

## For the Love of Scotland Fundraising Auction (629)

Starting: 21st May 2020 17:30

Ending: 29th May 2020 18:00, Timed Online

### Lot 13

#### EXCLUSIVE CHAIRMAN'S TOUR OF SIR WALTER SCOTT'S ABBOTSFORD FOR UP TO 12 PEOPLE Courtesy of The Abbotsford Trust

An exclusive opportunity to join James Holloway CBE, Chairman of the Abbotsford Trust, for a private guided tour of one of the world's most famous houses. Abbotsford is the magnificent home that Sir Walter Scott (1771-1832) created in the Scottish Borders. Scott was the first English-language author to have a truly international career in his lifetime and his works brought a previously almost unknown Scotland to the attention of the world. Abbotsford is renowned internationally as the prototype of Scots Baronial architecture and its Category A Listed historic house and gardens are acknowledged to be of outstanding national significance.

*The tour will take place at Abbotsford at a mutually convenient time/ date. Abbotsford is fully accessible.*

**Abbotsford** is the magnificent home created by Sir Walter Scott (1771-1832). Scott called Abbotsford his Conundrum Castle, and it is within the study at Abbotsford that Scott wrote his greatest works which made him the best-selling author of his day. Abbotsford is also home to Scott's intriguing treasure trove, a globally important collection of more than 9,000 books and 4,000 intriguing objects which inspired him as he wrote. We can still follow in Scott's footsteps today through the beautiful walled gardens and woodland walks he created in Abbotsford's landscape of folklore and legend.

**James Holloway CBE** was Director of the Scottish National Portrait Gallery from 1997 to 2012. He has published widely on Scottish art and history. Since retiring he has become a Trustee of the Fleming Collection, Historic Scotland Foundation, Hopetoun House Preservation Trust and is the Chairman of the Edinburgh Committee of the Art Fund.

