

SVG Consul Meets HRH The Earl of Wessex at Hillsborough Castle

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Hillsborough, NORTHERN IRELAND: His Royal Highness (HRH) - The Earl of Wessex and Viscount Severn was guest of honour at the annual Hillsborough Castle Garden Party, hosted by Secretary of State for Northern Ireland - Rt. Hon. Theresa Villiers MP.

HRH was greeted at Hillsborough Castle by David Lindsay - Lord-Lieutenant of Co. Down and the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

The National Anthem was played by the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service Band, followed by HRH and the Secretary of State meeting government officials, diplomats, heads of civil service, dignitaries, invited guests and army personnel serving in Northern Ireland.



L-R: HRH The Earl of Wessex and Dr Christopher Stange - Consulate for St. Vincent and the Grenadines to Northern Ireland

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Dr Christopher Stange of the Consulate for St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) to Northern Ireland had the honour to meet with HRH, briefing him on the Caribbean Diaspora, Vincentians serving in the British Army posted in Northern Ireland and the work of the SVG Consulate in Northern Ireland, including various economic and social development initiatives. They discussed the memorable visit of The Earl and Countess of Wessex to St. Vincent last year as part of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II - Diamond Jubilee celebrations, extending greetings from SVG's Governor General, Prime Minister and High Commissioner to the UK.

HRH was invited to plant a tree in honour of the visit, followed by signing the visitor's book at Hillsborough Castle before departing for other engagements, including a Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteer and recipient reception in Killyleagh and Belfast.

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