

ARUNDEL CASTLE OPENS ITS DOORS EXCLUSIVELY FOR ONE OF THE UK'S BIGGEST ETHICAL AND FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS EVENTS

On Saturday 13th November, one of the largest ethical Christmas Fairs in the country returns to the stunning location of Arundel Castle from 10am to 5pm. Now in its seventh year, Arundel Fairtrade Town Group's annual Fairtrade and Sustainable Christmas Fair 2010 is the perfect place to buy all your special Christmas gifts under one roof whilst supporting local and international ethical trade. Reflecting Arundel's position as the capital of 'Sussex in Style', this year will be the biggest yet with over fifty stalls of Fair Trade, ethical, sustainable, re-used and organic products ranging from locally made organic soap; recycled wool brooches and scarves; solar powered torches; as well as bags and jewellery from as far as South America, Asia and Africa.

One of the highlights this year is 'Cred', the world's first Fairtrade jewellery retailer, which will be selling stunning pieces from its collection using ethically mined silver, gold and platinum, and conflict-free diamonds. Other highlights include free recycled craft workshops: gift bag making in the morning and Christmas card making in the afternoon. All materials used will be recycled so you can come away with creative and hand-made crafts for that unique touch. Recycled clothing fashion will be modelled by Oxfam volunteers throughout the day and Arundel Cancer Research will be selling second-hand books. Fairtrade bed linen from Fairly Covered, household items from Eklectica, Kenyan sisal bags from Voodoo Blue, and Fairtrade footballs from RISC are just some of the other attractions of this year's show.

Event organiser Pip Young says: "This is always a fun event and we are delighted that the Duke & Duchess have given their kind permission again to hold the event in the Castle, as it creates such a fantastic atmosphere. The idea of the Fair is to enable people to buy all their Christmas presents safe in the knowledge that no person and no environment was exploited in the manufacturing process. Many people in Arundel have really embraced the Fair Trade culture since we became the first town in West Sussex to be awarded Fairtrade Town status in 2004 and we are pleased that the event has achieved such an impressive following over the last six years."

Attendance is free. Pedestrian access to the Fair at the Castle is via the Lower Lodge entrance in Mill Road, Arundel. Please note that the rest of the castle and the gardens will be closed to visitors. Refreshments will be available. For further information please call 07761 564154 or visit www.arundel.org.uk