

Castles and Stately Homes

Athelhampton House & Gardens

Visit one of the finest manor houses in England dating from the 15th Century. Explore the glorious Grade 1 gardens; see the world famous topiary pyramids, fountains and the River Piddle. Enjoy lunch or a cream tea in the Topiary Restaurant.

Opening Times 2008: March - October Sun - Thurs, 10.30 - 17.00
Closed Fri & Sat. Open Good Friday.
November - February Sundays only, 10.30 - Dusk

Admission Prices: Adult £8.75, Senior £8.25 Free entry to children under 16 when accompanied with an adult (3 children to one adult).

ATHELHAMPTON. NR. DORCHESTER, DT2 7LG

Website: www.athelhampton.co.uk

TEL: 01305 848363

Sherborne Castle

Built by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1594 and stately home of the Digby family since 1617. Splendid collections of art, furniture and porcelain on view in the castle. Capability Brown landscaped lake (1753) with beautiful lakeside gardens and grounds.

Opening Times 2008: 22 March - 30 October daily, except Mon & Fri.
(Open Bank Hol. Mon) 11.00 - last admission 16.30 (on Sat
Castle interior from 2pm)

Admission Prices: Gardens only £4.50 Adult/Senior,
Castle & Gardens £9.00 Adults £8.50 Senior
Children under 15 free (max 4 per adult)

SHERBORNE CASTLE, SHERBORNE, DORSET DT9 5NR

Website: www.sherbornecastle.com

TEL: 01935 813182

Highcliffe Castle

Grade 1 listed, built in the 1830's for Lord Stuart de Rothesay. Heritage Centre, Gift Shop, Tea Rooms, situated in beautiful cliff top grounds with access to the Christchurch Coastal Path. Venue for exhibitions, events, and concerts. Licensed for civil ceremonies and receptions.

Opening Times: Castle Open Daily, 1 Feb - 23 Dec 11.00 - 17.00 (last admission 16.30) Grounds Open Daily from 7am (dates as above.)

Admission Prices: Adult £2.50, Children under 16 accompanied free
Season tickets available.

ROTHESAY DRIVE, HIGHCLIFFE, CHRISTCHURCH, DORSET BH23 4LE

Website: www.highcliffecastle.co.uk

Tel: 01425 278807

Mompesson House (National Trust)

Mompesson House - "The House in the Close" - provides a unique opportunity for visitors to walk through the front door and experience a bygone, gracious age, relax in the tranquil garden and enjoy delicious cakes.

Opening Times 2008: 11.00 -17.00 Sat - Wed 15 March - 2 November.
Last admission 16.30, closed Thurs and Fri. (Open Good Friday)

Admission Charge: Non members admission charge: Adult £4.95, Child £2.45,
Family £12.40. Garden only £1.00.

THE CLOSE, SALISBURY, WILTSHIRE, SP1 2EL

Website: www.nationaltrust.co.uk

Tel: 01722 335659

Arundells

Formerly the home of Sir Edward Heath (Prime Minister 1970 -74) from 1985 - 2005. Interesting collection of artworks and of political, musical and sailing memorabilia. Beautiful garden. Guided tours only.

Opening Times 2008: 22 March - 30 September - Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday 13.00 - 17.30 (last tour 4.00pm).

Admission Charge: Admission: £5.00.

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Website: www.arundells.org

Tel: 01722 326546.

Please note: Changes can and do occur so please check all details with the attraction direct before finalising any arrangements.