BUCKINGHAM PALACE

6th November 2026

Dear Mr East and Mrs Marr,

The Princess Royal has asked me to convey her thanks for the opportunity to tour Darwen Cemetery and to view the remarkable work being undertaken there. Her Royal Highness was pleased to meet Trustees, Volunteers and local supporters of the Friends of Darwen Cemetery and to learn about the wide variety of tasks being undertaken. It is clear that hours of work and expertise have gone into the clearance of overgrown areas, and that the various memorial sites have been created with great thoughtfulness, sensitivity and artistry.

Her Royal Highness would like to thank and congratulate all who generously give their time to contribute to the maintenance and improvement of this peaceful public space and sends every good wish for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Leeming

Lady in Waiting to
HRH The Princess Royal

John East, Esq. and Mrs. Jill Marr