

Consultation for Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenants

Friday, 1st – Sunday, 3rd October 2021

Lord-Lieutenants



Colonel Edward Bolitho OBE

Edward was born in Penzance and, after school and university, joined the Army, serving with Grenadier Guards for 20 years throughout the world. He left the Army in 1998 to return to Cornwall. Since then he has run the family businesses; principally based in West Cornwall, this involves farming, property rental, building renovation and conversion and management of leisure activities.

He was appointed Lord-Lieutenant of Cornwall on 19 September 2011 and Chairman of the Association of Lord-Lieutenants in 2018. He is married to Alexandra and they have twin daughters, one son and a granddaughter.



Mrs Aileen Brewis

Aileen was appointed Lord-Lieutenant for Wigtown, in southwest Scotland, in February 2020.

Born in Newcastle upon Tyne, she worked as a local journalist before moving to communications, reputation and crisis management for local governments.

She is married to Chris and they have two adult children and two grandchildren. They now live in the tiny village of Ardwel close to the Mull of Galloway where Chris manages the family estate and holiday lodges.

Aileen is involved in many local organisations and charities including trustee of her local Kirk, President Royal British Legion local branch, Marie Curie Ambassador and an active member of the SWI - although she cannot bake cakes and has never made jam!



Mr David Briggs CVO MBE K.St.J

David has recently retired as Lord-Lieutenant of Cheshire. In addition to the normal responsibilities of the Lieutenancy, he became very involved in community activities, including setting up Cheshire Community Foundation, and then Cheshire Connect, which links business who give of their time and skill, with local charities.

David also chaired a Poverty Truth Commission which led to the creation of Community Connectors across the County to link people in need with the services which can help them.

David looks back at his time as Lord-Lieutenant and thinks that the most valuable thing he did was to connect people and organisations, sometimes with exciting results!



Sir Peter Field KCVO JP

Peter served as Lord-Lieutenant for East Sussex for 13 years from August 2008. He served as Vice Lord Lieutenant from 2000. He lives in Brighton with his wife Margaret.

A Chartered Surveyor by profession, he has always used his skills to support and help the single homeless, notably he helped in the introduction of the Foyer Federation to the UK and in the development of several major Sussex Housing Associations.

A Magistrate for more than 20 years before becoming Lord Lieutenant, he also served on the South East Leadership Team for the Prince of Wales' charity Business in the Community (BITC) being Ambassador for the South East in 2003. He has always been heavily involved in regeneration in Brighton and Sussex.



Mrs Louise Fleet JP

Louise is a former High Sheriff for West Glamorgan and lives in Swansea. She has strong local links within the community and voluntary sector. A serving Justice of the Peace, she has undertaken a wide range of magistrate roles.

Recently retired from a senior role in the Wales Audit Office she previously held senior roles in local government.

Louise's interests include golf and she served as the first Chair of the Golf Union of Wales. She is a member of Pennard Golf Club, the Royal Liverpool Golf Club and the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews.



Mrs Elizabeth Fothergill CBE

Elizabeth was appointed as Lord-Lieutenant in July 2020, succeeding Mr William Tucker CVO. After a professional career in the medical products industry, she served as High Sheriff of Derbyshire in 2016/17. Previously Vice Chair of the University of Derby, The Prince of Wales Ambassador for Responsible Business in the East Midlands (BITC), President of East Midlands Chamber of Commerce, Vice President of Derbyshire Scouts and Honorary Colonel of the Derbyshire Army Cadet Force.

Currently Chair of Derby Museums, Derby Book Festival and Derwent Stepping Stones nursery and a patron of YMCA Derbyshire and Artcore.

Married to Richard, an artist and musician, they live in Ashbourne and have three children and two grandchildren.



Mr Alastair Macphie

After leaving school Alastair immigrated to Canada for four years to work for the Hudson Bay Trading company in their Northern stores. On returning to UK worked for Kraft Jacob Suchard based in Peterborough.

In 1987 he returned home to Kincardineshire to join the family food business. In 1997 at 36 years old became CEO and then Chairman and continue to run today. The business is a BCorp member. The family also has a land-based business farming, property and renewable energy which Alastair also chairs. He is on the Board of The Institute of Family Business, on the Board of Opportunity North East Food & Drink, Regional Board Scottish Land and Estates and Hon Chair Drumlithie Village Hall.



Mr Alexander Manson

Sandy was born into an Aberdeenshire farming family however decided to train as a Chartered Accountant. He has spent his career in the profession initially with Arthur Andersen and then with Johnston Carmichael, Scotland's largest independent accounting firm, where he was CEO for 12 years before assuming the position of Chair in 2019.

Sandy was President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland in 2018/19 and is a former Chair of the University of Aberdeen Development Trust and is currently Chair of the Salvesen Mindroom Centre in Edinburgh.

Together with his wife Barbara they live on the family farm and have two sons. Barbara is the Scottish Chair (North region) of Riding for the Disabled.

Sandy is an enthusiastic rather than a talented golfer, shot and skier.



Mr Donald Martin

Following a career in central and local government, Donald was appointed Clerk of the Western Isles Lieutenancy in 1997, a post he held for 19 years. Appointed a Deputy Lieutenant in 2002 and Vice Lord-Lieutenant in 2013, he was appointed Lord-Lieutenant in 2016.

A fluent Gaelic speaker, he has been involved in a number of voluntary organisations including serving six years as Chairman of the Harris Tweed Authority. He is currently Chairman of the North of Scotland Hydro Electric Community Trust.

He and his wife Sandra live in Stornoway. They have a family of two sons, one daughter and six grandchildren.



Major General The Hon. Seymour Monro CBE LVO

Seymour commanded the 1st Bn Queen's Own Highlanders in Belfast and the Gulf War. Later he commanded 39 Infantry Bde in Belfast (CBE). His last military appointment was Deputy Commander of the NATO Rapid Deployable Corps, Italy.

He has been Director of the Atlantic Salmon Trust, Adjutant of The Queen's Body Guard for Scotland (LVO), and Director of the Highland Military Tattoo at Fort George.

Currently he is Chairman of the Northern Meeting Piping Trust and President of the Leancoil Hospital Trust. Together with the Lord-Lieutenant of Banffshire, he launched the Moray Emergency Relief Fund at the start of the pandemic.

Seymour is married to Angela, and they have three sons and six grandchildren. His main interests are shooting, fishing, golf and vintage cars.



Mr James Saunders Watson

James runs the estate at Rockingham Castle, his family's home for the last five centuries. Until recently he worked in the City for JPMorgan Asset Management; previously he spent ten years in the Royal Navy. He is a Board member of Historic Houses, a Trustee of the Country Land and Business Association Pension Fund and a Council Member and Trustee of The White Ensign Association. He has previously been a Director of the Northamptonshire Enterprise Partnership and chaired both the Corby and North Northamptonshire Landowner Groups. He was High Sheriff for Northamptonshire from April 2018 – April 2019.



Mrs Patricia Sawers

On 25th August 2019 Pat was appointed as Lord-Lieutenant for Angus.

Educated at the High School of Dundee and Robert Gordons University Aberdeen, her main career was in Information Technology.

Pat is also Chairman of Carnoustie Golf Links [CGL]. She was instrumental in establishing CGL as a Charitable Trust setting out the vision for the organisation to become world leading and having the ability to give back to the local community. Since becoming a Charity in 2014 the organisation has given £250,000 to 90 community groups and charities.

During her tenure as Chairman of CGL she has developed an open and inclusive organisation and is at the forefront of developing a sustainable business model for the company.

One of her most recent achievements was the successful hosting of The 147th Open Championship bringing an estimated £21 million into the Angus economy and £120 million into the Scottish economy. As Chairman Pat is continuing to lead the organisation in securing the return of The Open and the economic prosperity it brings to the county of Angus.



Mrs Sarah Troughton

Sarah was appointed Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire in 2012. Married to Peter, three children, nine grandchildren, lives near Swindon. She has held several voluntary positions both within and outside the county over the years, including Wiltshire Community Foundation, Youth Action Wiltshire and Wiltshire House Hostel. Formerly Chairman Chelsea Physic Garden in London and Patrons of British Art at the Tate Gallery in London. Now Patron or President of a number of organisations in Wiltshire and maintains interest in the varied aspects of the county. Paints as a hobby and a keen gardener.



Alex Galloway

Alex has acted as Adviser to the Association of Lord-Lieutenants since 2007. This is not in any sense a full-time job, but the Adviser is available to help Lord-Lieutenants on any matter at any time, and to assist the Chairman and Secretary with projects and one-off exercises. Alex was appointed Adviser shortly after his retirement from the Civil Service after a career of 32 years, the last eight of which were spent as Clerk of the Privy Council. He now lives in Warwickshire.