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WALLACE & GROMIT ARE COMING TO LEEDS CASTLE THIS CHRISTMAS

Leeds Castle, Kent announces a cracking new partnership with Aardman for Christmas 2026

Leeds Castle, one of England's most iconic historic estates, today announces an exciting new Christmas partnership with Aardman, the award-winning Bristol-based studio behind one of Britain's most beloved duos - Wallace & Gromit.

This Christmas, **Wallace & Gromit: A Cracking Christmas Caper** comes to Leeds Castle, Kent, running from 21st November 2026 to 3rd January 2027. Where the duo go, adventure is never far behind - and something rather cracking is already afoot within these ancient walls.

Full event details will be announced early in September 2026; the month that Aardman marks its 50th anniversary. Leeds Castle will join the celebrations and reveal why Wallace & Gromit are descending on Leeds Castle this Christmas.

Mark Delin, Marketing & Events Director at Leeds Castle Foundation, said: "Christmas at Leeds Castle has always been something special, but this year we are taking it to a whole new level. We cannot think of better company than the iconic Wallace & Gromit to help us create a Christmas experience that will delight families, bring generations together and make memories that last long after the decorations come down. We cannot wait to share what we have been planning."

Molly Van Den Brink, Senior Attractions & Live Experiences Manager at Aardman, said: "Wallace & Gromit are synonymous with a cosy Christmas – so where better for them to spend it than at Leeds Castle over the festive period! We're excited to be developing a brand-new, seasonal experience with Leeds Castle which invites guests to explore the site like never before."

Wallace & Gromit: A Cracking Christmas Caper runs from 21st November 2026 to 3rd January 2027 at Leeds Castle, Maidstone, Kent, ME17 1PL. The experience is included in standard admission. Tickets are available at www.leeds-castle.com.

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About Leeds Castle Foundation

Leeds Castle is considered a national treasure, providing a window onto over nine hundred years of British history. It is a haven of tranquillity and offers a wealth of discovery and enjoyment for all ages.

Situated five miles southeast of Maidstone in Kent, Leeds Castle's rich and riveting history, including serving six of England's medieval queens, to its elaborate transformation into a glamorous 1930s country house retreat for the influential and famous by Anglo-American heiress, Lady Olive Baillie, secures its place as one of the most visited historic attractions in Britain.

The Castle and its estate is preserved and maintained by the Leeds Castle Foundation, a not-for-profit charity.

For more visitor information:

- Please visit www.leeds-castle.com
- Leeds Castle, Broomfield, Maidstone ME17 1PL
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About Aardman

Aardman is an employee-owned company, based in Bristol (UK) and co-founded in 1976 by Peter Lord and David Sproxton. An independent, multi-Academy Award® and BAFTA® award winning studio, it produces feature films, series, advertising and interactive entertainment.

The studio's work – includes the creation of much-loved characters including [Wallace & Gromit](#), [Shaun the Sheep](#), [Timmy Time](#) and [Morph](#)

2026 sees the studio celebrate its 50th anniversary with a roster of events and celebrations highlighting the craft and legacy of Aardman and the launch of a new movie, *Shaun the Sheep: The Beast of Mossy Bottom* in the autumn.

About Wallace & Gromit

Wallace and Gromit, Aardman's most loved and iconic duo have been delighting family audiences around the world for 35 years. First hitting our screens in Nick Park's Academy Award®-winning *Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out* (1989) the pair went on to star in three further half hour specials (*Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers* (1993), *Wallace & Gromit: A Close Shave* (1995) and *Wallace & Gromit: A Matter of Loaf or Death* (2009) and a feature length film *Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit* (2005) and are internationally celebrated winning over 100 awards at festivals - including 3 Academy Awards® and 8 BAFTA® Awards.

A regular highlight of the primetime BBC schedules, especially during the festive season, they have become British national treasures and pop culture icons in their own right. *Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl*, directed by Nick Park and Merlin Crossingham, premiered on BBC One on Christmas Day 2024 – the most-watched animation on British TV since records began, with 21.6 million views in 28 days – and was released on Netflix globally on the 3rd of January 2025.

With a permanent attraction at Blackpool Pleasure Beach with over 500,000 riders every year, over 1.7 million fans on social and over 102 million views on YouTube, these perennial characters continue to grow audiences across multiple platforms.