


# Mystery Manor Trail

at Bruce Castle Museum





**Bruce Castle is a 16th century manor house. Originally known as Lordship House, the oldest part of Bruce Castle was built over 500 years ago.**

Many different people have lived at Bruce Castle and the building has lots of stories to tell. Aimed at children aged 6+ years old, this activity trail will help you explore the early history of Bruce Castle and the people who have lived here.

Wilbur our friendly Wyvern is a dragon-like creature who sits at the back of the building. He would like to show you around his home.

Hello! My name is Wilbur the Wyvern. I have lived in the Castle for over 300 years.

I like to sit on walls, stick my tongue out and curl my tail!

I also like to show people around my home.



Let's start by going outside to explore the tower.

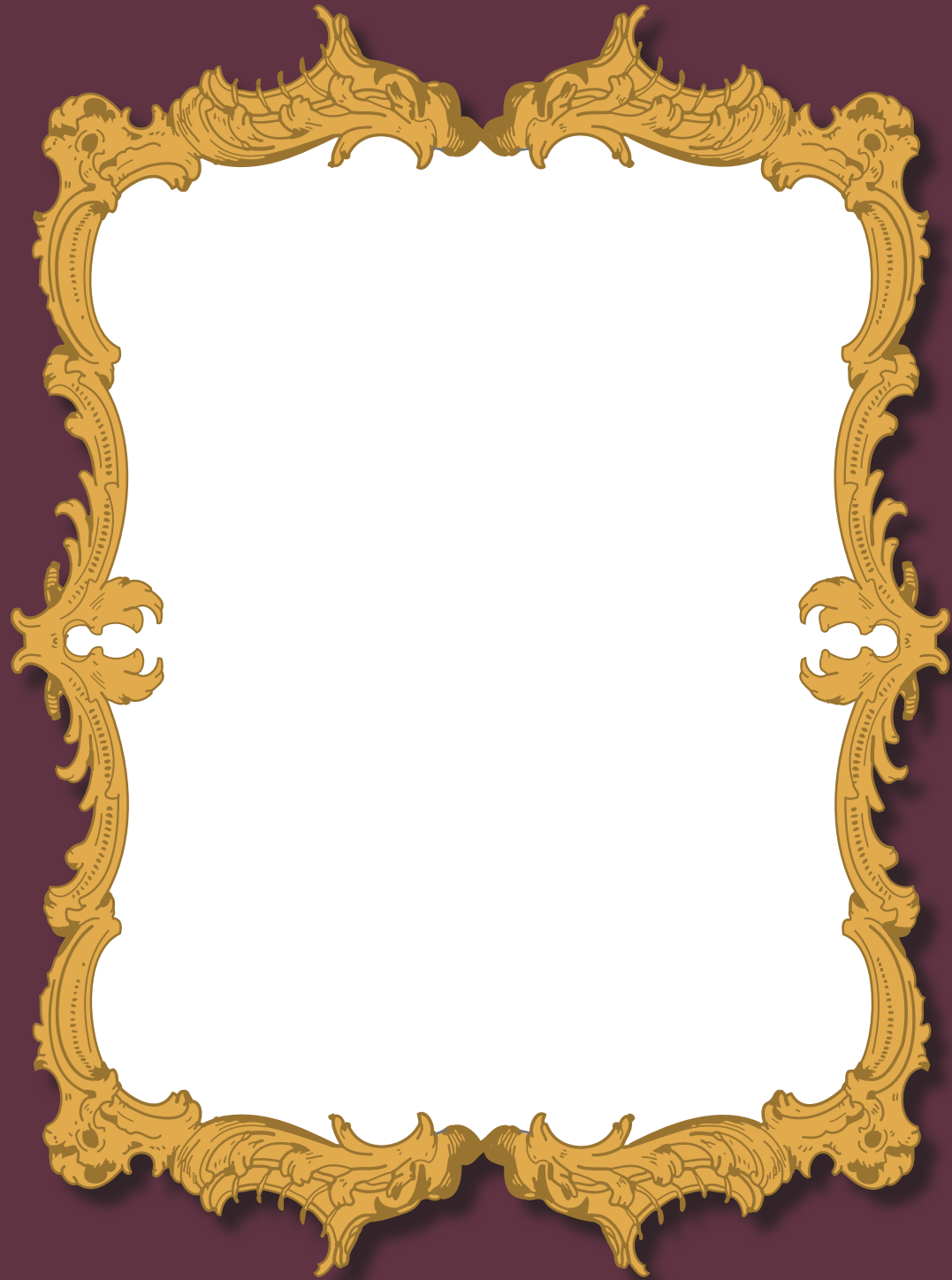
The Tower dates from the early 1500s  
and is the oldest part of Bruce Castle.



We think it was  
a hawks-mews  
(a place for  
hunting birds to  
live) but no-one  
is really sure!

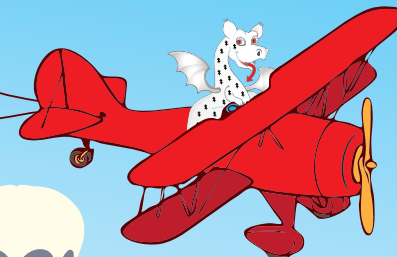


On the next page draw a  
picture of the Tower and  
use the stickers to put  
some hawks inside.



Bruce Castle used to be a house. Many different people have lived here and they have all left their mark.

Use the stickers to add the weather vane.



What time is it?

Draw the hands on the clock.

The dark windows are false windows to hide the roof.

How many can you count?  
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Bruce Castle has a ghost. Her name is Constantia Lucy.

Use the stickers to add her to the building.

Walk around the building. Can you find another door? In the 1800s this was the front door.



Look up high!  
Can you see my  
sister Willow?

Design your own  
Coat of Arms.

Use the  
stickers to  
help you



On top of the  
shield is a  
coronet - a  
special type  
of crown.



The Coleraine  
family lived at  
Bruce Castle in  
the 17th Century.

We are part of  
the Coleraine  
Coat of Arms.  
It is our job to  
support the shield.

A Coat of Arms is a  
special shield with  
symbols and colours  
that identify a family.

Add your  
name here

Now let's go and explore  
inside Bruce Castle.

Can you find the 2nd Lord Coleraine and his painting of Bruce Castle? It was found in 37 pieces.

Draw the last piece to finish the painting.



Now have a look for the big painting of his children, Lucius and Montague.

Can you spot their African Servant? We do not know if this boy lived here or what his name was. →



There are so many mysteries at Bruce Castle! There is one more I want to share with you...

### The Story of Constantia Lucy - The Ghost of Bruce Castle

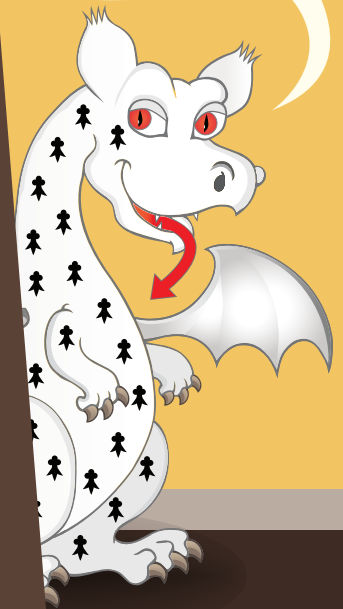
Henry Hare, the 2nd Lord Coleraine married a lady called Constantia Lucy. They had a son Hugh and moved to Bruce Castle.

Over time, Lord Coleraine grew tired of his wife. It is believed he liked another woman called Sarah, Duchess of Somerset.

He locked Constantia upstairs in the small room below the clock. Constantia was slowly driven mad by the loud sound of the clock ticking.

One night she escaped and threw herself off the building. Her screams woke the servants who ran out to find her dying on the ground.

Poor Constantia, she is a lovely lady and she visits me every year on November 3rd for tea and cakes. I'll introduce you next time she visits!





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