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In 2007, HRH The Prince of Wales was made aware of the imminent sale of the House and its contents and made the decision to

intervene to save this significant piece of heritage for the nation. A charity, The Great Steward of Scotland's Dumfries House Trust, was formed to oversee and manage the House and its 2,000 acres of estate. In 2018, The Prince's Foundation was created through the merger of The Dumfries House Trust with three of the Prince's other charities. HRH The Prince of Wales is President of The Prince's Foundation, a major charity employing almost 300 people working across the UK and overseas. Dumfries House is the charity's Headquarters and is the home for many of its initiatives.

Throughout the last decade, the charity has undertaken an extensive and ambitious programme of conservation, restoration and development. This has returned the House and its collection to its former glory. An even greater amount of development work has been undertaken on the estate through the creation of magnificent gardens, woodland walks and many other facilities.

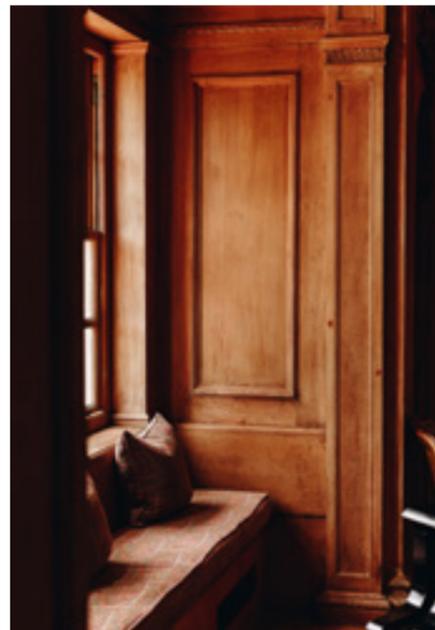
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There are many significant moments in our lives that merit being marked through a special event or gathering in a special way: a significant birthday; a milestone anniversary; a family reunion; a proud graduation or promotion; a retirement or new beginning...

YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION



Whatever it may be, there can be no more memorable place for any such event than Dumfries House. Imposing and grand it may be, but we are so much more than an elegant, 18th century stately home and our team can tailor your event to create something that is as formal or informal as you prefer...but always special and memorable.

From an informal drinks reception, buffet, or afternoon tea through to a formal black-tie fine dining experience, your Events Coordinator will help you plan from start to finish: choosing the right space for you and your guests; the most suitable menu; the most appropriate table decoration; and every other detail that will ensure that you will have an event to be proud of

and one that your guests will talk about and remember with great joy.

If you are planning an overnight event for some or all of your guests, Dumfries House Lodge offers 26 luxury double bedrooms for overnight stays and events. If you are having more guests than we can accommodate, worry not - we have strong partnerships with local hotels and coach companies and we can organise this for you.

However large or small, each event is tailored to meet your individual needs, something that will make it like no other. It may be a very intimate family dinner or for a few close friends, or it may be a full-scale celebration for many guests. Simply contact us, we are ready to listen, to meet, to plan and to deliver something really special in partnership with you.

STUNNING SPACES FOR YOUR SPECIAL EVENTS

THE TAPESTRY ROOM

So called since it houses four exquisite Flemish tapestries, each on a different classical- mythical theme, this American walnut-panelled room exudes elegance and warmth. Situated on the principal floor, the Tapestry Room sits within the west wing of the main, central part of the House, and is accessed

through the painstakingly restored and glorious Pewter Corridor. A Steinway baby grand piano is housed here, making it the perfect space for a musical soiree or any kind of live performance. This is one of the largest rooms in the House, unlike any other and has a real salon feel to it.



THE GREAT STEWARD'S DINING ROOM

Aptly renamed using one of His Royal Highness's Scottish titles, The Great Steward of Scotland, this room is the perfect setting for a more formal event or fine dining experience. It has over recent years established itself as the main, formal dining room of the House. Sitting on the principal floor at the

extreme east end of the House, it is similar in size to the Tapestry Room but quite different in atmosphere. With walls lined in a deep red fabric and adorned with portraiture and pieces from the collection, it is memorable in every way without being intimidating.



THE PINK DINING ROOM

This intimate and formal dining room is extraordinarily special and could perhaps be described as the jewel in the crown. Sitting just off the front entrance and main entrance hall of the House, guests can experience the full impact of Georgian elegance. The room still holds most of the pieces specifically bought for this space by

the Earl of Dumfries, much of it Scottish, and is complimented by decorative pieces by Thomas Chippendale. The plaster work alone, all designed by Robert Adam, is a rare and glorious sight to behold. The room is at its very best in the evening with a glowing fire and candle-lit candelabra.



THE LIBRARY

This room, situated on the ground floor of the west wing, is a bit of hidden gem as it is not included the public tour of the House. A room lined with books and richly furnished, it is an incredibly welcoming

space used for private meetings and private hospitality events. Originally designed to be a Turkish bath, the signs of that intention are still there for those with a keen eye.



UNIQUE SPACES, FROM THE INTIMATE TO THE EPIC



THE PAVILION

This is a grand space, ideal for larger scale events and appended to the rear of the east wing of the House. With its glass frontage, the Pavilion presents unparalleled views across open countryside across the north of the estate. Access to the Pavilion is through the ground floor of the House. It is a fantastically adaptable space and can be configured to suit the needs of any event. The walls of the Pavilion are bedecked with gilded mirrors and adorned with elegant ornamentation. It has its own permanent bar area. All other services are accessed via the main House.



THE SCHOOL ROOM

Sitting at ground floor level in the west wing and with magnificent views to the front entrance of the House, The School Room is an elegant, comforting sitting room whose walls are decorated with original watercolours by His Royal Highness. It has an intimate, homely and secluded atmosphere and is an ideal space for small private meetings or intimate dining. So called, as it is the room where the governess would have gathered the children for daily lessons.

THE YELLOW DRAWING ROOM

Sometimes referred to as the Family Parlour or the North Drawing Room, this room would have formed part of a three-roomed apartment within the House (parlour, study, bedroom) for the Earl of Dumfries. The clue is in the name, as they say, and there is no mistaking where the name originates from once you enter. The exhilarating yellow damask on the restored Chippendale elbow chairs, Alexander Peter sofa and drapes from Chippendale pelmets lift this north facing room to new heights. This drawing room also houses a fully restored Kirkwood Harpsichord, one of the last pieces in the collection to be restored. Garden.



THE ENTRANCE HALL

The main Entrance Hall sitting at the top of the front steps is the central point of the entire House, the whole idea of the original design being to impress the visitor. We are immediately presented with the Earl of Dumfries's credentials; the repeated presentation of his family emblem, a baby dragon or wyvern, and the Noble Order of the Thistle. All of the important rooms on the principal floor are entered from the Entrance Hall.

AROUND THE DUMFRIES
HOUSE ESTATE

THE WALLED GARDEN PAVILION



OTHER ESSENTIAL ASPECTS OF YOUR EVENT

No matter the nature of the event you are organising for your guests, we strongly encourage all of our clients to consider a tour of this magnificent piece of heritage, both House and Estate, as part of your visit. Our experienced guides will make this an informative and enjoyable part of your event. A tour of the House would normally last anything from 45 minutes to an hour. Tours of the estate are normally undertaken by coach and would take somewhere in the region of 1.5 hours. These can be scheduled into your planned event when best suits.

Dumfries House has good road and rail links to the South, with Glasgow only 1 hour's drive away, offering domestic and international air routes. The House has ample car parking facilities for guests on arrival.

To assist in making your event a real success, the Dumfries House Events Team would be delighted to support your staff in the following areas, and more: accommodation booking; airport and rail transfers; itinerary setting; floristry, photography and musical entertainment; and private tours of Dumfries House and Gardens



This charming building looks as if it has been in place since the beginning of time: in fact it is relatively recent addition to the inside of the Dumfries House's breath-taking and extensive Walled Garden. Finished to the highest standard using many different traditional craft skills and furnished with hand-made limed oak tables and chairs, the Garden Pavilion sits adjacent to the Belvedere which enjoys magnificent views over the entire Walled Garden.



Our luxury guest accomodation

THE LODGE

Our luxury, bespoke guest accommodation sits adjacent to one of the main entrances to the estate, some 500m from Dumfries House itself. Originally shown in the Adam plans as the Factor's House, together with a series of farm buildings, a careful restoration and development programme has created a unique quadrangle of 26 en-suite, double guest bedrooms. Each room has been carefully and individually designed to echo features of Dumfries House itself. Whilst each guest room has comfortable seating included, the Lodge also has two charming, country sitting rooms and breakfast room. The Lodge is fully licensed and offers a drinks room service.



OUR TEAM

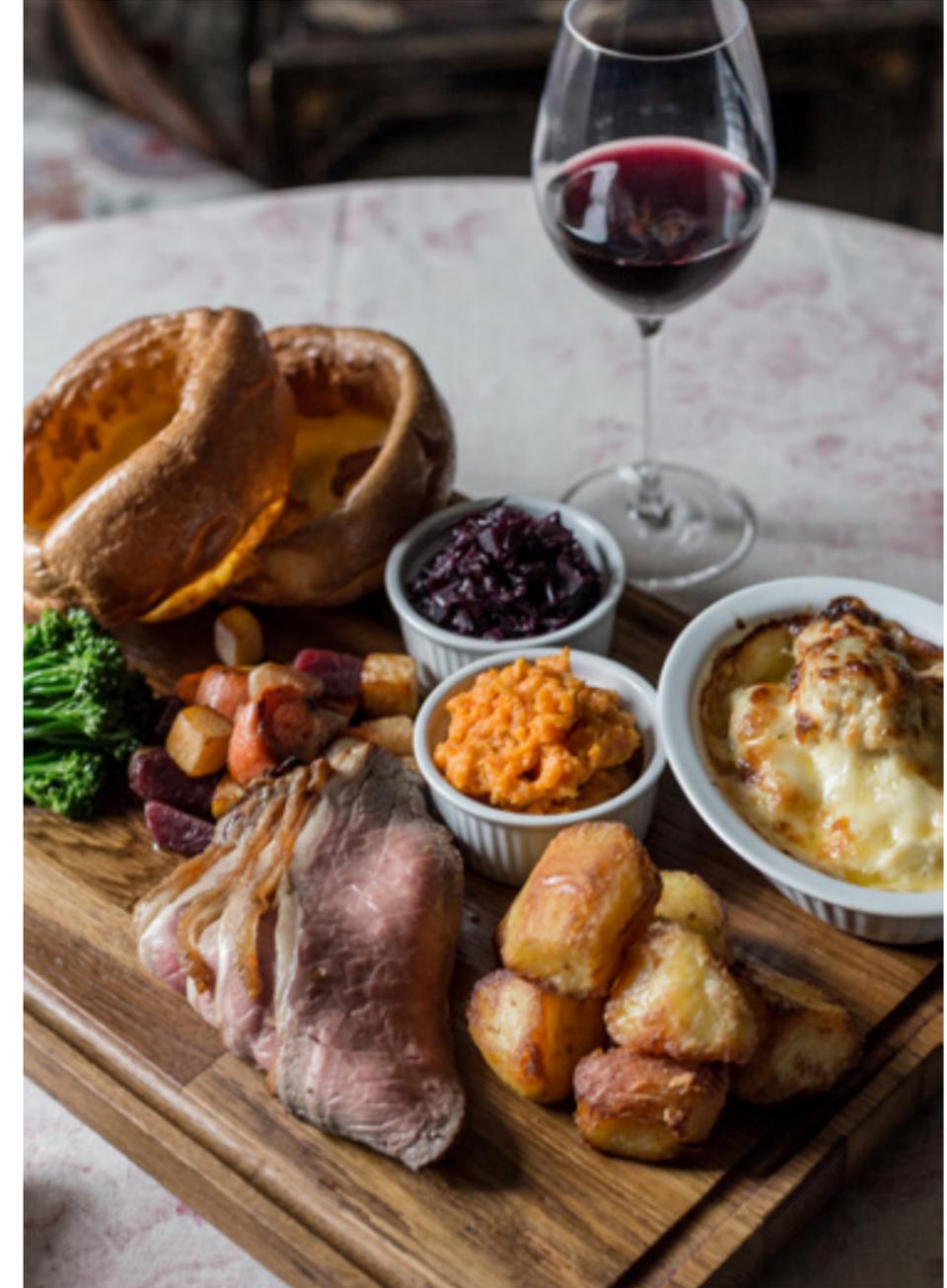
Employing some 300 staff in the UK and overseas, more than two-thirds of all members of staff employed by The Prince's Foundation are based at Dumfries House. Staff work within a range of different departments, including: events and hospitality, catering, gardens and grounds, housekeeping, visitor services and guides, farming, education, outdoor activities, finance, shop assistants, café, and lodge. Combined, our Catering and Events & Hospitality team is the largest department within the organisation. This is a highly skilled department accustomed to delivering high-end events throughout the year. Our staff greet all guests and visitors to the House and Estate in the same way; with respect and great courtesy.



Our chefs and front-of-house staff are well versed in delivering high profile events on a daily basis

OUR FOOD

The food we use, prepare and present is key to our success. We have our own highly experienced full-time staff who deliver an astonishing array of culinary wonders. There is a huge emphasis on using locally sourced produce wherever possible and a focus on using food that is seasonal. Of course, we have the luxury of having our own, large vegetable garden on site and much of the produce comes direct from there. From kitchen to table, we aim for the highest of standards no matter the nature of the event.





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