

10th November 2024

Dear Master,

**Re: The Lord Mayor of London's Mansion House Dinner,
in aid of Wentworth Woodhouse.**

I am delighted to invite you to join me at this wonderful event on Thursday 13th March 2025, in the presence of the Lord Mayor, fellow Livery Companies and their Masters, Past Masters, Prime Wardens & Consorts.

It promises to be a fantastic night, providing much needed funds for the project at Wentworth Woodhouse, and presenting ample opportunity for building connections and potential collaborations between Livery members and businesses.

I know that the Lord Mayor has already spoken of Wentworth Woodhouse to your Clerk, in preparation for his year, and that you may already know a little about this astonishing place.

This House is incredibly important to the people of the region and the nation. It was my chosen charity during my term as Master Cutler in Hallamshire and I continue to advocate passionately for the work that is taking place there. Today, people's lives are changing for the better and communities are being supported to achieve great things together, as a direct result of the work that is taking place at Wentworth Woodhouse, the 'Palace of the North'. Once the home of the British Prime Minister, Wentworth Woodhouse is a magnificent Grade I Listed building, but more importantly, it is a catalyst for creating life-changing opportunities for people through innovative education projects, dedicated community engagement activities, wellbeing programmes and dynamic cultural experiences.

Most importantly, Wentworth Woodhouse Preservation Trust (WWPT) is helping to create Inclusive new job opportunities and apprenticeships for people of all ages. Skills and training are at the very heart of our work, helping to equip our young people with the tools they need to keep traditional heritage skills alive and thriving. The project is a gamechanger for Rotherham and South Yorkshire, bringing much needed economic, social, and environmental advantages, and real tangible benefits to people's lives, in an area where they are really needed. What's more, WWPT is committed to providing those opportunities to all, regardless of age, ethnicity, ability or economic wealth.

This is an international destination and has played an important historic role in our nation's history. Indeed there are familial links to Past Offices of the City and indeed an Aldermanic Sheriff and former Lord Mayor of London.

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The work of WWPT is already being hailed as exemplary, with others including long established British institutions, turning to WWPT for advice and guidance on how to engage with communities in an effective way, building trust, bringing about real change, and ensuring inclusion and diversity are at the heart of the project. The national media, press, radio, and TV, including the BBC, follow our work with great enthusiasm, aware that what is happening at Wentworth really is breaking new ground.

The Lord Mayor understands just how significant the role of Wentworth Woodhouse has become in helping people to make the very best of their lives and with his generous support and yours, we can continue to achieve great things for our region and ultimately our nation.

Would you be able to share this letter with your Company in the hope that your distinguished Livery Company may be represented at this dinner.

Please do join the Lord Mayor, and I, and other distinguished guests for what will be a splendid night of celebration.

Tickets for tables or individuals are available by using the link below. Each ticket also includes a free visit to the House and Gardens in 2025 except Bank Holidays and the RHS Show in July.

<https://wentworthwoodhouse.digitickets.co.uk/category/59907>

I hope to meet many of you on this special night.

Yours Sincerely,

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