

THE CASTLE ATRIUM



The Castle Atrium will create a beautiful, versatile event space within the grounds of Tutbury Castle, allowing us to host weddings, celebrations, community events and larger functions throughout the year. Our aim is to introduce a high-quality structure that feels sympathetic to the Castle's historic surroundings, while providing the comfort, facilities and flexibility needed to bring this remarkable site back to life for future generations.

Not only will this space be available to hire for private events, weddings and celebrations but we will also be opening it to the public EVERY SUNDAY* so that the public can enjoy a delicious Sunday Lunch at the castle!

Just imagine sitting in The Castle Atrium and soaking up the atmosphere of the Castle while enjoying a delicious Sunday Lunch, or a wonderful Mother's Day Afternoon Tea! In the Castle Atrium, you will be able to enjoy Tutbury Castle like never before!

FORECAST TIMELINE: SPRING/SUMMER 2027 (SUBJECT TO PLANNING)

*SUBJECT TO ANY LARGE-SCALE EVENTS IN THE SCHEDULE.

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THE CAFÉ & MUSTER



THE CAFÉ

The new beating heart of The Castle – the café will provide a warm and welcoming place for visitors to relax, enjoy good food and drink, and take in the unique atmosphere of Tutbury Castle. Our aim is to create a characterful space that respects the historic setting, celebrates quality local produce and becomes a popular meeting place for the community, day visitors and guests attending events at the Castle.

Long term, we hope to create a permaculture garden and have vegetable beds which will help to supply our beautiful new café!

FORECAST: SPRING 2027

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THE MUSTER

Looking out over the sward, we hope you will agree that on sunny days, there will be no better place to be. We can't wait to open the castle gates and welcome in the community once again.

Imagine sitting here in the sun after a walk, dog at your feet and delicious ice cream in hand! The Muster will be the ideal grab and go outlet for delicious ice creams, milkshakes and more!

FORECAST: SPRING 2027

HISTORIC ACCOMMODATION



We are especially excited about this part of the project. With great care and attention, we plan to transform the upper floor of the main house into exceptional accommodation for up to eight guests. The four-bedroom apartment will include two bathrooms, a kitchenette and an elegant living area within the current Great Hall. It will be available alongside weddings and events, as well as for private stays subject to availability.

The Great Hall will also provide a stunning “getting ready” space for bridal parties, with character, natural light and countless opportunities for memorable photographs.

FORECAST TIMELINE: SUMMER 2027 (UP TO 6 GUESTS) WITH FURTHER ROOM AND EN-SUITE COMING IN SPRING 2028. (SUBJECT TO PLANNING)

A SPACE FOR INTIMATE EVENTS

Ever fancied hosting a dinner party in a castle? If our plan comes off, you will soon be able to! The beautiful rooms on the ground floor of the house will be transformed into a beautiful dining room which can be hired for small private events and private dining as well as a unique meeting space. When not in use as private dining space we will utilise it for different community events to try and keep as much of the castle open to the public as we can.

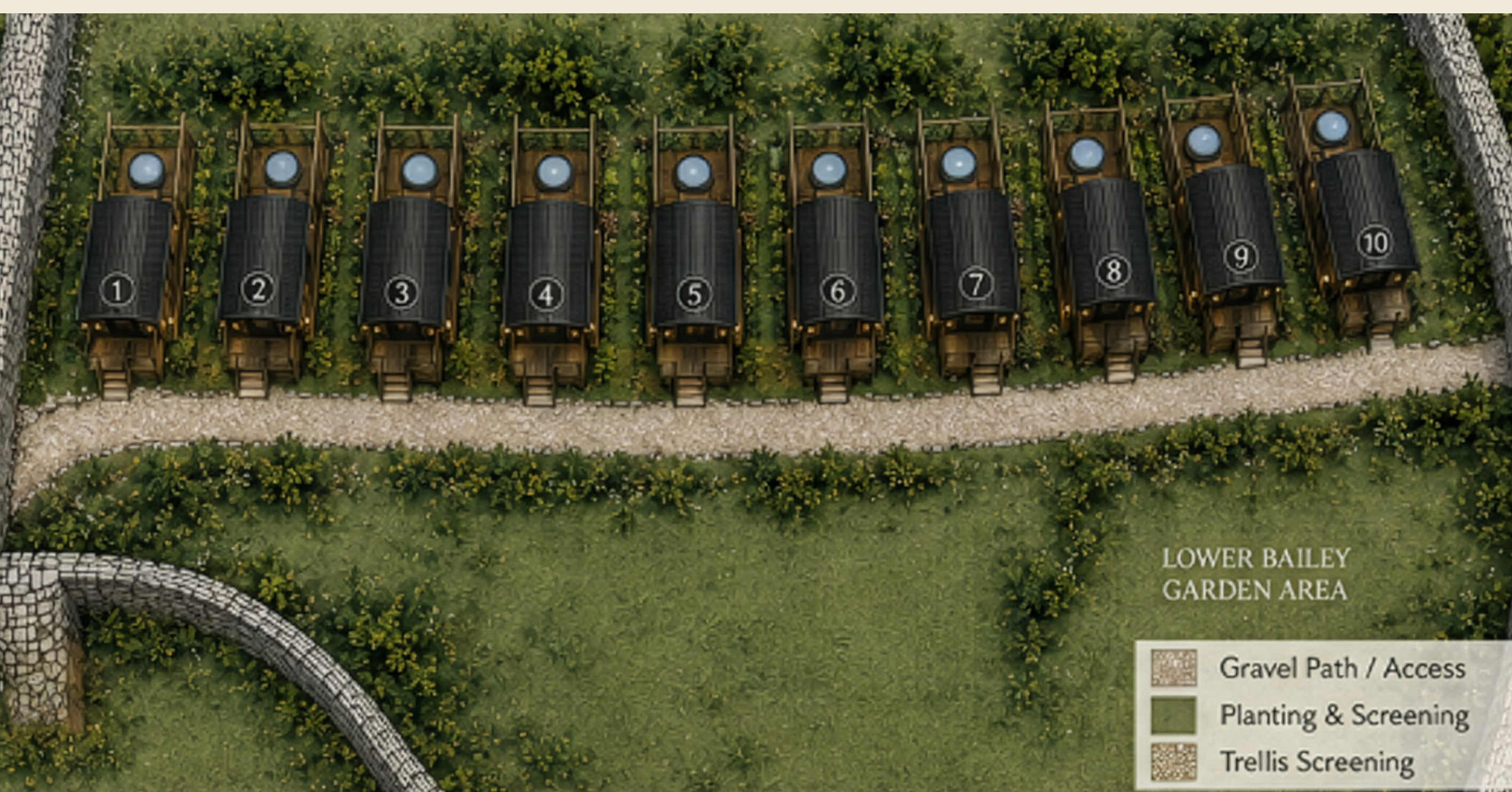
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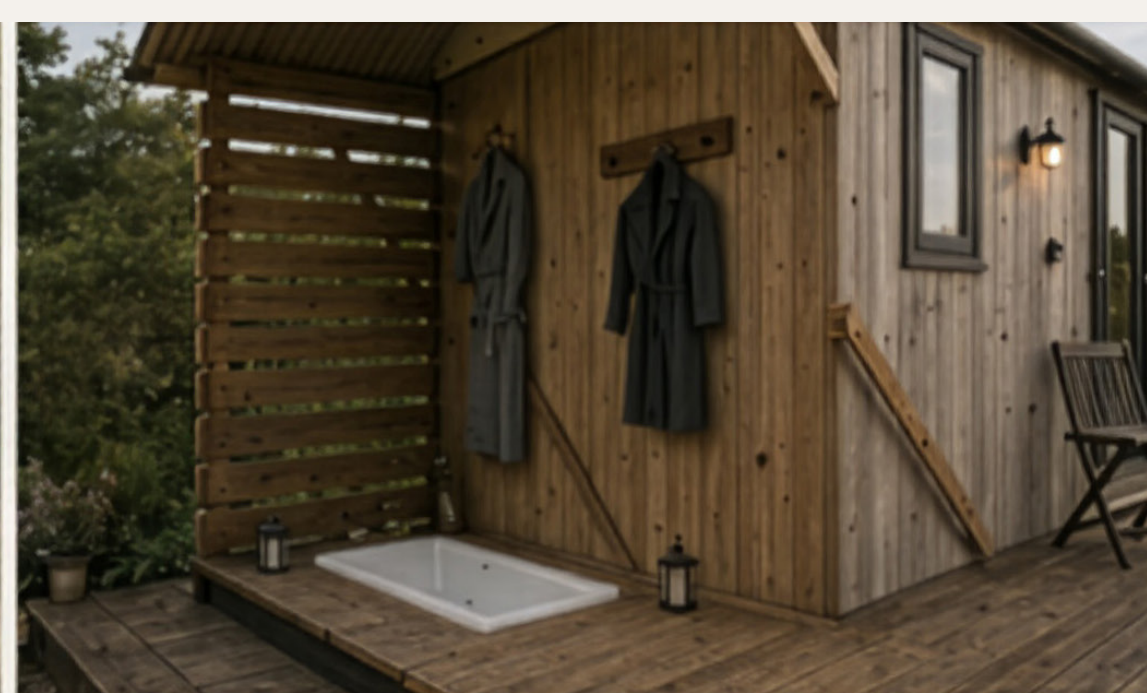
— BEAUTIFUL —

SHEPHERD HUTS

& CAMPING



TYPICAL HUT LAYOUT
NOT TO SCALE



We are exploring the creation of a small collection of beautifully designed shepherd huts, offering distinctive overnight accommodation within the historic grounds of Tutbury Castle. Each hut would provide a comfortable and private place to stay, with its own bedroom, bathroom and seating area, allowing wedding guests, event visitors and leisure guests to extend their time at the Castle.

The surrounding area would also be used for seasonal camping and glamping, creating a range of memorable ways to stay close to nature. Designed with sustainability and the sensitive historic setting in mind, the huts would be positioned on raised platforms using ground-screw foundations to minimise disturbance to the landscape and archaeology.

FORECAST TIMELINE: SPRING 2028
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WELLNESS AT THE CASTLE

WELLBEING & RECOVERY RETREATS

AIMING UP

Whilst our glamping and basic camping options will be open to all, we intend to run our own retreats and classes which will see spaces being used for a range of activities designed to support mental health and spiritual growth; We call this ‘aiming up’.

SOCIAL PRESCRIPTION & VOLUNTEERING

General volunteering programmes can help people to reduce loneliness and anxiety, learn new skills, get back into work and it will help us with gardening, laying paths and trails through the woodland, keeping the site tidy, greeting and guiding visitors, running clubs and activities. Some people need a little more support and so our social prescription programme will be GP and patient-led, with referrals from primary and secondary care providers to Social Prescription Co-ordinators.

RETREATS, HOLISTIC THERAPIES & CLASSES

As part of the wider programme of events and activities we will curate retreats which help people to change their lives, leave behind unhelpful beliefs and behaviours and reach their potential.

FORECAST TIMELINE: TBA (SUBJECT TO PLANNING)

RESTORING BIODIVERSITY

PERMACULTURE

CARE FOR PEOPLE, CARE FOR THE EARTH, RE-INVEST THE SURPLUS.

The ethics and principles of permaculture will be used across the site not only to make a beautiful, bio-diverse space but within our business structure and ways of working to ensure staff, volunteers and visitors feel nourished by their time spent at the castle.

BIODIVERSITY

Using every space to promote biodiversity through careful design from the carpark to the woodland to the inaccessible parts of the castle mound. We aim to include some livestock (and a few thousand bees) within the mix to help fertilise and control pests so as to avoid chemical fertilisers and insecticides. This could include chickens, goats, the famous Tutbury Peacocks and even some rare-breed cattle.

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— OTHER PROJECTS —

IN THE PIPELINE

CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

Bespoke Hospitality Group is a family-run business, and families are at the heart of everything we do, so we simply couldn't miss the opportunity to create a play area within the Castle walls. Our plans are still at an early stage and remain subject to planning approval, but we are incredibly excited to design something imaginative, fun and sympathetic to these historic surroundings. We may even be exploring the possibility of building a slide down the Mount!

After all, we can't think of a better place to enjoy a cup of tea than on the terrace overlooking the Sword while the children play, can you?

FORECAST TIMELINE: SUMMER 2027

(SUBJECT TO PLANNING)

THE MOAT WALK

Working with The Duchy, we are looking to create a walkway through the historic dry moat of the castle. Experience the castle as invaders of old did and imagine walking in their footsteps the perfect short walk for young children of addition to a longer walk in beautiful surrounding countryside. We are aiming to cultivate the moat to prioritise biodiversity and permaculture.

FORECAST TIMELINE: SUMMER 2028

(SUBJECT TO PLANNING)

MARKET STALLS

The Castle was once alive with activity and we want to bring it to live again. We hope to establish a number of semi-permanent market stalls within the castle walls to sell beautifully crafted artisan products made by local craftsmen and women.

FORECAST TIMELINE: SUMMER 2028

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