

14 November 2013

## THE QUEEN AND DUKE OF EDINBURGH VISIT GORTON MONASTERY



Paul Griffiths, DL with the Duke of Edinburgh



Elaine Griffiths, CEO with Her Majesty



Jeremy Cole (centre) with fellow Trustees



As a trustee of St Francis & Gorton Monastery Jeremy Cole, partner at Cole Associates Corporate Finance was privileged to be invited to a luncheon on 14 November at the Monastery attended by the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh. The Queen, who had earlier in the day opened the new Cooperative building in Manchester joined 300 guests for a magnificent occasion in the renovated Monastery which is now a unique events venue.

The visit coincided with the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of building commencing of this Pugin architectural masterpiece. Paul Griffiths, High Sheriff of Manchester and Chairman of the Monastery Trust and Elaine Griffiths, Chief Executive of the Monastery Trust hosted a truly amazing celebration.

Jeremy commented "The Queen was clearly enjoying herself and looked tremendous. I sat next to her Press Secretary at lunch, which was interesting. The Queen's presence created the most unbelievable buzz and her attendance is great recognition of all the hard work and dedication of the team at the Monastery".