



DOUNE CASTLE CASE STUDY

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STIRLINGSHIRE

**Location:** South East of Doune Village, Stirlingshire

**Dates:** June 1996

**Client:** Historic Scotland

**Project Background:**

Doune Castle is a category A listed ancient monument. The highest level of protection given for built heritage in Scotland, which is managed by Historic Scotland. The castle dates back to the thirteenth century and after being damaged at many stages including during the Scottish Wars of Independence, the castle is now a ruin.

**Tender Process:**

Since 1995 GHM Masonry have been providing masonry and labour support to Historic Scotland in the upkeep of properties in their care. We were contacted in early 1996 and asked to mobilise a team of 5 stonemasons and their labour to start conservation and restoration works to the Great Hall, the Gatehouse and the boundary walling.



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## **Specification:**

1. Consolidate the stonework in the great hall with minimal replacement
2. Grid and scale the Gatehouse for take-down and rebuild replacing any friable masonry and de-scaling the original
3. Take down and rebuild the boundary wall replacing any damaged stone with reclaimed of the same
4. Lime pointing

## **Description of Works:**

1. Production of method statements and risk assessments for submission and approval of Historic Scotland
2. Site induction and walk round with historic Scotland clerk of works and GHM Masonry's stonemasons
3. Consolidation works of the Great Hall and indentifying and damaged stone, only replacing on the approval of Historic Scotland
4. Photographing and gridding the gatehouse for takedown
5. De-scaling the original stone and dressing new reclamation stone
6. Rebuilding the gable of the gatehouse using site records
7. Take down and rebuild the wall heads of the boundary wall and point

## **Summary:**

Doone Castle is a remarkable construction that is known throughout the world for its history and thanks to appearing in the Monty Python film "The Holy Grail". GHM Masonry are honoured to be a part of the team that keeps this landmark maintained for its followers for years to come.