



## **PRESS RELEASE**

**19<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

### **Hertford Castle Craft Market & Open Day**

To mark the end of the month long Hertford Arts Festival, Hertford Castle will open its doors for the first time this year on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

The annual Hertford Castle Craft Market will take place on the Castle lawn from 12noon – 4pm with free entry.

There will be over 30 craft stalls exhibiting and selling an array of merchandise. From handmade jewellery to fabric crafts, chutney and pickles to gifts, cards, and illustrations. The stallholders will showcase some of the county's finest craftsmanship.

For families feeling creative, an array of stalls will be running fun activities that bring children closer to art and culture throughout the afternoon. Children can decorate their own crowns and masks or participate in the Wilkins Kennedy drawing competition, try their hand at sandart or participate in the Big Art workshop. Concessions will be available on the lawn including crepes, cheese toasties and ice cream.

Inside the Castle, visitors are welcome to explore the basement, which features themed rooms such as the 'dungeon', 'Victorian kitchen', 'stock room' and the 'court room'.

The Downshire Suite and Robing Room will also be open for the public to visit and volunteers will be on hand to help answer queries.

Entry to the event is free to attend, although donations to the Mayor's charities, the Hertford Branch of St John Ambulance and the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife trust, are welcome.

For more information on the Hertford Castle Open Day and Craft Market or The Hertford Arts Festival please visit [www.hertford.gov.uk](http://www.hertford.gov.uk).

#### **Note to Editors**

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Event Sponsors are Bentley House, Wilkins Kennedy and Morgan Alexander.