



HOPETOUN
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Frequently Asked Questions

Can we access the house?

At the moment we are opening the grounds only, and on a trial basis. If this is successful we will extend the opening hours for the grounds and consider the viability of safely re-opening the House – keep an eye on our website, or sign up for updates at www.hopetoun.co.uk/news/newsletters/.

What time do you open the grounds?

Our gates will be open from 11am with our last entry at 4pm. Please be aware that our car park will close at 5pm.

Will there be somewhere to buy food and drink?

Unfortunately we are unable to re-open the Stables tea-room at present, however we do encourage you to bring your own food as we have plenty of space for you to enjoy a nice picnic. NB – Please do take your rubbish home with you, and no BBQ's please.

Will there be toilet facilities available?

Yes, we will have the toilets in the Stables wing open. We will have a queuing system in place and will be admitting visitors to the toilets on a one household in, one household out policy. The toilets will be thoroughly cleaned every day and our housekeeping team will be on hand all day carrying out regular cleaning.

Are dogs allowed on the grounds?

Dogs are very welcome in the grounds of Hopetoun but must always be kept on a lead. As usual we ask all owners to bring their own poop bags and clean up after their dog, bins are provided for poop bags only. There is a water bowl in the colonnades for thirsty pets.

Can we visit Midhope Castle?

Access to Midhope is managed separately from access to the House and Grounds, and is not currently open so please keep an eye on the Hopetoun website for further updates.

Do we have to pay for parking?

No, we offer free parking at Hopetoun.

Do I need to pre-book my ticket?

Yes, in line with the Scottish Government guidelines all visits to the Hopetoun Grounds must now be booked in advance, therefore we sadly cannot accommodate anyone turning up on the day without a pre-booked ticket.



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Is there any public transport?

Unfortunately not, we are situated in a rural location there are no bus routes that come close to Hopetoun.

How will you enforce social distancing?

The safety of our staff and visitors is our main priority. We are opening the grounds on a strictly limited capacity and anyone wishing to visit must have booked before arriving on site. At the gates, we will have a system in place to organise the flow of traffic, minimise the need for person-to-person interaction and maintain a safe flow of people coming onto the property. Your tickets will be checked through your car window. Please wait patiently and show your documents through the window when asked. Our staff will also be monitoring visitors and may intervene if they feel that physical distancing is not being observed.

Will there be hand sanitizer available?

Yes, we will have a hand sanitizer station outside the toilets, although we do highly advise to also bring your own too.

Can I arrive by bike?

Yes, you are welcome to travel to Hopetoun by bike, but we do kindly ask that you leave your bike in the car park and don't take it around the grounds. For the safety of others who are also enjoying the grounds and to maintain social distancing, bikes and scooters are not permitted past the car park.