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*Dear Duncan*

The Trustees of the Knockando Woolmill send their very grateful thanks to all members of the Highland Society of London for their generous initiative in supporting the Woolmill in 2017. The sum raised will be used to fund our recently qualified apprentice, Toby Tottle, to complete his training by learning the skills required to weave on our 19<sup>th</sup> century Dobcross loom.

At the same time, our application to the William Grant Foundation through David Grant, has been very positively received. Their generosity combined with that of the HSoL has enabled us to actively seek a new apprentice to learn these same skills of using the historic machinery we have at the Mill, machinery that is A listed and of international importance.

One of the charitable purposes of the Knockando Woolmill Trust is to keep these historic machines in working order and to pass on to a new generation of weavers the historic skills passed down by their forebears. Thanks to the HSoL and the William Grant Foundation, we are now in a position to carry out this responsibility, and we are most grateful to you all for your generosity.

With best wishes

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Lady Irwin  
Chairman, Knockando Woolmill Trust