

Pabay Philatelic News



Urquhart Castle

This is the first of a series of new Pabay stamps and First Day Covers showing Scottish Castles.

The site has a long and varied history dating back to the Iron age. A royal castle is said to have stood at Urquhart in the reign of William the Lion (1165-1214). Over the ensuing centuries the castle had many occupants and battles took place in that part of Scotland mainly between the various Scottish clans. Eventually the castle became largely a ruin, but some repair work was carried out.

Urquhart Castle is located east of Drumnadrochit, on the west shore of Loch Ness. 16 miles south-west of Inverness, on the A82.

The site is owned by Historic Scotland and is open daily, April to September 9:30-6:30pm and October to March 9:30-4:30pm. There is a car park.

For admission rates and special events, go www.historic-scotland.gov.uk

Envelopes used for this unique C6 First Day Cover are made from hand-made paper designed and manufactured by the Scottish artist Joanne.B.Karr. For more information on her fascinating work go to her Web site at www.joannebkaar.com

The photographs used in this series have been taken by Eleanor Moore. To see the full range of her stunning photographs of Scotland and other locations look at her Web site www.photosbyeleanor.com.

The stamp and covers are available from:

Stamp Sales, Island of Pabay, Broadford, Isle of Skye., IV49 9BP, Scotland

Stamp: Ref PS234 £2.00 + P&P

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