion the preservation, restoration, and long-term sustainability of Strathaven's most iconic historic landmark. Our mission is to secure the future of Strathaven Castle by promoting its cultural significance, raising public awareness, and actively campaigning for the structural repairs and conservation measures needed to protect the monument for generations to come.

We work collaboratively with South Lanarkshire Council (SLC), the castle's custodians, to advocate for timely restoration and renewed public access following its prolonged closure due to safety concerns over the building's structural integrity. We aim to engage with local authorities, heritage bodies, funding organisations, and community stakeholders to identify and secure grants, technical expertise, and other resources necessary to stabilise the structure and advance long-term conservation plans.

In the long term FoSC also aims to support the development of Strathaven Castle as a small but meaningful visitor attraction, recognising the potential economic benefit that heritage-led tourism can bring to Strathaven and the wider community. By fostering partnerships with local businesses, cultural organisations, and volunteers, we help ensure that the castle becomes not only a safeguarded monument but also a community asset that contributes to the town's economic vibrancy.

As a registered Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), our purposes include protecting the monument, supporting accessible improvements to its surroundings, and maximising the castle's benefit to the wider community. Through public engagement and transparent communication, we seek to involve Strathaven's residents in shaping a shared vision for the castle's future and welcome feedback and views from all Strathaven residents and community groups.

Vision Statement

Our vision is for Strathaven Castle to stand preserved and fully accessible - a meaningful focal point of community life: a place where residents, visitors, and future generations can explore local history, enjoy the surrounding landscape, and participate in cultural and educational experiences that celebrate Strathaven's rich past.