

The Friends of St John's Tower (FrOST) support events at the tower which meet the following criteria:

- The event has an appropriate educational and/or historical relevance to St John's Tower and its surroundings; supervising staff should be knowledgeable of the tower's history (see website).
- Supervision of visitors must be adequate, meeting the following points:
 - One guide per small group (max 15 members); school groups and other groups of predominantly young people will require additional supervision
 - Children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult
 - On self-guided visits, e.g.: Doors Open Day, supervision will be provided in the form of one person at the top of the tower, one person at the bottom, and preferably one person on each floor. Where this level of supervision is not feasible, there must be a minimum of one person at the top of the tower, one person at the bottom, and a third person roaming between the middle floors.
 - Access to the grounds of St John's Tower must be monitored at all times. For small groups this is best managed by locking the gate after entering.
- All litter must be removed from the tower and grounds, and the whole site should be checked after any event. People wishing to picnic or play games in the grounds of the tower should be directed to the Low Green or the beach.
- Due to St John's Tower being in a residential area, sound systems are not suitable for use in its grounds. Where an event includes a sound installation inside the tower, sound levels must be adjusted to avoid creating any disturbance to the neighbourhood.
- St John's Tower forms part of Ayr's Common Good property and is not suitable for ventures that seek to profit individuals or groups of individuals. If an event of a commercial nature receives approval by South Ayrshire Council, organisers must have appropriate licenses in place. Access to toilets / comfort breaks must be considered for all event staff and visitors.

Safety and Practical tips:

Visitors should be warned to take care, especially on the stairs and on the parapet. Doorways are low, and there are low protruding slates on the parapet roof.

Our experience is that people may want to add their own graffiti to the historic tower; supervising staff must be vigilant to ensure this does not happen, and they should also ensure nobody attempts to climb the tower walls.

The FrOST group is made up of volunteers who work in partnership with South Ayrshire Council to preserve and improve St John's Tower and its grounds for future generations. Any event at the site must show the upmost consideration for local residents. FrOST is a strictly non-political group. Political gatherings are not considered appropriate for this site.