

# Sleeping Beauty's Castle Repairs & Maintenance Programme



## PROJECT DETAILS

**CLIENT** Aurora Kingdom

**PROJECT** Neuschwanstein Castle

**LOCATION** Swabia

**START DATE** February 1301

**DURATION** 11 months

**END DATE** December 1301

**VALUE** Lt3.2m (livre tournois)

**CONTRACT TYPE** Enchanted  
Heritage Restoration & Maintenance  
Agreement (EHRMA)

## PROJECT BACKGROUND

Following the events surrounding Princess Aurora's prolonged magical slumber and the subsequent breach of the castle by Maleficent's forces, the Royal Estate commissioned McConnell to conduct a full inspection, remediation, and preventative maintenance programme at Sleeping Beauty's Castle.

The castle had been unoccupied for an extended period and exposed to abnormal magical activity, leading to both structural and environmental deterioration. With Christmas fast approaching it was essential to ensure the castle returned to full operational condition, safeguarding the comfort, safety, and functionality required for the Royal Family and their staff.

## PROJECT DELIVERY

A comprehensive assessment and analysis of project requirements & specifications was undertaken in collaboration with our partners, Flora, Fauna, and Merryweather Construction Limited. Together, we undertook an extensive survey regime to ensure the entire scope was fully understood.

The northern tower had sustained significant impact damage when Prince Phillip battled the dragon. We repaired stonework, repointed joints, and installed discreet structural anchors to restore load-bearing strength.

**Drawbridge and Gatehouse Restoration:** Thorn vines had grown aggressively around the entrance. After safe magical removal by the three good fairies, we cleaned, resurfaced, and lubricated all hinges and chains.

**Dragon Fire Scorch Marks:** The courtyard stonework required deep cleaning and thermal-stress assessment. Heat-damaged parapets were rebuilt using era-appropriate stone and mortars.

**Smoke Extraction and Odour Removal:** We deployed enchanted-compatible HEPA filtration and performed a full internal deodorisation programme to remove lingering smoke from battle scenes.

**Magic-Resilient Fire Suppression:** We installed a dual passive/active fire protection system compatible with both conventional flames and magical fire sources

## SCOPE OF WORKS

- ▶ Structural Repairs
- ▶ Specialist Fire Damage Remediation
- ▶ Mechanical & Electrical System Recommissioning
- ▶ Environmental & Grounds Maintenance
- ▶ Interior Refurbishment
- ▶ Safety and Future-Proofing

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

Residents remained in occupation throughout the works. This was a particular challenge as they would often shout "he's behind you!" distracting workers on site. We designed a bespoke "Oh no he isn't" Induction Process. Operatives were empowered to challenge residents even after they remarked "Oh yes he is!" This process awarded us our Royal Enchanted Estate Restoration Accreditation (REERA).

## HAPPILY EVER AFTER

Through a blend of historical restoration techniques, modern maintenance expertise, and safe integration with magical elements, our team successfully revitalised Sleeping Beauty's Castle following extraordinary circumstances.

*"We are absolutely thrilled with the work completed by McConnell. After the chaos of the dragon incident and the decades-long magical slumber, the castle is not only fully restored but safer and more resilient than ever. Truly, a magical result!"*

— **King Stefan, Aurora Kingdom**