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## TIMELINE

# Warkworth Castle

This resource has been designed to help teachers plan a visit to Warkworth Castle, which provides essential insight into medieval England.

Use this timeline in the classroom to help students understand the history of Warkworth Castle.



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Step into England's story

## MEDIEVAL

1154–1484

## TUDORS

1485–1603

## STUARTS

1603–1714

## GEORGIANS

1714–1830

## VICTORIANS

1837–1901

## 20TH CENTURY

1901–1999

1154

Henry II became King of England.

1296

The Anglo-Scottish Wars began.

1337

The Hundred Years War between England and France began.

1403

The Battle of Shrewsbury was fought between an army led by the Lancastrian King Henry IV and a rebel army led by Henry 'Harry Hotspur' Percy.

1455–1487

The Wars of the Roses: the Percy family sided with the House of Lancaster, supporting King Henry VI.

1537

England was under threat of invasion from France and Spain. King Henry VIII began building forts and castles along the south coast of England and the Isle of Wight.

1558

Elizabeth I became Queen of England.

1588

The Spanish Armada failed in its attempt to invade England.

1604

England made peace with Spain.

1642

The English Civil War began.

1649

Execution of King Charles I.

1660

Restoration of King Charles II.

1714–27

Reign of King George I.

1756

Start of the Seven Years War between Great Britain and France who were fighting over land in other countries including America and Canada.

1803–15

The Napoleonic Wars.

1837

Victoria became Queen of England.

1901

Queen Victoria died.

1914–18

First World War.

1939–45

Second World War.

1100

1200

1300

1400

1500

1600

1700

1800

1900

2000

1157–64

King Henry II granted the castle to Roger fitz Eustace.

1213

King John visited Warkworth Castle.

1292

King Edward I visited Warkworth.

1319

Twenty-four soldiers held the castle against attack from the Scots.

1327

The Scots attacked the castle twice, unsuccessfully.

1377

Henry Percy, previously the 4th Lord Percy, became the 1st Earl of Northumberland.

1380s

Henry Percy built the Great Tower.

1403

The 1st Earl's son, Harry Hotspur, was killed in the Battle of Shrewsbury.

1471

The 4th Earl of Northumberland was given Warkworth Castle after swearing loyalty to King Edward IV.

1480s

Building work on the Lion Tower and Collegiate Church began.

1569

Thomas Percy, the 7th Earl, co-led an unsuccessful Catholic rebellion against Queen Elizabeth I.

1572

Thomas Percy was beheaded for treason in York.

1584

Henry Percy, the 8th Earl, was imprisoned in the Tower of London for supporting Mary, Queen of Scots. He was later found dead.

1644–5

The Scots occupied Warkworth Castle on the side of Parliament. Parliamentary forces caused damage to the castle.

1670

The 11th Earl died. His widow allowed a castle steward to remove stone and timber for his own use.

1750

The wall between the Montagu Tower and the gatehouse was pulled down and rebuilt.

Mid 1700s

The Northumberland estates passed to an heiress, Lady Elizabeth Seymour, who married Sir Hugh Smithson. He changed his surname to Percy and became the 1st Duke of Northumberland.

1850

Excavations took place in the castle bailey. Part of the keep was re-roofed and the stonework was resurfaced by architect Anthony Salvin.

1915

Warkworth Castle was declared an ancient historic monument.

1922

Warkworth Castle was given to the State and managed by the Ministry of Works, later English Heritage.

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