

Gerald Cavendish Grosvenor
6th Duke of Westminster
KG CB CVO OBE TD CD DL
1951-2016
President of Chester Civic Trust
1977-2016

Gerald Grosvenor's close links with the City of Chester began in 1975 when, at the age of 23, he became Patron of Chester's celebrations of European Architectural Heritage Year. Two years later, due to his father's failing health, he accepted an invitation, as Earl Grosvenor, to become President of Chester Civic Trust. When he inherited the dukedom in 1979 he continued a family tradition established by his uncle, the 4th Duke, when the Trust was formed in 1960.

Throughout his 39 years as our President he took a close interest in developments in the city and the activities of the Trust. One of the first events he took part in was to present prizes to the winners of an anti-litter poster campaign organised by the Trust. One of the last events he attended was the unveiling of the '*Four Seasons*' Mosaic in the Roman Gardens.

In between these first and last engagements with us His Grace supported the Trust in several other ways; not least of which was the financial contribution from The Westminster Foundation towards our Millennium Festival '*2000 Years of Building*'. The Duke readily agreed to write a Foreword for our Millennium Book and then came to Bishop Lloyd's Palace to preside over its launch in 2001.

We also remember his generosity in allowing us to use the Long Room at Eaton Hall for various special functions. In 2010, the year of our Golden Jubilee, The Duke personally greeted members on arrival at the Long Room and stayed with us for the duration of our AGM. It was clear then, as on every occasion, that our President liked what we do and was happy to give us his encouragement.



1993 – The Duke of Westminster (*right*) with Lord Mayor, Councillor John Randall (*left*) and our Vice Chairman, Roy Archer (*centre*) all “hands on” the coffee table made by Roy and donated by the Civic Trust to commemorate the new status of Lord Mayor bestowed by HM The Queen.



2010 – The Duke of Westminster (*2nd left*) with Simon Thurley, Chief Executive of English Heritage (*left*), and members of the Trust at Eaton Hall for the AGM in our ‘Golden Jubilee Year.’

Cyril Morris and Stephen Langtree (Vice Presidents)