

## **NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Small electrical fire extinguished at Craigievar Castle**

A small electrical fire has been extinguished at the National Trust for Scotland's Craigievar Castle near Alford today (30 January).

The castle's alarm system alerted the Scottish Fire Service at approximately 10.50am today on 30 January, who responded immediately. There was a small fire in the electrical panel in the shop area on the ground floor of the castle. This was quickly put out and there is only minimal damage around the immediate area of the panel.

The castle is currently closed to visitors and no staff were in the building during the incident.

North East General Manager Iain Hawkins said:

"The fire was small and contained and has now been completely extinguished, with only minimal damage to the area around the electrical panel. Other than this very limited fire damage, the door lock had to be broken to enable access for the emergency services. We are very grateful for the speedy response of the Scottish Fire Service."

Craigievar Castle was completed in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. It is one of Scotland's most picturesque places and is rumoured to have provided the inspiration for Disney's famous castle. After undergoing extensive repairs in 2008 and 2009, the castle was officially re-opened by His Royal Highness the Prince Charles, the Duke of Rothesay in June 2010.

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