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Subject: Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla visit Lochcarron of Scotland

Lohcarron of Scotland, renowned tartan and textile manufacturer had the honour of hosting a visit by The King and Queen to their weaving mill in the historic town of Selkirk as part of Holyrood Week.

Their Majesties, known for their appreciation of local Craftmanship and sustainable initiatives engaged in a comprehensive tour of the mill and were able to see first-hand the journey that Lochcarron have undertaken to improve their ethical and sustainable journey with their use of responsibly sourced Scottish and British wool, ensuring that locally sourced fibres are at the very core of their developments and in doing so supporting British and Scottish wool farmers.

Their Majesties were warmly received by the Lochcarron team, including Dawn Robson-Bell Managing Director, who guided them through the weaving mill. The tour provided an immersive experience showcasing the intricate process of transforming Scottish and British wool into tartan fabric and luxurious textiles. Their Majesties were able to engage in conversation with the skilled teams responsible for creating these timeless pieces.

The King and Queen were able to meet some of the young team members who have recently joined the company, embarking on a career where they are learning skills to ensure the continuity and preservation of traditional crafts and processes while embracing modern advancements.

“We were delighted and honoured to welcome King Charles III and Queen Camilla to Lochcarron of Scotland,” said Dawn Robson-Bell “We were pleased to share our passion for weaving excellence and our use of Scottish & British Wool. This visit allowed us to showcase our commitment to working with locally sourced fibres and enabled us to highlight our unique and versatile skill set and our dedication to encouraging and attracting young people into a career within textiles’

Their Majesties continued the tour and were given a short presentation about the hand-crafted banners created by local school children using textile offcuts, highlighting educational upcycling projects within the local school community.

They were then guided through the tartan warehouse, where they witnessed the scope of the tartans on offer, and were able to meet with team members involved in the final processes of the accessory preparation and cloth cutting.

The tour progressed to the iconic Tartan Wall and historical flags which represent some of the ceremonial aspects of the Scottish Borders Textile industry such as the Gala Manufacturers Society and those used in the local Selkirk Common Riding.

Founded in 1947, but through acquisition has a heritage that dates back to 1892, Lochcarron has been at the forefront of the Scottish Textile industry with a reputation for exceptional craftsmanship and quality, with a continual commitment to sustainable practices. As the world’s leading manufacturer of tartan, the company’s products are esteemed worldwide, and their passion for quality and design has made Lochcarron a leading name in the industry synonymous with Scottish tradition and excellence.

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