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## Royal Thank You from The Earl & Countess of Wessex

Their Royal Highnesses The Earl and Countess of Wessex have sent their best wishes to the People of Gibraltar, following their very successful recent official visit.

In a letter to the Chief Minister, the Hon Fabian Picardo, MP, the Private Secretary to Their Royal Highnesses, Brigadier John Smedley, has written:

"The Earl and Countess of Wessex have asked me to say how much they appreciated your welcome and all the excellent arrangements for their visit to celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The programme seemed to cover virtually every aspect of life in Gibraltar, with the opportunity to meet or see a large proportion of the population. Their Royal Highnesses were both very touched by the enthusiasm and genuine warmth of the reception they received."

The Chief Minister has reiterated his thanks to everyone who was involved in making the visit such a success. "The visit has made a big impact, not only on all of us here in Gibraltar, but also in the wider international community, as a result of significant and positive media coverage. I believe that we can regard Their Royal Highnesses as true friends of Gibraltar."