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Dear Colleagues,

### **Visit by HRH the Princess Royal to Preston Montford**

Tuesday's event was a resounding success and genuinely enjoyable for all! The Princess Royal clearly had a wonderful time, spending considerable time engaging with both staff and customers – a sure sign of her enjoyment. The team orchestrated a flawless day, with even the weather cooperating perfectly to showcase Preston Montford at its absolute best. This success was the culmination of weeks of dedicated preparation from numerous individuals across PM and the wider charity. While it's difficult to single out specific teams or individuals among the 70 staff and trustees involved on the day (and many more behind the scenes), the exceptional care and hospitality extended to everyone was truly remarkable. This wasn't just for Her Royal Highness, but also for our invited guests, the Civic Party, and the security services, who did an incredible job ensuring our safety with minimal disruption. (Even the sniffer dog had a good time, finding discarded tennis balls and enjoying a swim in the pond!)

One of the many benefits of such an event is that many local business and organisations will say yes to an invite. Many were really pleased to find out what we did and that they have a national charity on their doorstep. We are now following up on those very useful conversations and contacts. There are some lovely photos of the day and we will shortly be letting you all know how you can access them for your private use. I know that there were lots of staff photos taken too so if you have any that you would like to share so that we have a record of the day and the rehearsal the day before, do please email them to Joy. 'Here's Joy summing up the visit on [Radio Shropshire](#) starting at 3:44 in'.

To all who planned, organised, cooked, hosted, talked, presented, herded, mowed, weeded, painted, fixed, decorated, designed, printed, cleaned, poured endless drinks, soothed nerves, helped with parking or worked with the police: thank you.

### **Generation Green 2**

The research into the benefits of the recent Generation Green 2 funded projects, in which we were a partner are due to be published shortly. This will form a key part of our work with government, showing where outdoor learning fits with key government concerns - whether it's health, education, skills or economic growth. It will be a key part of the work that the Access Unlimited partners are doing as they had their kick off meeting with a specialist public affairs agency yesterday. The aim is to increase and coordinate lobbying and political engagement at a time when there is a lot to play for and many policies that could, with some cross government thinking, provide much better access to nature for children and young people.

### **Welcome to Field Studies Council**

Grace Alcide and Jessica Bowden have joined the team at Castle Head as Casual Hospitality and Catering Assistants.

Izaak Chalcraft has also joined the team at Castle Head as Summer Season Hospitality and Catering Assistant.

George Thompson and Beatrice Brown have joined the team at Blencathra as Casual Hospitality and Catering Assistants.

Best regards

Mark