

# Hardies centenary marked by civic reception at the City Chambers



***HARDIES PROPERTY & CONSTRUCTION CONSULTANTS – celebrate civic reception held in its honour by Edinburgh City Council – a celebration of 100 years in business***

Although the firm already held an event at Edinburgh Castle in March to kick off its 100th Birthday Celebrations, Hardies Property & Construction Consultants, one of Scotland's largest multi discipline surveying firms, has enjoyed a special congratulatory reception held in its honour by Edinburgh City Council at the City Chambers.



Attended by Bailie Norman Work, who represented the Lord Provost, the reception was the culmination of Hardies' celebrations which have also included local events in various parts of the country such as a reception at The Mining Museum, Newtongrange, Midlothian in October, to recognise Hardies many contacts and relationships in Midlothian over the decades and to thank them for their support. Still to come are civic receptions in Dunfermline and St Andrews.

"We are very honoured that Edinburgh City Council has chosen to hold this event for us," said Derek Ferrier, Hardies Managing Partner, who is based at Hardies Headquarters in Edinburgh.



"We have tried to spread our celebrations throughout the year but it is in November that the actual 100th Anniversary falls – November 1913 was when the firm was founded in Fife by John

Gordon Hardie who was a former footballer for Heart of Midlothian,” said Derek.

“This event has been a real highlight for our staff and my fellow Partners. It has been a chance for us to gather with staff past and present, former Partners and our many suppliers and clients over the years,” added Derek.



A magnificent cake with 100 candles was cut at the reception. It was made by renowned Fife bakers Fisher & Donaldson. “The cake prompted many comments,” said Derek. “For a start it had to be very big to accommodate 100 candles. Feedback was that it also tasted delicious too!”

 During the evening Councillor Work welcomed Hardies and  proposed a toast to the firm. Derek Ferrier responded on behalf of the company during which he highlighted many of Hardies successful projects in Edinburgh and the Lothians over the years such as Tigerlily, The Penicuik Centre; the Out of the Blue Arts Centre and numerous local Primary Schools as well as affordable housing contracts.

“We are delighted to still be in business after 100 years which is a great achievement in today’s world,” said Derek. “The firm has grown steadily to become Scotland’s leading multi discipline surveying firm and has withstood two world wars and numerous highs and lows in the economy.” “Projects in Edinburgh and the Lothians have always been crucial to us and we appreciate the tremendous support shown by Edinburgh City Council over the years and in providing this reception today.

Hardies, a Limited Liability Partnership with seven partners, serves clients in both the private and public sectors with a complete operation in property and construction development, including property valuation, building and quantity surveying and project management. The firm also handles the leasing and sale of commercial and industrial buildings; CDM Co-ordination

and the provision of Energy Performance Certificates.

Hardies now has fourteen offices in Scotland stretching from Fife, Lothian and Tayside to Glasgow, Paisley and the West. A new office in Galashiels was opened to cover the Scottish Borders several years ago. Hardies has also recently expanded into Aberdeen and in Dundee acquired WJR Christie & Partners who retain their well known trading name in Tayside. Altogether, Hardies employ ninety members of staff, with fifty eight professionally qualified in various disciplines.

