Dalkeith Country Estate to get a makeover

Dalkeith Country Estate, on the outskirts of Edinburgh, is set to mark a new phase in its 300 year history with plans for a series of upgrades and improvements in the coming months.

The 500 acre country estate, located just five miles from Edinburgh city centre and owned by the Duke of Buccleuch, has made a name for itself over the last four decades as family destination popular for its woodland walks, historic courtyard, café and adventure playground.

The Estate is finalising plans to submit to authorities for approval for the new-look Dalkeith Country Estate that will include replacing and relocating the popular adventure playground within the grounds to cater for increased demand for the facility as well as new retail, food and interactive activities for all the family to enjoy.

Dalkeith Country Estate will remain open for visitors from 10am -5pm daily while work is being carried out.

The management team has also secured a number of high profile events for the Country Estate in 2013, which are expected to draw significant numbers of visitors to the area later in the year.

Iain Herbert, Visitor Services Manager for Dalkeith Country Estate commented: "We are very excited about our plans for Dalkeith Country Estate.

"Our adventure playground has been a family favourite for generations and our plans for a new facility will offer a bigger and better experience for our visitors for generations to come. We are pressing ahead with the development of the estate and the first signs our visitors will see is the dismantling of the current playground set to take place in the next couple of weeks.

"It marks a new era for the estate which we believe will really put it on the map as a must-visit tourist destination; we look forward to unveiling more of our exciting developments once approval from the relevant bodies has been granted."