

Culzean Castle Viaduct

Repairs to the viaduct at Culzean Castle. Located on the Ayrshire coast of the Firth of Clyde some 19km south of Ayr, Culzean, which is held inalienably, comprises the core 228ha of the estate of the Kennedys of Cassillis. Its designed landscape surrounds the carefully selected clifftop defensive site of a mediaeval tower that became Robert Adam's late masterwork, Culzean Castle. It contains a rich variety of buildings and sites, many but not all by Adam, and includes 19 Listed Buildings and three Scheduled Ancient Monuments. Culzean is the supreme example of the Roman castellated style that Robert Adam developed from his Italian sketches of the 1750s. Of the ancillary structures, the viaduct leading across the valley to the house is the most important. Conceived as a ruined Roman structure in 1780, it is the only bridge of this type that Adam realised in actual building. It is covered by European, national and local designations for landscape and natural history.

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Scotland

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