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ABOUT THE CRICHTON



The Crichton comprises 85 acres of parkland and 27 historic sandstone buildings, located on the outskirts of Dumfries in the South of Scotland.

The Crichton has a business park with 100+ public, private and third sector organisations, including South of Scotland Enterprise (SOSE), The Scotland 5G Centre, a refurbished 71-bedroom hotel and a multi-institution academic campus. The Crichton Golf Club and Midpark Hospital are also adjacent to the estate.

The Crichton benefits from vast open spaces, beautifully landscaped grounds, a rock garden and a rose garden, which are all maintained by The Crichton Trust.

The Crichton is one of the largest entertainment venues in the South of Scotland, with various indoor and outdoor event spaces and venues including; Easterbrook Hall, Easterbrook Bistro, Bar and Spa, Crichton Central and the Crichton Memorial Church and lawns.

The Crichton was created with a purpose of protecting, nurturing and caring for people and their physical and mental health and wellbeing and we are encouraged by the continued demand for our indoor and outdoor spaces and venues for corporate, educational, leisure and social events, exhibitions, festivals and celebrations.

OUR VENUES AND SPACES



The Crichton is the largest multi-functional business park, academic campus and entertainment venue in the South of Scotland and is home to various indoor and outdoor event spaces and venues including; Easterbrook Hall, Easterbrook Bistro, Bar and Spa, Crichton Central, the Crichton Memorial Church, lawns and playing fields. The Crichton benefits from stunning sandstone buildings, vast open spaces, beautifully landscaped grounds and gardens, an on-site hotel, an ambitious vision, a dedicated team and a thriving community, making it the perfect location to work, co-work, study, research, collaborate, innovate, socialise and celebrate.

Whether you are looking for an office for you or your team, short-term meeting rooms, a co-working space, a large conference venue, a hybrid meeting room, an outdoor theatre or festival site, a sporting arena, a large or intimate wedding venue or a fully supported function room for your next awards celebration, team away day or family celebration, The Crichton may well be the venue for you.

If you are interested in speaking to our team or paying us a visit, please call our events team on 01387 702020 or email: events@crichton.co.uk

Easterbrook Hall



Set in the wonderful surroundings of The Crichton, Easterbrook Hall is a unique wedding, conference and events venue offering a choice of well-equipped conference halls, function suites and breakout rooms. The flexible, spacious facilities make Easterbrook Hall an ideal venue for corporate events including meetings, away days, conferences, exhibitions and awards evenings, as well as for large or intimate weddings, tv broadcasts and family, social and charity celebrations, parties and balls.

As one of Scotland's premier conference venues, the events team are experienced in helping clients to organise and host successful events of all types and sizes, with a track record in providing outstanding customer service, a wide

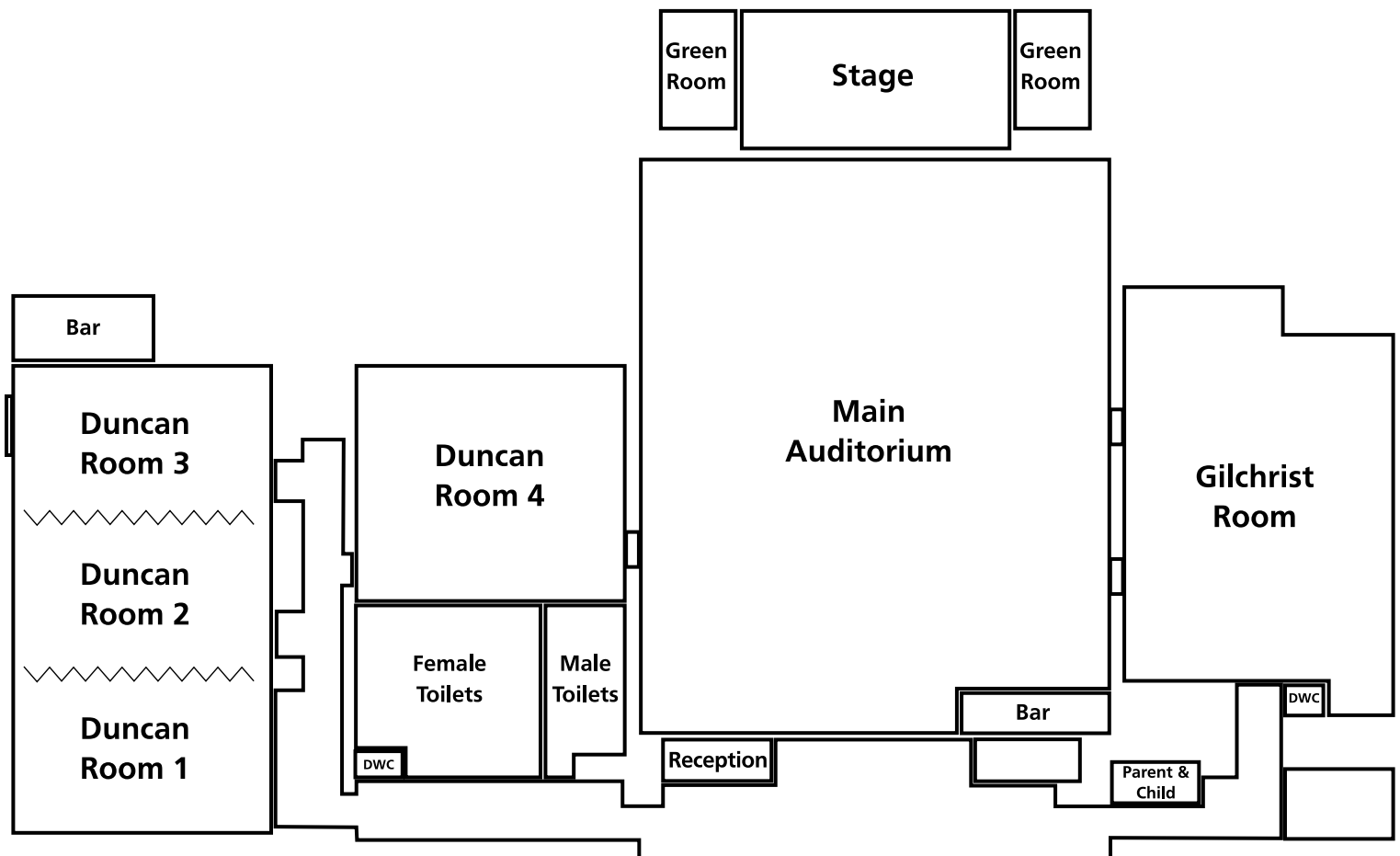
choice of delicious cuisine and the technical support and expertise to deliver successful in-house, online and hybrid events. Events at Easterbrook Hall are always well supported by high quality, local suppliers offering everything from room décor and flower arranging to photography, cakes, entertainment and technical support.

Easterbrook Hall is HQ for our Venues Team, so whatever the occasion, our events team are happy to discuss your needs and to help you to decide on the best venue, menu, schedule and room layout for your event.

To enquire about Easterbrook Hall please call 01387 702020 or email:
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EASTERBROOK HALL FLOORPLAN



The Crichton | Memorial Church



The Crichton Memorial Church is a well-known and much-loved landmark at The Crichton. In 1890, work on the cathedral-style sandstone church, designed by Edinburgh based architect Sydney Mitchell, commenced and was built as a fitting memorial for James and Elizabeth Crichton. It boasts an impressive oak roof, stone carvings by William Vickers of Glasgow, stunning Irish and Sicilian marble floors, stained windows by Oscar Paterson and a rare and much-admired Lewis Organ.

A dedication service was held on 15 October 1897 and since then has continued to be a regular place of worship and a unique venue for celebrations and events including; wedding ceremonies, wine and dine events, graduations, funerals, choirs, concerts and tours and has also been used for tv broadcasts and as a film location too.

To enquire about The Crichton Memorial Church please call 01387 702020 or email: events@crichton.co.uk



Easterbrook | BAR & SPA

BISTRO



Easterbrook Bistro, Bar and Spa is a modern bistro-style café and bar set within the stunning grounds of The Crichton. Although accessed via its own private entrance, Easterbrook Bistro is part of Easterbrook Hall and is also home to the on-site swimming pool and spa and a privately run beauty salon. Open 7 days a week, Easterbrook Bistro is a popular stop for coffee, cake, lunches and afternoon

teas and is also perfectly located for pre-event drinks, private receptions, group gatherings and spa days. Service times are seasonal. Pool memberships and passes also available.

To enquire about Easterbrook Bistro, Bar and Spa please call 01387 702500 or email: bistro@crichton.co.uk



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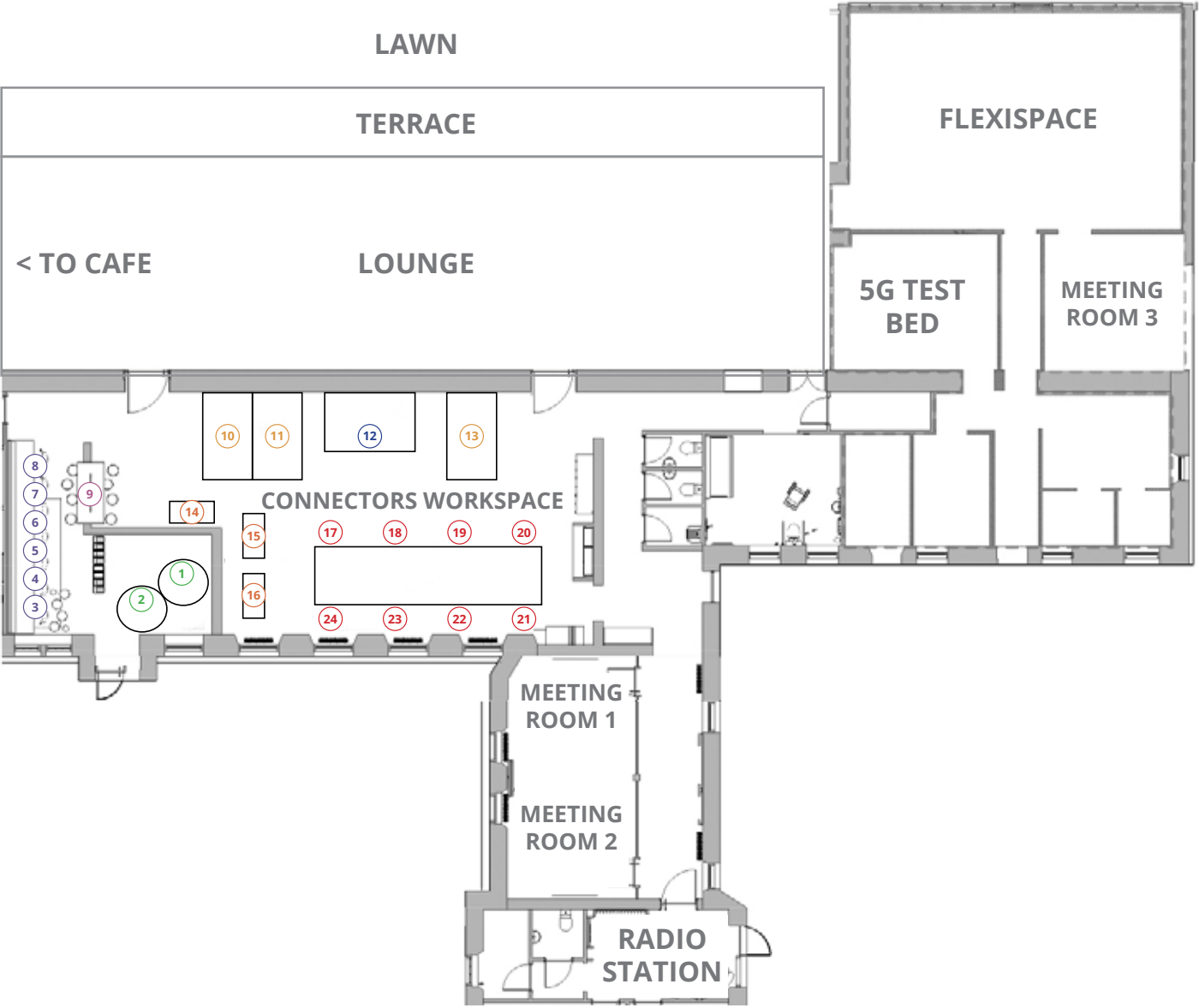
Crichton Central is a high-tech co-working space with a busy café and a suite of rooms including a FlexiSpace and four meeting rooms. The co-working space is dedicated to members and pass holders, while the other meeting rooms and spaces are readily available for private hire. The café has a deli counter, bar, public lounge, outdoor terrace and serviced lawn and also offers takeaways and catering for meeting rooms and events. By day, the lounge is popular with site users and local residents for breakfasts, lunches and coffees, but can be transformed into an events space for early morning business breakfasts,

evening art classes, live concerts, public lectures, product launches and networking events. Crichton Central is also home to The Scotland 5G Centre's Dumfries Hub and Testbed and a Community Radio Station and is equipped with the latest sound, lighting and streaming equipment making it suitable for live, streamed and hybrid events. Crichton Central also has a Changing Places Toilet and shower block. Memberships, passes and business address services available.

To enquire about Crichton Central please call 01387 702234 or email: central@crichton.co.uk



CRICHTON CENTRAL FLOORPLAN





The Crichton | Office Spaces



Buildings, offices and studios of varying sizes are available to let from The Crichton Trust. Offices are located within historic sandstone buildings and are spacious and well maintained with high-speed broadband, stunning views, landscaped grounds and other onsite amenities. There is a thriving community of over 100 public, private, academic and third sector tenants and partners occupying these buildings, including SME's, universities and economic and business support agencies

and a growing number of wellbeing, environmental and tech organisations attracted to The Crichton Community. For short-term use, The Crichton Trust can also offer meeting rooms, board rooms, function halls, conference venues, co-working options and outdoor spaces. To enquire about offices and properties at

The Crichton please call 01387 247544 or email: hello@crichton.co.uk

OUTDOOR VENUES



When it comes to outdoor spaces, The Crichton has the flexibility to host a range of outdoor events and the facilities and expertise to provide hospitality and event management support too. This year alone, The Crichton has hosted the Doonhame Festival, The Royal Burgh of Dumfries Tattoo, Illyria Outdoor Theatre Shows, Year of Stories Tours and Learning Picnic, Drive in Movies, storytelling events, memorial events at the Tree of Tranquillity and the National British Road Championship Time Trials. The weekly Crichton Parkrun also takes place on site every Saturday morning. The Crichton has also been

known to host sports days, community picnics, fun days, corporate away days, outdoor weddings and BBQs. Outdoor events can take place on the main lawn next to the Crichton Memorial Church, on the playing fields next to the pavilion, in the main carpark at Easterbrook Hall, on the lawn at Crichton Central and in the gardens. For larger events, the estate can be transformed into a sporting arena, showground and festival site.

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THE CRICHTON GROUNDS AND GARDENS



The Crichton Grounds and Gardens make hosting or attending an indoor or outdoor event at The Crichton extra special. The historic estate has 85 acres of landscaped grounds, a rock garden, rose garden and sunflower field and an arboretum with an impressive variety of mature trees, shrubs, flowers and plants. The grounds and gardens provide a place to breathe and are popular with corporate and leisure visitors, bridal parties, tenants and site users, community groups and local residents for leisurely strolls, dog walking, exercising and of course with film makers and photographers.

Visitors can also enjoy The Crichton Tree Trail and Mindfulness Trail. The Crichton was recently awarded a Green Flag Award for providing clean, safe and well-maintained green spaces and in recognition of the positive impact the grounds and gardens at The Crichton have on the physical and mental health and wellbeing of all those who live, work, study or visit. Regardless of the season, The Crichton makes a stunning location for hosting your next meeting, conference or event.

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WHY THE CRICHTON?



A place to breathe
Stunning Location
Landscaped Grounds
Beautiful Gardens
Historic Sandstone Buildings
Choice of Indoor Venues
6 to 600 Delegates
Co-working Spaces
Meeting Rooms
Wedding Venue
Conference Venue
Hybrid Events
Academic Community
Business Community
Third Sector Community
Offices for Let
Flexible Outdoor Spaces
Cafes, Bars and Restaurants
Swimming Pool and Spa
In-house Catering and Hospitality

On-site Hotel
Local suppliers and services
Technical Support
Tech Enabled
5G Technology
Professional Team
Thriving Community
Public Transport Links
Free Parking
Electric Charging Stations
Bicycle Racks and Cycle Routes
Walking Paths and Trails
Nearby Golf Course
Accessible Grounds and Venues
Changing Places Toilet
Well Connected
Ambitious and Innovative
Research and Development
Committed to Sustainability
Health and Wellbeing

ABOUT THE CRICHTON TRUST



The Crichton Trust is a company limited by guarantee with charitable status, established in 1996 to promote, regenerate and care for The Crichton and other buildings of historic interest throughout Dumfries and Galloway. Part of the Trust's overall strategic responsibility is to develop The Crichton with a clear identity as a place of educational, commercial, recreational, cultural and artistic excellence.

We connect people, place and the past to shape the future and we want to inspire people to live, work and study well at The Crichton.

As a social enterprise we value the legacy of The Crichton and we understand our responsibility to protect our people and our place, so we are ambitious in our endeavours to create an exciting, lively and sustainable future for our community.

We have a refreshed appreciation for what is important; social connections, outdoor spaces, respect and kindness, partnerships, education, health and wellbeing, adaptability, innovation, sustainability and resilience, all of which are core qualities of The Crichton.

HISTORY AND HERITAGE



The story of The Crichton begins in 1823, with the death of Dr James Crichton of Friars Carse. Dr Crichton left his widow, Elizabeth Crichton, £100,000 to use for charitable purposes.

This resulted in The Crichton; a stunning 85-acre parkland estate on the outskirts of Dumfries in the South of Scotland. Elizabeth's original ambition was to create a university in Dumfries for the education of 'poor scholars'. Despite a 20-year battle to make it a reality, a university was not to be in her time. Instead she created a psychiatric hospital with a world-wide reputation – it was the best in Europe, not only in its treatment of patients, but also in its architecture and environment. The doors opened in 1839 and for the next 150 years it grew to become an internationally recognised centre of excellence in mental health research and care.

In the 1980's the care and treatment of patients with mental health changed and demand for the hospital diminished. In 1995, the local authority took the decision, with courage and foresight, to purchase the estate from the Health Board. It did so with the primary objective of ensuring the public asset was saved, protected and sensitively developed for the good of the wider community. It was also recognised, that there was, at last, the chance to respond to local ambitions to develop a much-needed University Campus offering local access to Higher Education and fulfilling Elizabeth Crichton's dream of having a university in Dumfries.

Although the local authority continue to own the estate they now lease it on a long-term basis (125 years) unencumbered to The Crichton Trust which is a wholly independent charitable company.

SITEMAP



 Explore via
Google Maps



Various cycle routes,
walking paths and
bike racks

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| 1 The Crichton Business Park | 5 Easterbrook Hall |
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| 3 The Crichton Gardens | 7 Academic Campus |
| 4 The Crichton Memorial Church | 8 Holiday Inn Dumfries |

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Easterbrook Bistro, Bar & Spa

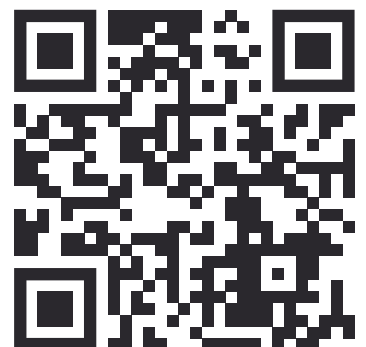
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