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Duke Visits PERME

PRINCE Richard, Duke of Gloucester, paid a flying visit to Waltham Abbey's top-secret Propellants Explosives and Rocket Motor Establishment yesterday.

He arrived in a Wessex helicopter of the Queen's Flight amid high security, and was met by Admiral Sir Andrew Lewis, the Lord Lieutenant of Essex—pictured.

After being presented to local dignitaries and Mini-

stry of Defence staff, Prince Richard toured PERME, unveiled a plaque to mark his visit, and was presented with a wooden model of a gunpowder barge.

Just before midday he was whisked off by helicopter to visit another top-secret government research site in Buckinghamshire.

Waltham's Abbey's mayor, Councillor John Patching, was not invited to meet the Duke but he did not feel

"snubbed." He said: "I haven't received an invitation. I certainly don't feel snubbed and I am not upset."

The Duke's tour is the second Royal visit he has made to Lea Valley this year. In May he visited High Beech Conservation Centre to mark the centenary of Epping Forest.

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