

## **Knareborough Castle Halloween Half Term Fun**

Knareborough Castle has never opened its doors during October half term – until 2017. The castle will be open the week of **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>** for fun Halloween games and activities for all of the family.

Harrogate Borough Council Museums and Arts department who look after the castle and Courthouse Museum are looking at lively and imaginative ideas for the week but to achieve them they need a group of children and young people to come together to help design the programme as well as the promotional posters and flyers.

Some information for you -

- Knareborough Castle sits on a cliff-top location towering over the River Nidd was a stronghold of medieval kings.
- Originally built 900 years ago and remaining a Royal Castle to this day, King John, Edward I and Edward II lavished money to create one of the North's most impressive castles.
- The Sallyport is home to the European Cave Spider that only lives underground. They love very dark conditions and are one of the largest spiders in the UK.
- The castle ruins that we see today give only a small glimpse of its former greatness and its colourful role in the nation's history. For example did you know that the knights who murdered Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Becket in 1170 then fled to Knareborough and hid in the castle for a year? One of them was Hugh de Morville, the Constable of the Castle at the time.

As part of the research for the project you will need to visit the castle to discover its dramatic history. Find out who built the castle and what life was like for the people who lived in it. Find out the stories that could be brought to life for a scary half term week! And think about what different events would appeal to you, your friends and family, then be involved in all aspects of making them happen.

The Courthouse Museum houses the Tudor courthouse with its extremely rare original interior– can you bring to life some court dramas there telling the story of Knaresborough and many of its fascinating past residents?

The planning sessions will take place on alternative Wednesdays from 4- 5.30pm at Knaresborough Castle (term-time only). The first session being May 10<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to be involved with this fun, creative but unusual project please complete the slip below and send it to me at North Yorkshire Youth.

Many thanks,

**Vicki Lever**

*Youth Development Worker*

Please return the slip below to Vicki Lever at Carlton Lodge to confirm attendance at the group:

## Knarborough Castle Half Term Activity Working Group

Young Person's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age and date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Any allergies or medical conditions we should know about?    Yes        No   

If 'Yes' please give details \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact name and number: \_\_\_\_\_

I consent to the above named member being able to take part in activities with the working group.

I acknowledge that I (parent/carer) am responsible for my child's safety whilst travelling to and from the youth project.

I do/ do not consent to photos being taken of the above named member during these activities (delete as appropriate)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_