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## **Medieval Mischief at Knaresborough Castle and Museum on Sunday 20 June FREE EVENT**

Knaresborough Castle will be hosting its fifth Medieval Living History Day on **Sunday 20 June**. Travelling back in time to Medieval England the castle will come alive to sounds of medieval **music, feasting, entertainment, crafts** and **military drills!**

Organised by Harrogate Museum and Arts, the event will be opened by Knaresborough Town Crier **Nancy Buckle** at 11am, followed by a medieval musical performance by Trouvere **medieval minstrels**. A **Living History Group** will be camped in the Castle yard throughout the day, living a medieval life by **preparing and cooking food**, displaying examples of medieval armour and demonstrating **medieval combat**. There will also be the chance to meet a **medieval surgeon** and listen to his tale throughout the day – but it's not for the faint hearted! Trouvere will be giving additional **musical performances** throughout the day in the castle grounds. Visitors will have chance to delight in the sound of their medieval instruments – and even try a few medieval dance steps!

Falconry UK from Sion Hall near Thirsk will be thrilling visitors with their birds of prey **flying displays**, with an opportunity to view their static display throughout the day. The Claro Archaeology Group will be displaying medieval finds and talking about their latest archaeology work at Fewston. Archaeologist Kevin Cale will also be running a special '**Archaeology Detective Trail**' for families round the castle site – you'll never look at bumps in the ground in the same way again! **Medieval bowling** taster sessions will be running on the Castle green, and there will also be the chance to try **medieval games** with museum staff, and to learn how to juggle with our medieval jester! Throughout the day watch out for traditional **medieval craft workers** and Dante Ferrara, the hurdy-gurdy-playing minstrel!

There's also an opportunity for all young minstrels and maidens to get into the medieval mood with the children's **medieval costume competition**, with free prizes for all entrants. Judging will take place at 1.30pm.

There will be **free admission to the castle and museum** throughout the day and costumed guides to help you explore this historic site. A free programme will be available on the day showing when all the events will be taking place. The event closes at 4pm.

### **Enjoy some medieval mayhem and come and visit on the 20 June!**

The event has been generously supported by the Knaresborough Regeneration Partnership and the Department of Leisure and Amenity Services, Harrogate Borough Council.

### **Ends**

For further information call Janine Taylor on 01423 556 188

Photo opportunity on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am, with staff in medieval costume.

*Knaresborough Castle and Museum is operated by Harrogate Museums and Arts.  
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