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Our ref: AQW 12177/22-27
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Dear Cheryl,

AQW 12177/22-27- (I) THE NUMBER OF VISITORS; (II) THE NUMBER OF HIRE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED; AND (III) THE NUMBER OF HIRE APPLICATIONS REJECTED, FOR EACH STATE CARE MONUMENT IN THE LAST THREE YEARS

You recently submitted Assembly Written Question AQW 12177/22-27 which requested detail on (i) the number of visitors; (ii) the number of hire applications received; and (iii) the number of hire applications rejected, for each State Care Monument in the last three years.

As outlined in my response, due to the volume of information provided, I have arranged for the information requested to be placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely,

Gordon Lyons MLA
Minister for Communities

Number of visitors for each State Care Monument in the last three years.

STATE CARE MONUMENT	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
Ballycopeland Windmill	N/A	N/A	2,971
Carrickfergus Castle	14,776	47,875	55,005
Derry City Walls	435,250	587,000	579,500
Devenish Ecclesiastical site	783	19,068	18,883
Dunluce Castle	57,619	119,424	162,507
Enniskillen Castle	35,751	75,813	97,389
TOTALS	544,19	849,180	916,255

The number of hire applications received and hire applications rejected for each State Care Monument in the last three years.

	2021-2022		2022-2023		2023-2024	
	Applications Received	Applications Rejected	Applications Received	Applications Rejected	Applications Received	Applications Rejected
SITES						
Aghalurcher Church	0	0	1	0	0	0
Annaghmare Court Tomb	1	0	0	0	0	0
Antrim Round Tower	0	0	0	0	1	0
Armagh Friary	1	0	0	0	0	0
Armoy Round Tower	0	0	1	0	0	0
Audley's Castle	1	0	2	0	1	0
Audleystown Cairn	0	0	1	0	1	0
Ballycopeland Windmill	0	0	8	0	4	0
Ballykeel Dolmen	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ballymacdermot Cairn	2	0	0	0	0	0

Ballynoe Stone Circles	4	0	1	0	3	0
Beaghmore Stone Circles	7	0	1	0	3	0
Bellaghy Bawn	0	0	1	0	0	0
Benburb Castle	1	0	4	1	2	0
Bonamargy Friary	1	1	1	1	2	0
Carrickfergus Castle	22	2	25	1	28	1
Carrickfergus Gasworks	0	0	1	0	0	0
Castle Archdale	0	0	1	0	0	0
Castle Balfour	1	0	1	0	1	0
Castle Caulfield	1	0	0	0	0	0
Clogher Hill Fort	3	0	0	0	0	0
Clontygora Court Cairn	1	0	0	0	0	0
Derry's Walls	52	0	35	1	61	1
Devenish Island	8	1	5	1	2	0
Dromore Motte	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dromore Mound	0	0	1	0	1	0
Dunalis Souterrain	0	0	1	0	0	0

Drumena Cashel	1	0	0	0	1	0
Dundrum Castle	1	0	4	0	3	0
Dungiven Priory	3	0	1	0	0	0
Dunluce Castle	19	1	16	1	19	1
Enniskillen Castle	3	0	0	0	0	0
Giant's Ring	13	0	7	0	10	0
Goward Dolmen	1	0	0	0	0	0
Green Castle	0	0	1	0	2	0
Grey Abbey	19	0	8	0	5	0
Grey Point Fort	0	0	1	0	3	1
Harry Avery's Castle	1	0	0	0	0	0
Haughey's Fort	1	0	0	0	0	0
Inch Abbey	10	0	7	1	2	0
Inishmacsaint	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kilclief Castle	1	0	0	0	2	0
Killeavy Old Churches	2	0	0	0	4	0
Kilnasaggart Pillar Stone	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kinbane Castle	0	0	2	0	6	0
King's Stables	2	0	0	0	1	0

Knockmany Passage Tomb	1	1	0	0	1	0
Kirkistown Castle	0	0	1	0	0	0
Lissanduff Earthworks	0	0	0	0	1	0
Martello Tower	1	0	0	0	3	0
Millin Bay Cairn	1	0	0	0	1	0
Monea Castle	5	0	1	1	0	0
Mound of Down	1	0	0	0	0	0
Moyry Castle	3	1	0	0	1	0
Muckamore Priory	0	0	0	0	1	0
Narrow Water Keep	0	0	1	0	1	0
Navan Fort	6	0	6	0	11	0
Nendrum Monastic Site	3	0	7	2	4	0
Newtownards Priory	4	0	4	1	2	0
Newtownstewart Castle	2	1	1	0	0	0
Old Castle Archdale	0	0	3	0	0	0
Portora Castle	1	0	0	0	0	0
Roughan Castle	1	1	0	0	0	0

Scrabo Tower	3	0	1	0	4	1
Slieve Gullion	2	0	0	0	1	0
Strangford Castle	4	0	1	0	1	0
Struell Wells	1	1	2	0	2	0
St. Lurach's Church	0	0	0	0	2	0
Tirnony Dolmen	0	0	1	0	0	0
Tullaghoge Fort	1	0	2	1	1	0
Tully Castle	10	0	9	0	2	0
White Island	1	0	2	0	3	0