



SINCE 1797  
**Johnstons**  
of Elgin

Press Release

**HRH THE PRINCESS ROYAL  
VISITS JOHNSTONS OF ELGIN  
IN CELEBRATION OF THEIR  
220 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

**ON TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017, HRH THE PRINCESS ROYAL VISITED NEWMILL, ELGIN.**

HRH The Princess Royal has been very generous with her time to Johnstons of Elgin and last visited the mill to officially open the Dyehouse facilities in October 2001. As President of the UK Fashion and Textile Association, HRH The Princess Royal met with Adam Mansell of UKFT and the Johnstons of Elgin Board of Directors.

**Simon Cotton, CEO, Johnstons of Elgin commented:**

The visit of HRH The Princess Royal is a tremendous boost for the whole workforce at Johnstons of Elgin. With one hundred employees registering over twenty years of service, I am sure she will recognize some familiar faces since her last visit. We very much value the kindness and support which the Royal Family has shown us over many years.

**Adam Mansell, CEO, UKFT commented:**

Johnstons of Elgin's manufacturing heritage is exemplary; from export to the preservation of skills through its apprenticeship programme. It is the largest fashion and textile employer in the country and UKFT is delighted that our President, HRH The Princess Royal, will be visiting the company during its 220th year.

HRH The Princess Royal saw first-hand the innovative new technology Johnstons of Elgin has invested in, alongside the traditional techniques and processes developed over the past 220 years. The tour demonstrated how Johnstons of Elgin is meeting changes in fashion, style and skill to remain at the forefront of textile innovation, alongside the heritage at the heart of Johnstons of Elgin.

During her visit, HRH The Princess Royal met some of the longest serving members of Johnstons of Elgin, including those who have worked with the family business for more than 20 years. Representatives of the company's successful Modern Apprenticeship scheme were also introduced, meeting HRH The Princess Royal on behalf of the young workforce of more than 100 employees involved in the scheme.

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NOTES FOR THE EDITOR

**Johnstons of Elgin**

In the two centuries following its establishment in 1797, Johnstons of Elgin has been owned by just two families – the Johnstons and the Harrisons. It is one of the last few remaining vertical mills in the UK that still process the raw cashmere and fine woollen fibres right through to the finished product. Johnstons of Elgin's mills in Elgin and Hawick employ almost 1000 people.