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Dear Volunteers,

I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your loyalty, generosity and dedication to The Bishop's Palace and Gardens.

The warm welcome you give to our visitors, the care you show behind the scenes, and the wonderful work you do in the gardens all help to make this a truly special place. Whether you have been volunteering here for fifty years or joined only a few weeks ago, each one of you plays an important part in the life of the Palace, and I am deeply grateful.

As voluntary organisations across the country mark National Volunteers Week, it is especially fitting to recognise all that you do. Your commitment throughout the year makes an enormous difference to what The Palace Trust is able to achieve, and to the experience of everyone who visits this cherished place.

Thank you for all that you give so generously. Your time, energy and kindness are greatly valued, and I hope you know how much your contribution is appreciated.

Yours with all good wishes.



+ Michael.

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