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# From the Editor

**THE WINTER issue of *The High Sheriff* always contains a round-up of the Association's year. Numbers at Burghley, the nomination ceremony at the Royal Courts of Justice and the AGM increase each year and we are grateful for members' support – I would like to think that your Council is getting something right!**

I am grateful to Council members contributing to this issue and to High Sheriffs for articles covering their wide-ranging activities to date. One High Sheriff is taking groups of people into court to meet judges and magistrates and engender a better understanding of their work and challenges. Early intervention, litter picking and road safety have found supporters in High Sheriffs while cricket and concerts – buy three tickets, take two and the third goes free to a deserving person – have raised considerable funds for shrieval causes. A High Sheriff's charity sponsor commissioned the 'High Sheriff's Lilt' as a Burns Night reel. Two articles by Under Sheriffs are welcome, one lauding High Sheriffs' industry but questioning whether their administrative expectations are too burdensome, while by invitation David Cam explains the complexities of taking Office in the Duchy of Lancaster. All High Sheriffs record their involvement with crime prevention initiatives and many mention prisoners' rehabilitation schemes.

The devastating events on 29 November at Fishmongers' Hall, which many members know from attending AGMs there, should not deter High Sheriffs from championing rehabilitation. It was encouraging to read three days later in the national press that George Vestey (Cambridgeshire 2018-19) passionately supported Fine Cell Work's new mentoring project to ease long-term prisoners back into society on release. We should remember the victims of the London knife attack, and the brave passers-by and Fishmongers' Hall staff who rose to the occasion and disarmed the culprit.

Regretfully we record the deaths of members and past High Sheriffs (page 42), but do not generally publish obituaries.

I cannot omit to mention, however, the recent tragic death in the Derbyshire floods of Annie Hall, High Sheriff of her county in 2017, of whom the Bishop of Derby said her 'faithful professionalism, supportive nature and wonderful sense of humour meant she was much appreciated as chair of Derby Cathedral Council ... and throughout Derbyshire.' It was heartening to hear from a member's daughter that her father was 'deeply proud of his involvement with the High Sheriffs' Association and it was truly a high point in his life being High Sheriff'.

Looking forward, I hope that readers will encourage inspired groups of young people to apply through their High Sheriffs for awards made by National Crimebeat, your Association's youth crime prevention charity. Submissions for the 2020 awards close on 15 January and should be made via <http://www.national-crimebeat.com>.

By the time members read this the general election will be behind us and many High Sheriffs will have fulfilled their statutory duty as returning officers, declaring results for the third time in four years. I will be inviting them to send brief details and photographs of declarations they made for inclusion in the summer issue of this magazine.

Finally, I would urge members to look at the Association's website as the first port of call if they have any questions. The members' area particularly contains a lot of advice of which 'Helpful Topics' (see page 46) are just a small sample.

Our Production Editor Jayne Lewis, the Association's Membership Administrator at Hall-McCartney, Kelly Sadler and I wish all members a Happy Christmas, serving High Sheriffs a memorable final three months in office and their successors a fulfilling year ahead.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Andrew Wells".

Andrew Wells, Hon Editor, Kent 2005-06

**Stop press:** As the chairman says in his address to the AGM, I am looking for a member to take over as editor of *The High Sheriff*. It is only a twice-yearly task and an enjoyable way to meet members and to discuss their activities and aspirations. If anyone is interested in this and would like to know what the expectations are, please contact me at [editor@highsheriffs.com](mailto:editor@highsheriffs.com).

# Diary 2020

## of Forthcoming Events

### MARCH 2020

#### High Sheriffs in nomination for 2020

*Wednesday 11 March*

The names of the High Sheriffs on the Roll for 2020 will be 'pricked' by Her Majesty The Queen at the meeting of the Privy Council to be held at Buckingham Palace.

### National Crimebeat

#### *Wednesday 18 March*

The awards ceremony will take place at the Royal National Hotel, London. All projects to be entered must be endorsed by the High Sheriff and submitted by 15 January 2020. Finalists will be announced on 22 January 2020.

### APRIL 2020

#### Meeting of the co-ordinators of the regional meetings

*Wednesday 15 April*

Meeting of co-ordinators of the regional meetings for High Sheriffs in nomination with members of the Council at the Royal Thames Yacht Club in London. Please address any queries to John Lee at coombebarton@hotmail.com.

### JULY 2020

#### Seminar for High Sheriffs in nomination for the years 2021 and 2022

*Friday 3 July*

The 2020 Seminar for High Sheriffs in nomination will be held at Burghley House, Stamford, Lincolnshire, on Friday 3 July 2020. Details of the programme and speakers together with an application form will be sent in mid-May 2020 to all High Sheriffs in nomination for 2021 and 2022.

### OCTOBER 2020

#### The Red Mass

*Thursday 1 October*

The annual Roman Catholic Mass will be held at 9.30 am at Westminster Cathedral to celebrate the start of the legal year. Those High Sheriffs and High Sheriffs in nomination who wish to process will be invited to coffee beforehand from 8.30am. There will be a ticket-only reception in the Throne Room after the Mass. To obtain tickets, contact Stephen Hart by email at: stephenhart@gmail.com.

### The Ladies' Lunch

#### *Early October 2020*

The annual ladies' lunch will be held in London. When arranged, full details will be sent in May/June 2020 to those ladies who are in nomination.

### NOVEMBER 2020

#### 49th Annual General Meeting and Lunch

*Tuesday 17 November*

The Association's 49th AGM and luncheon will be held at Drapers' Hall, London. The agenda and papers for the AGM and an application form for the luncheon will be sent to all members of the Association in mid-September 2020.

### The nomination of future High Sheriffs

*Thursday 12 November 2020 probably at 2.00 pm*

The ceremony of the nomination of High Sheriffs will take place on Thursday 12 November 2020 in Court 4 (the Lord Chief Justice's Court) at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL. At this ceremony the names of those nominated for the Office of High Sheriff for the years 2021, 2022 and 2023 will be read out in court. A tea party will take place afterwards at a nearby venue.

The Secretary will be writing in September to all High Sheriffs in nomination for 2021 and for 2022 inviting them to attend. This event provides a good opportunity for those in nomination to meet each other. It may be possible for a few 2023 nominees to attend as well but space in court is limited. The Association will not know the names of the 2023 nominees so it will be up to such nominees or their proposers to contact the Secretary should they wish to attend.







# The Chairman's Address

48th Annual General Meeting of the High Sheriffs' Association of England and Wales  
20 November 2019 at Fishmongers' Hall, London

**M**AY I WELCOME you all and thank you for coming to this the 48th AGM of the High Sheriffs' Association. I am very aware of the fact that for many of you it is a long journey but I hope that in addition to the AGM, you will meet friends, enjoy the lunch which the Prime Warden assures me is the best food of all the livery companies, and be interested in meeting and hearing Garter Principal King of Arms, Thomas Woodcock, who is our guest speaker this year.

This is, unusually, the third year running that we are having our AGM here at Fishmongers' Hall. The reason is that the current Prime Warden is David Jones. David was High Sheriff of Greater London in 2013 and has been a member of Council of the Association for the last three years and I am delighted that he is welcoming us here today. He will be saying a few words at the start of lunch.

Two years ago, I said that there were a few things that we needed to get done and that Council would be busy. Well, we have been busy, and more important we have been effective. (I think that the Chairman can perhaps boast a little on behalf of Council.)

Many of these projects have been ongoing for over a year, but as they have now been completed, I would like to mention them as the Chairman's report should concentrate on the year gone by and not the year ahead.

The new **Guide to the Office of High Sheriff** is now available and has been sent to all High Sheriffs and High Sheriffs in nomination. It has taken well over a year to produce, but a great deal of care has gone into thinking what will best serve High Sheriffs in nomination, and those many who are interested. Thanks are due to Martin Amlôt and many other members of Council for completing this project. The

result speaks for itself – it is an up-to-date and comprehensive guide that will be invaluable to those in nomination, and others.

Another important project has been to redraft the **Guidance for Nomination Panels**, outlining what is expected from each county and making sure, as best we can, that High Sheriffs are nominated in a way that stands up to critical scrutiny. It was well drafted by Bill Shelford only a few years ago but has needed further clarifications in the meantime. It will serve us well when there are questions about how High Sheriffs are chosen, and we do need to be very much more aware of public, social and political perception.

Another important paper that has been made available is the **Affordability Paper**. Again, an extremely helpful paper for potential High Sheriffs who may balk at the extravagant claims that they may have heard as to how much money it is going to cost. Many thanks go to John Lee for producing this, and to the many Council members who have helped to perfect it. This is another paper that we are proud to have available, and which demonstrates that the Office of High Sheriff is not just for the very rich.

A **Safeguarding Paper** has been produced, and thanks to a judge who wrote to me saying that it was badly drafted, an even better one has now

been produced which has met with his approval. This paper goes a long way to ensuring that candidates are open with their Nominations Panel about any misdemeanours that might otherwise come out after they have been nominated.

The **website** is a huge bonus and now it is in a form that is both interesting and attractive. Amanda Parker has taken this on almost single-handedly and it is now a great help to those in nomination, as well as to the general public.

Andrew Tuggey has produced an excellent paper on **public relations**. It is not an easy subject for the shrievalty, but his analysis is revealing and Council will do well to pay close attention to this subject.

The second annual meeting between our Association and

*“The new Guide to the Office of High Sheriff is now available and has been sent to all High Sheriffs and High Sheriffs in nomination.”*

the **Under Sheriffs Association** took place last week, and this has now become a valuable forum to ensure that the work of busy Under Sheriffs – usually pro bono – providing advice and continuity to a series of High Sheriffs, is properly valued.

**Regional meetings** have, I believe, moved up on the agenda and I am extremely grateful to Elizabeth Hunter for working so hard on getting these meetings to produce best value for High Sheriffs in nomination. There are nine regions and the meetings are always full of useful information and well attended.

A **procedure for nominations to Council** is being discussed, and I should say here, that we are actively looking for new members of Council; I will not say to you that it only involves four short meetings a year, as was said to me; no, we ask all members of Council to take on a task – not too onerous or time-consuming, but one that will help us to move forward.

Specifically, with regard to skills, we are looking to appoint to Council someone with accountancy experience to take over from Nigel Savory as Treasurer (I believe that Nigel will confirm that this really is only a few meetings each year), and someone to help Amanda Parker with the website and allied social media; also, understudying Andrew Wells on the magazine with a view to taking over the editorship in due course. But there are many other areas where less specific abilities are needed.

Much else has happened in the year, but time is short, so I will be brief:

- Most recently the **nomination ceremony** in the Royal Courts of Justice which many attended – close to capacity in fact. A great day organised by David Jones and presided over by the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales who was, again, very complimentary about the role High Sheriffs.
- Thanks to Nigel Savory's timely concern as **Treasurer**, action has been taken to reduce the deficit that we have recently incurred.
- **The High Sheriff** under Andrew Wells's care and scrutiny has been produced to the highest standards every issue.
- **Burghley** under Sally Bowie seems to have become more and more impressive; as for the **ladies' lunch** under Virginia Lloyd's care, I understand that it is thriving and is very well attended.
- National Crimebeat continues to forge ahead under Amanda Parker's chairmanship, about which more later in the agenda.
- The **legal questions** that pop up every so often are ably and easily dealt with by Tom Birch Reynardson
- Everything else and more is handled so well by our

Secretary James Williams, who seems to be a fount of knowledge and as ever willing to take on any challenge

- And I must add thanks as ever for the patient wisdom and guidance of our President, Julian Avery.

However, as some projects come to a successful conclusion, others come to the fore. Just to mention a couple:

There is a concern that some counties have stopped their

legal services. For whatever reason, cost in some cases, lack of attendance in others, a guidance paper needs to be produced to help High Sheriffs find ways to ensure that these important traditional services are not a burden. I have had some interesting responses to a questionnaire that I sent out last month – it seems that many High Sheriffs are reasonably happy with the way their legal services are handled in their counties, but there are exceptions – one county has stopped doing them as few came, another said that it cost

over £10,000 to provide lunch for those attending the service. By the way, she also said that it was difficult to find someone who was willing to be nominated.

Prisons, prison governors, and prisoners – I'm not sure that these are as high up the agenda of some High Sheriffs as they should be. We will be working on that this year.

It is with great sadness that we have to say goodbye to Elizabeth Hunter and Martin Amlôt who have been such stalwarts on Council for six years. I know that our President will be saying some words towards the end of the meeting, so I will leave it there for the time being, except to say that we will miss you both and your wise and, shall I say, firm advice.

However, I am delighted to say that John Young (Dorset 2017) and Robina Shah (Greater Manchester 2018) are being proposed for Council at Item 8 and we are very fortunate that two such valuable members have been put forward.

I could not be more proud of the amount of very effective work that High Sheriffs are doing for their counties. I hear constant reports of the achievements of High Sheriffs and wish that this could be more widely appreciated.

My thanks to all members of Council for their good work and advice, but above all thank you, members of this excellent Association, for your continuing valuable support which enables High Sheriffs to flourish.



Hugh Tollemache,  
Chairman; Gloucestershire 2013-14

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# RECENT EVENTS

AGM 2019

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**1:** Council members  
L-R: David Jones (Prime Warden Fishmongers' Company), John Young, Julian Avery, Amanda Parker, Hugh Tollemache, Andrew Tuggey, Robina Shah, Andrew Wells, John Lee, James Williams, Tom Birch Reynardson

**2:** Nick Pratt (Norfolk 2015), Tim Fooks (W Sussex 2020), Bridget Buxton and her daughter Clare Agnew (Norfolk 2019)

**3:** James Furber (Greater London 2017), Amanda Pomeroy, Debbie Inskip (Beds 2013), Robert Parker

**4:** Joanna Wyld, Elizabeth Jones, Charles Wyld (Bristol 2019)



❖ **James Williams MBE**  
*Honorary Secretary of the High Sheriffs' Association*

**T**HE 48TH Annual General Meeting and lunch were held at Fishmongers' Hall in London on Wednesday 20 November 2019. Again this was a very popular event (with 186 attending), to the point that we were over-subscribed for the capacity of the Hall. At the meeting our Chairman, Hugh Tollemache, mentioned a number of objectives which the Association had achieved recently as set out in his detailed address in this issue of the magazine.

The accounts (copies of which are on the website) were approved and Nigel Savory and James Williams were re-elected Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary respectively. The Chairman welcomed Robina Shah (Greater Manchester 2018) and John Young (Dorset 2017) who were elected to Council. Elizabeth Hunter and Martin Amlôt both retired having served their six-year terms. Hugh Tollemache thanked them for all their hard work and Julian Avery, Association President, made a presentation – unfortunately, Martin Amlôt could not attend. As its Chair and





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1: Amanda Rankin, Michelle Sheppard



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2: Elizabeth Hunter (Herefordshire and Worcestershire 2010), Senior Master Fontaine, Gill Drewry (East Riding of Yorkshire 2017), Ralph Assheton (Lancs 2019)

3: Elizabeth Green (Past Sheriff, City of London), Jeremy Burton (Past Association Chairman)



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4: James Fotheringham, Marcia Reid Fotheringham (Cumbria 2019), James Fenwick

5: Revd Richard Lee (Cumbria 2016), David Jones (Fishmongers' Prime Warden; Greater London 2013)



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6: Lady Winnington, Janie Wentworth-Stanley (Herts 2009), Francesca Horsfield (N Yorks 2009)

7: Nigel Savory (Hon Treasurer), Katharine Jones (Under Sheriff, Dorset), Vassel Gordon, Wade Lyn (W Midlands 2020), Andrew Wells (Hon Editor)



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8: Remony Millwater (Kent 2020), Paul Barrett (Kent 2019), Patsy Barrett, William Alexander (Kent 2015), Alex Millwater, Lorna Roberts

9: Mary-Clare Rodwell (Somerset 2020), Thomas Sheppard (Somerset 2021)



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10: Ahmed Mukhtar (Notts 2015), Deidre Lucas Mukhtar, Neelam Masih, Eric Masih (Beds 2021)

11: Eryl Francis Williams (Gwynedd 2020), Mary Ellis

12: New Council members Robina Shah and John Young

13: William Hopkins (W Glamorgan 2012), Louise Fleet (W Glamorgan 2017), Dr Edward Roberts (W Glamorgan 1991)



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a Council member, Amanda Parker gave a report about National Crimebeat and its achievements and Tom Birch Reynardson, a Council member, gave some useful advice about GDPR.

After the reception there was an excellent lunch. David Jones, also on Council, is the Prime Warden of the Fishmongers' Company this year and before lunch briefly described the Company's current activities. Included among the guests were the Queen's Remembrancer, Senior Master Barbara Fontaine who is known to many of us and Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli, aldermanic Sheriff of the City of London. Our guest speaker was Garter Principal King of Arms, Thomas Woodcock, who gave a fascinating insight into the history and activities of the College of Arms with some amusing stories about various challenging grants of arms with which he had been involved.



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# RECENT EVENTS

## NOMINATION CEREMONY

# Nomination Ceremony



1: David Jones, Elizabeth Jones, Senior Master Fontaine, Ian Hill, Sally Burton (Herts 2022)



2: Louise Potter (Derbys 2021), Beverly Weir, Emma Potter, John Weir (Kent 2021), Sally Potter



3: Hugh and Rosie Tollemache, Clare and Michael Tollemache



4: Dr Rita Dua, Prof Haminder Singh Dua (Notts 2021)

### David Jones DL

*Greater London 2013-14; Council member*

**O**n 12 November Court Four of the Royal Courts of Justice was filled with 225 people made up of 76 High Sheriffs in nomination, their guests and members of the Council to witness an ancient ceremony at which the names of incumbent and future High Sheriffs were read out by the Queen's Remembrancer, Senior Master Barbara Fontaine, and the Lord Chief Justice, the Rt Hon the Lord Burnett of Maldon, accompanied by the Rt Hon Lady Justice Rafferty DBE, the Hon Mrs Justice McGowan DBE and the Hon Mrs Justice Whipple DBE.



6: Dr Debra Evans-Williams (W Glamorgan 2020), Barrie Evans



# RECENT EVENTS

## NOMINATION CEREMONY



**1:** Richard Tilbrook holding the bodkin with which Her Majesty The Queen pricks the list

**2:** David Jones addresses those assembled

**3:** The Chairman welcomes High Sheriffs in nomination and their guests

**4:** Colum Masih, Bez-a-leel Masih, Neelam Masih, Eric Masih (Beds 2021), Adam Masih, Daniel Masih

**5:** Alex Millwater, Grahame Millwater, Remony Millwater (Kent 2020), Andrew Blackman (E Sussex 2020)



# RECENT EVENTS

## NOMINATION CEREMONY

The record attendance (71 High Sheriffs in nomination and 215 in total last year) showed High Sheriffs' appreciation of the judiciary and this ancient ceremony which brings them together before they take up office. The Lord Chief Justice spoke of the particular appreciation the judiciary have of the Sheriffs and their work, with amusing anecdotes from days gone by. We are enormously grateful to Ian Hill, Chief Clerk to the Queen's Remembrancer, Michèle Souris in the Lord Chief Justice's office and the officers of the Privy Council for their work in organising the event.

Afterwards all participants were given the useful opportunity to meet each other nearby at St Clement Danes Church, the Central Church of the Royal Air Force. Over a fittingly sumptuous and delicious tea the Chairman of the High Sheriffs' Association and the Clerk of the Privy Council spoke to members and their guests about the shrieval year. In 2020 the event takes place on Thursday 12 November.

**1:** Jenny Truluck, Ashley Truluck (Wilts 2020), George Streatfeild (Dorset 2020), Amanda Streatfeild, Philippa Streatfeild

**2:** Miles Jenner (E Sussex 2021), Heather Fooks, Sally Jenner

**3:** Hugh Lowther, Amanda Lowther (Northants 2021), Flora Lowther

**4:** Julian Avery (President), Susan Baker (W Yorks 2022), Simon Baker

**5:** Gethin Alderman, John Duggan, Rhian Duggan (Powys 2020), Philip Alderman (Gwent 2021), Fiona Alderman, Elgan Alderman

**6:** Henry Holland-Hibbert (Herts 2020), Kate Holland-Hibbert

**7:** Tim Strawson (Lincs 2022), Kerry Strawson, Senior Master Fontaine, Anna Clark

**8:** Simon Brice (Essex 2021), Oliver Brice, Emma Brice, Lucy Brice



**9:** Eleanor Lindsay, Sir Samuel Roberts

**10:** Roger Wood (Rutland 2021), Craig Mitchell (Rutland 2017), Andrew Clark (Lincs 2017), William King

**11:** Gwyn Owen (Gwynedd 2021), Mary Owen, Helen Walker, Tony Walker (Derbys 2020)

**12:** James Attrill (Isle of Wight 2021), Andrew Tuggey (Council, Gwent 2015), Nicky Attrill

**13:** Wade Lyn (W Midlands 2020), Dean Harris (Salop 2020), Mark Jackson (Worcs 2020)



# RECENT EVENTS

## LADIES' LUNCH



# Lady High Sheriffs

♦ Virginia Lloyd DL  
*West Yorkshire 2013; Council member*

**I**T WAS a real pleasure organising this year's Lady High Sheriffs' lunch at the Royal Thames Yacht Club in Knightsbridge, London on Thursday 3 October. This year 34 ladies met in the Britannia Bar for a glass of sparkling wine before moving upstairs to enjoy a lovely lunch of salmon and chocolate mousse in the Mountbatten Suite, which has beautiful views of Hyde Park.

I was delighted by the number of High Sheriffs, serving and in nomination, who

attended. We were extremely privileged to have as our guest speaker this year Peaches Golding OBE. She was High Sheriff of the City and County of Bristol in 2010. In 2017, the high regard in which she is universally held was confirmed when Peaches was made Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City and County of Bristol. She was an enthusiastic and inspirational speaker and gave some practical and wonderful advice for those in nomination. All the ladies who kindly wrote or emailed their thanks were

unanimous in their praise for her – one adding that she wished she had heard advice from Peaches before she took office.

There was also a question and answers session covering diverse subjects including the appropriateness of sitting with the judge in the family court. Peaches said this was appropriate at the discretion of the judge.

Thank you to all the ladies who attended. It really was appreciated and I am very glad that everybody seemed to get so much from the day, which after all is what it is about.

# RECENT EVENTS

BURGHLEY 2019

# Burghley 2019

◆ Sally Bowie DL

*Leicestershire 2013-14; Council member*



1: Speakers and Council members (L-R) John Young, John Lee, Elizabeth Hunter, Pia Sinaha, James Williams, Sally Bowie, Andrew Wells, Barbara Fontaine, Hugh Tollemache, Lord Thomas, Simon Cole, Amanda Parker, Suzy Harvey, Henrietta Young, Martin Amlôt, Virginia Lloyd

2: Senior Master Fontaine

**O**NCE AGAIN Burghley House was bathed in sunshine as the High Sheriffs in nomination arrived for the 2019 seminar. This year 146 members and guests attended, one of the highest numbers yet.

The Association Chairman Hugh Tollemache opened the proceedings, welcoming so many High Sheriffs in nomination. Our first speaker was Barbara Fontaine, Queen's Remembrancer and Senior Master, Queen's Bench Division, who gave an informative speech on the origins and history of the office of High Sheriff and its links to the Crown and the Justice System.

I felt we were extremely lucky that Pia Sinha, Governor of HMP Liverpool, could attend the seminar and give us a very candid view of prisons and prison life. She very much encouraged High Sheriffs in nomination to get involved with the prison system and suggested ways they could do that and mentioned charities that help rehabilitate prisoners. She made it clear that prison governors value the support of their High Sheriff.



This year we changed the format slightly and introduced questions after the speakers as well as at the end of the day which worked well. Both Pia and our next speaker Simon Cole were asked many valuable questions.

The speech by Simon Cole QPM, Chief Constable of Leicestershire Police, complemented Pia's and it was very obvious that he too values High Sheriffs' support and he should know as he has worked with 22 High Sheriffs since he looks after both Leicestershire and Rutland. He also appreciated



# RECENT EVENTS

BURGHLEY 2019



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1: Simon Cole

2: Amanda Streatfeild,  
Barbara Dooley,  
Jenny Truluck

3: Pia Sinaha

4: Lord Thomas

5: Hugh Tollemache

opportunities to learn from High Sheriffs about their own activities and careers.

The Rt Hon Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd, Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales until 2017, gave a very frank view of the judicial system and its problems, leaving the audience with a lot to think about. He urged High Sheriffs to become involved at all levels of the system. He also stressed the importance of judges' clerks, since they are very knowledgeable about their judge's requirements, eg their availability, travel preferences, how they like to be entertained and their dietary needs.

It was wonderful to have the opportunity to talk during lunch to High Sheriffs in nomination and others involved with the Shrievalty. With such a full programme, lunch always seems to be too short as we need to get everybody back into the hall fairly promptly.

We started the afternoon with talks from immediate past High Sheriffs which the audience always appreciates. Suzy Harvey (Hertfordshire) gave a very practical and interesting insight into her year and talked about one of her nominations for National Crimebeat Awards, Break the Chain, which achieved joint third place this year for its focus on mitigating the problems of modern slavery. John Young (Dorset) concentrated on the 'job description' of High Sheriffs, mainly covering aspects of law and order. He explained the importance of contacting and supporting the judiciary and local services and encouraged attendees to get involved with charities connected to law and order. John's wife, Henrietta spoke on behalf of the spouses and her talk provided an extremely colourful and sparkling insight into the role, which she clearly enjoyed very much. I think between all three of them they provided the High



# RECENT EVENTS

## BURGHLEY 2019

**1:** Janey Howell, Andrew Howell (S Glamorgan 2020), James Williams (Association Secretary), Ros Hart, Neil Hart (W Sussex 2021)

**2:** Clive Lloyd, Elizabeth Kerfoot, David Kerfoot (N Yorks 2020), Carole Horncastle, Andrew Horncastle (E Riding of Yorks 2020)

**3:** James Friend (Staffs 2021), Sanda Friend, Rupert Ponsonby, Prof Harminster Dua (Notts 2021), Amanda Ponsonby (Oxon 2020)

**4:** Eric Masih (Beds 2021), Sally Bowie (Leics 2013, Organiser), Pia Sinaha (speaker)

**5:** Mary-Clare Rodwell (Somerset 2020), George Streatfeild (Dorset 2020), Michael Dooley (Dorset 2021), Dr John Manley (Bristol 2020), Dr Jane Manley

**6:** Nicholas Hopkinson (Cheshire 2020), Daphne Amlöt, Henrietta Young (speaker), Lesley Hopkinson

**7:** George Anson (Bucks 2021), Dr Julie Llewelyn (Surrey 2021)

**8:** Boo Williams, Mary Riall (Berks 2020), Suzy Harvey (Herts 2018, speaker)

**9:** Dean Harris (Salop 2020), Mark Jackson (Worcs 2020), Tricia Thomas (Herts 2020)



Sheriffs in nomination with some really good tips and advice for their year in office.

Amanda Parker, Chair of National Crimebeat, gave a punchy and informative talk about this year's awards ceremony and some guidance on how to put forward groups for nomination in both the Youth Led and the Adult Led categories. The awards recognise the brilliant ideas that young people have for successful crime prevention projects. Her speech was supplemented by a film of National Crimebeat's activities and its award winners' achievements shown in the orangery during tea.

Before Questions and Answers, Andrew Wells, Editor of *The High Sheriff*, explained to attendees how to submit an article with the ideal photographs, as well as giving them some ideas on what makes a good feature.

Hugh Tollemache chaired the final Question and Answer session where questions sent in before the event and further questions from the floor were answered. These covered: encouraging High Sheriffs' Awards to prisoners as well as prison officers, the desirability of appointing shrieval police cadets rather than military cadets, and the necessity of obtaining permission from photographers and publications for image reproduction in all shrieval media output.

The last item on the agenda before the Chairman's closing remarks was for me to introduce the public speaking workshops run by Hilary Lyons and Sue Warner. The workshops are very popular and full of tips and techniques to give confidence with public speaking.

As always we were so thrilled to be able to hold the seminar in the historic surroundings of Burghley and are most grateful to the Rock and Leatham families and the house staff for making us feel so welcome again.



## Entries for the 2020 awards are open!

### ♦ Amanda Parker JP DL

*Chair, National Crimebeat; Council Member; Lancashire 2015-16*

**D**o you know a group of young people who deserve recognition for the work they do in combatting crime? If so, we want to know about it. Please consider endorsing them for an award, it's simple.

During my first year as Chair of National Crimebeat there have been some questions that have cropped up on more than one occasion, and I address a few below.

### What is the connection between National Crimebeat and the various county Crimebeats?

There is no organisational connection between us and the county Crimebeats or bodies with similar interests but different names. We do, however, have some ideals in common, such as encouraging young people from all walks of life to engage in activities aimed at reducing crime.

National Crimebeat arranges an annual awards ceremony where

groups of young people are invited to present their projects to a national audience. We will support the High Sheriff and county in finding projects to put forward for our awards.

### What criteria should the projects meet?

I find it helps occasionally to remind myself of our charity's objects, which are as follows:

**1** To promote for the public benefit, and in particular for the young and for the elderly, in England and Wales a safer and increased quality of life through the prevention of crime and the protection of people of all ages and property from criminal acts.

**2** To secure the advancement of education particularly among those between the ages of five and 25 but also for the public benefit generally in all matters relating to crime and to alcohol, drug and other solvent abuse at large.

There are two categories, Adult Led and Youth Led and each has to meet these objectives. The National Crimebeat judges use these objectives to guide them when assessing the entries, while also considering the ongoing impact on

the local community and the age and number of young people involved.

### Where can I find the projects?

There is often a recurring theme among entries. In 2019 many addressed abusive relationships; in 2018 it was knife crime. What are young people in your county most concerned about now? Is it county lines, child sexual exploitation, modern slavery, racial abuse and discrimination, people trafficking or the abuse of the more vulnerable members of society?

Sources of inspiration include your local primary and secondary schools, colleges, youth associations, police and fire cadets.

### I've written to the police lead on cadets but haven't had any joy.

### What else can I do?

It may be that the cadet lead does not appreciate the importance of what they are doing, nor that the High Sheriff can help promote their cadets' work to a national audience via the awards. Invite yourself along to a meeting with the cadets and ask them to tell you what they're doing. Take a nomination form with you!

### Trustees

This year we say farewell to Jill Jacobs after six years. Jill has been a stalwart of the National Crimebeat team and her hard work, humour and direct approach to any problem will be missed.

We are always on the lookout for new trustees. If you have an enthusiasm for working with young people and educating them about crime prevention then please get in touch by writing to me at [info@national-crimebeat.org.uk](mailto:info@national-crimebeat.org.uk).



Trustees, High Sheriffs' Association Council members, sponsors and guests at the 2019 awards, L-R: Hugh Burnett (Burnett Presentation Award), Countess of Errol (Bedfordshire Crimebeat), Julian Avery (Association President), Helen Ball (Assistant Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police), Amanda Parker (Chair, National Crimebeat), Chris Driver (Oldfield Partners), Barbara Ide (Prime Almoner, Makers of Playing Cards Charity), Hugh Tollemache (Association Chairman), Julian Polhill (High Sheriff of Bedfordshire), David Jones (Fishmongers' Company and Treasurer, National Crimebeat)

### Key dates for 2020 awards:

**Submissions opened:** 1st October 2019

**Closing date for entries:** 15th January 2020

**Finalists announced:** 22nd January 2020

**Awards Ceremony:** 18th March 2020



# Traditions of the County Palatine of Lancaster

◆ David E Cam DL

*Under Sheriff of the County Palatine of Lancaster*

**I** HAVE OFTEN heard it expressed at High Sheriffs' Association meetings and elsewhere that Lancashire 'does things differently'. This is true and members may well have noticed that High Sheriffs in nomination from Lancashire, Merseyside and Greater Manchester are excluded from the list read out by the Queen's Remembrancer on 12 November, from the list in this magazine and from the attendance list for the Burghley House seminar. For those who are intrigued, I will explain.

The 'Heritage of Lancaster' referred to by John of Gaunt in his will dates back to 1265 when King Henry III gave his youngest son, Edmund, lands and possessions following the Barons' War. In 1267 Henry created Edmund the first Earl of Lancaster and gave him the County, Honour and Castle of Lancaster. In 1355, Edward III raised Lancashire to a County Palatine, one of only three in

England, and created Edmund's grandson, Henry Grosmont, first Duke of Lancaster. This gave the duke sovereign rights in the county – a 'kingdom within a kingdom'. Henry died without male issue and the 'inheritance' passed to his daughters Blanche and Maude. By his marriage to Blanche, John of Gaunt, son of Edward III, acquired the inheritance and in 1390 the Palatinate was granted to his heirs for ever. Following the death of John of Gaunt in 1399, his son Henry Bolingbroke returned from exile to secure the Lancaster inheritance from claims by his cousin, Richard II. Bolingbroke deposed Richard and was himself crowned Henry IV in 1399. After his coronation, Henry IV decreed that the Duchy inheritance should remain separate from all other Crown holdings to be enjoyed by his heirs and successors personally. It has remained so to this day. Thus, distinctive procedures for the inheritance endure,

**Above:** Amanda Parker, High Sheriff of Lancashire 2015, signing the roll

**Top Right:** Scroll Commission of Anthony Attard, High Sheriff of Lancashire 2018

**Right:** David Cam, Under Sheriff of Lancashire, explaining the Letters Patent





## Commission relating to the shield hanging and the signing of the Roll of High Sheriffs in the County of Lancashire 2018

**WHEREAS** ANTHONY JOHN WILLIAM ATTARD OBE DL of The Laund, Whittingham Lane, Grimsargh, in the County of Lancashire was nominated as High Sheriff of the County of Lancashire in succession to **ROBERT MITCHELWEBB JP DL** of Longbarrow, Arkholme, in the County of Lancashire on the fourteenth day of March Two thousand and eighteen and made his Declaration as High Sheriff before two Commissioners appointed by the Clerk of the Council of the Duchy of Lancaster at a ceremony held at County Hall Preston in the County of Lancashire on the sixth day of April Two thousand and eighteen.

**AND WHEREAS** by Letters caused to be made Patent by Her Majesty the Queen in her right as Duke of Lancaster on the sixth day of April Two thousand and eighteen the said ANTHONY JOHN WILLIAM ATTARD was given and granted the Office of High Sheriff of and within the County of Lancashire to have hold and exercise the said Office in manner which now appears:-

**ELIZABETH THE SECOND**  
By the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen Head of the Commonwealth Defender of the Faith

To all to whom these Our Present Letters shall come Greeting

Now Know Ye that We of Our Especial Grace certain knowledge and mere motion have given and granted and by these Presents do give and grant unto Our trusty and well beloved ANTHONY JOHN WILLIAM ATTARD the said Office of Sheriff of Our County of Lancashire

To hold occupy and exercise the said Office unto the said ANTHONY JOHN WILLIAM ATTARD to be executed by himself or his Under Sheriff or his sufficient Deputy or Deputies during our pleasure

Together with all profits commodities and advantages to the said Office belonging or lawfully appertaining

Except nevertheless and always reserved unto us our Heirs and successors all and all manner of goods, waifs, estrays, fines, amerciaments of the Greenwax and the goods and chattels of felons and fugitives,

And felons of themselves outlaws and persons put in exigent and all other goods and chattels whatsoever forfeited

And moreover We Command all Constables Bailiffs and all other Our Officers and Ministers whom it may concern in this behalf that they may be aiding and assisting in all things as is fitting

In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent

Witness ourselves at Lancaster the sixth day of April in the sixty seventh year of Our Reign and in the year of Our Lord Two thousand and eighteen.

**NOW BE IT KNOWN THAT** the said ANTHONY JOHN WILLIAM ATTARD is required to hang his shield and to sign the Roll of High Sheriffs of Lancashire by way of registering his appointment as High Sheriff during the Shrieval Year Two thousand and eighteen

Before **PAMELA GAY BARKER DL** Constable of Lancaster Castle, The Honourable **MR JUSTICE BARLING**, The Vice Chancellor of the County Palatine of Lancaster, The Honourable **MR JUSTICE BRYAN**, one of Her Majesty's Judges of the High Court Queen's Bench Division, His Honour **JUDGE MARK BROWN**, Resident Judge for Lancashire and Honorary Recorder of Preston, His Honour **JUDGE SYCAMORE**, Honorary Recorder of Lancaster and Her Honour **JUDGE SINGLETON QC**, Designated Family Judge for Lancashire

**SO** that the name of the said ANTHONY JOHN WILLIAM ATTARD shall be published and recorded as a holder of the Honourable and Ancient Office of High Sheriff of the County of Lancashire.



the Chancellor of the Duchy – a member of the Cabinet – being directly responsible to the reigning monarch for the administration of the Duchy.

It is therefore entirely appropriate that the Duchy Banner should be prominently displayed at all shrieval ceremonies and, it is worthy of note, that in honour of our Duke, the Loyal Toast throughout the county is 'The Queen, Duke of Lancaster'.

The traditional county of Lancashire is distinct from the administrative county (created as recently as 1888), which bears the same name. The administrative county was drastically reduced in 1974, when the new counties of Greater Manchester and Merseyside were created out of it, while the traditional geographical boundaries of the county and County Palatine remain unaltered.

The High Sheriffs for these three counties are appointed by Her Majesty in her right as Duke of Lancaster. Their names are kept secret until they are pricked in accordance with the wishes of King George I who, in 1714, declared that the selection and announcement of the name of the Lancashire Sheriff should be his prerogative alone and delivered at his convenience. Today, the names of those in nomination are presented by the Chancellor of the Duchy upon a separate list, known as the 'Lites' (pronounced Lee-taze), and they are pricked by Her Majesty on the same day and in the same way, but at a different ceremony from the other counties.

As Under Sheriff of the County Palatine of Lancaster I therefore have three bailiwicks which are, to all intents and purposes, these three counties.

The Declaration ceremonies for each Duchy Sheriff last about an hour. It is my duty to prepare the Declarations of the High Sheriff and the Under Sheriff and to prepare and present in the name of Her Majesty, three 'Writs'. I take the time to inform the audience of the meaning of each Writ before I read it out so as to help them to follow and understand the proceedings.

The first gives notice to the outgoing High Sheriff that he or she is to be succeeded and will shortly be asked to hand over all the shrieval rolls, writs, memoranda and other documents which the High Sheriff currently holds. The second is a directive to the officiating Queen's Commissioners (appointed by the High Sheriff in nomination but answerable on this occasion to Her Majesty) to listen carefully to the incoming High Sheriff as he or she makes the Declaration and to sign a certificate to confirm that it has been declared in full. The third is the 'Deed of Delivery Turnover and Transfer' of all the relevant shrieval documents from the outgoing High Sheriff to the successor. This acts as both a directive and as a receipt.

However, the most significant document, prepared by a scrivener by order of the Duchy, is the Letters Patent. Letters Patent are open letters from the sovereign conferring rights or titles. In this case, the document confirms the





# Palatinate

appointment of the High Sheriff and goes on to define the powers and responsibilities of the High Sheriff, the Under Sheriff, Constables and all others who have traditionally helped the High Sheriff to fulfil his or her duties. The document shown here is the splendid seal of the County Palatine of Lancaster.

The ceremony for the signing of the roll of High Sheriffs is different in Lancaster from the other two Duchy Counties. The 'Scroll Commission' document which I prepare is largely the same for each county and includes a substantial extract from the aforementioned Letters Patent. In Merseyside and Greater Manchester the High Sheriff accompanies the sitting High Court judges as they travel from their lodgings to the court centre, and the signing ceremony takes place in the court of the honorary recorder witnessed by the High Court judges, the circuit judges and the invited guests. The Sheriffs ask for permission to sign their names in the roll and their portrait is subsequently placed in the dedicated gallery outside the judges' dining room.

The High Sheriff of Lancashire is particularly privileged. Following a Service of Thanksgiving



**Left:** John Barnett (2016) at his shield hanging ceremony with David Cam, Norroy and Ulster King of Arms and his chaplain

**Right:** Barry Johnson (2014) processing into Lancaster Priory with Maltravers Herald Extraordinary and judges

**Below:** the colourful proceedings in the Shire Hall at Lancaster Castle

in the ancient Lancaster Priory, the shrieval party and guests adjourn to the glorious Shire Hall within the magnificent Lancaster Castle – one of the splendid Duchy properties. After I have read out the Scroll Commission, the High Sheriff asks the Constable of Lancaster Castle for permission to sign the roll and to hang his or her shield of arms upon the wall of the Hall (to complement the shields of every King, Queen, Constable of the Castle and Lancashire Sheriff since King Richard I in 1189). Norroy and Ulster King of Arms (the senior herald with responsibility for all heraldic matters north of the River Trent) will confirm that the arms presented by the High Sheriff are properly appertaining to him or her, and by the authority vested in her by the Duke of Lancaster, the Constable will agree to both requests. The regular tours of Lancaster Castle include a visit to the Shire Hall and a view of all the many shields and are very well worthwhile.

We are extremely lucky to have so many glorious traditions in our country. I do hope that I have succeeded in eliminating some of the mystique surrounding some of the extraordinary traditions special to our County Palatine.







## Community cohesion through cricket

**AS HIGH Sheriff in nomination in 2018, I attended a meeting of Bedfordshire Crimebeat at which the chair was insistent that it was a tradition in Bedfordshire for the High Sheriff to organise a charity cricket match. At the time I protested vehemently that I knew nothing about cricket. However, on reflection, I thought that actually a cricket match would be an ideal vehicle to support my proposed theme for my year in office – Community Cohesion.**

Shrieval training sessions had emphasised the importance of preparation in order to 'hit the ground running' after taking office. So, in September 2018 I met the commercial manager of Luton Town Football Club (LTFC) and was delighted that he readily agreed to help me. He suggested that we approach Luton Town and Indians Cricket Club (LTICC) to hold a match between the two clubs on their excellent pitch in Wardown Park, Luton.

Over the following months we had five full meetings to review progress. Both clubs worked hard preparing the infrastructure and attracting sponsorship as well as producing a range of publicity including setting up a 'Just Giving' Bedfordshire Crimebeat page.

The aim was to have a family fun day to raise as much money as possible

for Bedfordshire Crimebeat. It was to be free entry event and have a range of world foods and drinks as well as plenty of activities and entertainment including music provided by the Local Radio station, Dhol Drummers, face painting, the 'Star Wars' Troupe and Bat Fast (a cricket simulator). Stands were also booked by organisations such as Rotary/Inner Wheel, the Food Bank and Sports Massage. As it was Armed Forces Week we were pleased to welcome the Army Stand and volunteers from the Sea Cadets as well as from Luton Borough Council and St John Ambulance.

Particular favourites on the day were the fire brigade who came not only with a fire engine but also their baby fire engine which they had made for children. The Community Police brought their police car and a range of police



**Above:** Chairman of Luton Town FC David Wilkinson presenting cheque to the High Sheriff  
**Below:** Luton Town FC and LTICC cricket teams with the High Sheriff



PCSO Daniel McHugh, High Sheriff, Abdus Salaam and PC Karanjit Sanghera

uniforms and hats for visitors to try on. All of this was such good fun for children and adults!

The gates opened to the public at noon on Sunday 23 June 2019, and I was escorted on to the pitch at 12.30 pm by the Dhol Drummers and tossed the coin which LTFC won. The captain decided to put the Indians' team in first to bat. At 1.00 pm the match started featuring Monty Panesar (former England spinner) and Zaif Saib (Northampton CC) and from Luton Town Football Club Mick Harford (former manager and ex England international) and David Wilkinson (chairman). The cricket match was extremely exciting as LTICC finished with 285 runs from 40 overs before Luton Town's commercial manager won the tournament for LTFC hitting a four with the very last ball of the game giving LTFC a finishing score of 286.

At the end of the match I presented Luton Town Football Club with the High Sheriff's Award and in return I was given a giant cheque for £8,363.30 which has increased to over £10,000 with further donations. It was a really wonderful day, well supported by former High Sheriffs and nearly 1,000 spectators from the 'super diverse' communities of Luton. It was a true example of community cohesion at its best.

**Meryl Dolling**  
*High Sheriff of Bedfordshire 2019-20*



## With one voice

THE CITY of Bristol may be among the smaller counties, but what it lacks in size it makes up for in energy and creativity. Among its population of 450,000, 91 different languages are spoken, with all the richness of diverse cultures that brings.

My predecessors in office had described to me the unique opportunity which the role offers to bring influence to bear. As my wife and I are both singers, we set ourselves the challenge of bringing communities together through music.

For several years now the High Sheriff of Bristol has organised a concert in our cathedral, to raise money for Bristol Youth and Community Action, the charity which High Sheriffs traditionally support, and which helps to fund holiday programmes for disadvantaged young people. Our ambition was to achieve the same financial outcome but with diversity in content, performers and audience, and to use the transformative power of music as a bridge across communities.



This led us to form a partnership between three amateur choirs, Gospel, Youth and Classical Chamber, to perform a programme entitled *With One Voice*. Each choir would sing from its own repertoire, ranging from Thomas Tallis's 'Spem in Alium' to Quincy Jones's setting of Handel's 'Hallelujah Chorus'. As the highlight, I commissioned a new work by Toby Young, 'As One', written specifically for the three choirs, to tell the story of our city, from its darker historic times through to the energetic and creative city of the present. This programme would deliver diversity in content and performers, but how were we to deliver the same in the audience?

**Above:** Exultate Singers, Renewal Gospel Choir and Bristol Youth Choir came together to sing 'As One' for The High Sheriff's concert

When the tickets went on sale, I invited those who were regular supporters of the event to buy an extra ticket, for someone who could not afford to come. This attracted a remarkable response, enabling me to give away a third of the seats. The next challenge was to ensure that the free tickets were taken up by people who would value the event and its message. I was very lucky to be assisted by leading members of the BME community, who identified whom I should invite. The end result was that we had more than 700 performers and audience members in the cathedral, with every seat sold well in advance. Among the audience I was honoured to welcome our Lord-Lieutenant, our Lord Mayor and High Sheriffs from six other counties.

Though I say it myself, it was a spectacular success, both musically, and in its aim of drawing communities together. It even raised more for BYCA and for Bristol Cathedral than I had hoped. I may be only halfway through my year, but I know that there will be no other experience to compare with the applause at the end of the concert, or the heart-warming feedback I have received since. There could be no better evidence of the power of the Office to influence and to draw communities together.



The High Sheriff, with Joanna Wyld, the Lord-Lieutenant Peaches Golding, and the Lord Mayor Jos Clark, and (back) the High Sheriffs of (L to R) Essex, Hampshire, Dorset, Wiltshire, Somerset and Gloucestershire (hidden) at the High Sheriff's *With One Voice* Concert at Bristol Cathedral

**Charles Wyld**  
*High Sheriff of Bristol 2019-20*





Photo: Mandy Jones Photography



## ... and don't stop

**AT THE time of this article being published I will have completed the best part of my shrieval year. Writing it in July after reading the summer edition of *The High Sheriff* I am already realising how quickly the year is moving.**

I have realised how important your run-up year is if you want to do 'The Job' properly. Attending Burghley and the Welsh Regional Seminar at Llangoed Hall, and making valuable contacts and connections with organisations and key people in your county before taking office help smooth the way – 'hit the ground running' should be followed by 'and don't stop'.

In our corner of north-east Wales, sandwiched between affluent Cheshire and picturesque Gwynedd, Clwyd holds its own with the beautiful Vale of Clwyd and the powerhouse of industry on Deeside. Long gone are the spinning reels of the rayon industry and the steel making – in their place are new high technology, manufacturing, automotive and aeronautical industries.

Already in my year I have appeared on live TV in court dress to launch the Mini Police project, the first in north Wales. With part-funding from North Wales Crimebeat, this initiative involves 9- to 11-year-old children at primary school and is a fun and interactive volunteering opportunity. Those involved develop a

confident voice in their communities through enjoyable experiences, participating in community events which give them a better understanding of the police and reduce perceived barriers.

Along with our 'Justice in a Day' programme aimed at Year 9 (12- to 13-year-olds in secondary education and performed by actors from the renowned Theatr Clwyd Company) we send a strong message for law and order to the youth of Clwyd.

I have attended DangerPoint (a life skills activity centre) with local schoolchildren for the launch of new interactive displays. This facility addresses the dangers to primary school pupils both in the home and the outside world. I have been honoured to recognise many volunteers at award ceremonies including

**Top:** High Sheriff of Clwyd (Stephanie Catherall) on her Declaration Day at St Deiniol's Church Hawarden with the Choir of St Deiniol's and the Flint Male Voice Choir

**Above Right:** High Sheriff with children from Alexandra School Wrexham for the launch of the Mini Police project and the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Wales Arfon Jones

**Right:** High Sheriffs of Clwyd and Gwynedd (Susan Moules Jones) with their cadets (L-R) Josh Taylor, Jacob Riddle, Sunshine Bowers and Sarah Goodsir at the award ceremony for the 10th Anniversary of the Young Dragons, Wales

the 10th anniversary of Young Dragons Wales, a partnership of uniformed youth organisations in Wales and an initiative of HRH The Prince of Wales.

Being a 'number on the door' person without the assistance of a PA I rely on my dedicated husband, a Deputy Lieutenant for our county and a Parkinson's sufferer. I have to be incredibly organised and am aided by my Under Sheriff Sarah Noton and my Chaplain the Reverend Andrea Jones, two of the most able females I have ever met, so things are running smoothly – 'a well-oiled machine'. For those who ask 'What is a High Sheriff?' my answer is 'follow my blog' – [highsheriffclwyd1920.co.uk](http://highsheriffclwyd1920.co.uk).

Highlights so far in my year are: raising a respectable amount at my charity auction/dinner; seeing parts of the county I didn't know existed; and meeting and working with incredible people all trying very hard to make their own communities a safer and better place to live.

It is my honour and privilege to serve this noble Office.

**Stephanie Catherall**  
*High Sheriff of Clwyd 2019-20*







## A controversial choice

**Above:** The High Sheriff at the presentation of a Blood Bike to Cumbria and Lancashire by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland

**L**IKE EVERYONE who has the privilege of being High Sheriff, I am truly elated by what is turning out to be a most interesting and activity-packed year.

I knew that we were expected to contribute to *The High Sheriff* magazine and wondered what in my year would be unusual and interesting. We all undertake amazing visits to wonderful charities and meet terrifically giving volunteers. While it is always worth describing those people and their activities, I felt this wasn't different enough – as we all do it! And even though I have the wonderful distinction of being England's/Wales' third and Cumbria's first High Sheriff who happens to be black, I thought writing about race, race relations and/or the reaction to a High Sheriff who is black was interesting – but not what I wanted to write about. So, I have chosen my most controversial decision... whether or not to be involved with Cumbria's Freemasons.

It started weeks before I formally became High Sheriff. I had received an invitation to attend an event from the Province of Cumberland & Westmorland Grand Lodge Brothers. At that time, the then High Sheriff was scheduled to attend. However, two weeks beforehand he informed me that he could not attend. Having received the invitation, and without the presence of the current High Sheriff, I was in a quandary about attending the event. I had been given clear, general impressions that the Freemasons are controversial and many hold strong negative feelings – a 'no go' group for High Sheriffs! However, as a black woman, I had heard things like that before – usually against people like me! In an effort to not make a mistake, I consulted Cumbria's Lord-Lieutenant. She gave her approval. I did my own research which indicated that many Freemasons have received Queen's Honours (OBEs and MBEs). That gave me the feeling that if The Queen can acknowledge the men in this group, I could too. In addition, my research also showed that, at times, in some communities, the





## News from and about members



Right: Eden District Scout Awards

Below: Gathering for the procession

Freemasons were the only group/people to donate to the Boy Scouts and other such organisations. And then there was the reason for the invitation – the Freemasons had raised funds for a fourth Blood Bike which would bring much-needed blood quickly to anyone or anyplace within our county and parts of Lancashire. I felt that was truly admirable – and decided that I would attend.

I have to admit that I was unsure what to expect. However, I was sure that what I experienced was much more than what I expected. The Masonic Hall was full of men (brothers) in full regalia – quite a sight to see. The audience was made up of men and women – dignitaries and community people who were most accepting of all – and me. I really appreciated the warm welcome I was given.

All four of the Blood Bikes supplied by the Freemasons were on show. They were a terrific and massive contribution to Cumbria – my, in many places extremely rural, county. The display of the bikes demonstrated an impressive story of caring for others – all others. I saw the Freemasons' generosity as a selfless act of kindness. Having participated in the procession and listened to speeches about the



bikes, I gave a speech and handed over the new Blood Bike's keys to one of the leaders of the driver-medics. I was then unexpectedly shocked because the event ended with the Freemasons giving me a £5,000 donation! I need to say it again – I was shocked! Because I was not yet High Sheriff, I informed them that I would pass their donation on to the current High Sheriff. By way of response, they explained that they had done their own 'homework' about me and were giving the donation specifically to me for my chosen charity, the Cumbria Community Foundation. (They also stated their willingness to wait for two weeks until my installation ceremony if that was required.) I was the most stunned I have ever been and I gratefully and humbly accepted their donation. Actually, I was honoured to accept their extremely generous donation.

Since then, I have participated in a couple of the Freemasons' events – one when they took the disabled children from three schools for a fishing experience, and the other their 2019 Burns Night event. I have just received an early invitation to 2020's Burns Night event with notification that the Freemasons have paid professionals to create and choreograph a special melody and reel for the forthcoming Burns Night event – it's going to be named the 'High Sheriff's Lilt'!

So, while totally controversial, I am thrilled that I refused to allow any prejudice and/or bias from others to limit my participation with the Freemasons. Like the rest of my year, it has been quite a fantastic, surprising journey!

❖ **Marcia Reid Fotheringham JP**  
*High Sheriff of Cumbria 2019-20*





## Engineering, Education, Enforcement



Chief officers and partners from Dorset's Road Safety Partnership

**AT MY Declaration I said that my theme was to be an even more civilised Dorset. Part of a more civilised society is one where people can venture out on our roads confident that they will arrive at their destination safely. In the years leading up to my Declaration I was too often horrified to read in the local paper about another young person dying on Dorset's roads. As the father of teenage children such articles brought about a greater sense of angst. I decided to adopt road safety as the theme of my shrieval year and have been struck by the gargantuan effort by so many agencies and individuals all working towards a utopian ideal of no deaths or injuries emanating from our roads.**

The fact is that people are still dying on our roads and the Rt Revd Karen Gorham, Bishop of Sherborne, organised a church service in September to provide an opportunity for those who have been affected to gather and for those who have been injured or lost their lives to be remembered. It was also the culmination of a week raising awareness of road safety led by Dorset Police in the Dorset press. The service also gave thanks for those who attend road traffic collisions, oversee road safety and all our emergency services.

The Dorset KSI (killed and seriously injured) figure has fallen from 415 in 2015, to 293 in 2018 –the lowest ever recorded in Dorset.

- **DORSET HAS** a Road Safety Partnership which consists of Local Highway Authorities, the Fire and Rescue Service, Public Health, Dorset Police, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, a local road safety charity, Highways England, with support from the Local Highway Authority Portfolio Holders, Chief Officers from Police and Fire and Public Health directors.
- **AN ENGINEERING**, Education and Enforcement approach – the Department for Transport's three means to meet its policy goals in road safety – is adopted by partners focusing on their particular areas of expertise.
- **DORSET RUNS** its own driver awareness course in lieu of fixed penalties. This is an all- encompassing road safety awareness course focusing on driver behavioural change, which has been evaluated by leading psychologists in the field. It is highly acclaimed by attendees.
- **DORSET RUNS** numerous educational interventions for all ages and all types of road use. It has just launched part of its Road Respect campaign which seeks to 'humanise' vehicles, develop empathy between road users, and encourage them to take personal responsibility for their actions.
- **DORSET HAS** a very active Community Speed Watch, with nearly 100 teams of volunteers across the county monitoring speed in their local

communities. These groups of volunteers play a vital role in speed awareness.

- **DORSET HAS** a small but highly motivated and intelligence led Safety Camera Team which performs mobile operations as well as maintaining static cameras. This team also supports our Community Speed Watch volunteers.
- **DORSET HAS** a highly successful 'No Excuse' team of police officers, dedicated to the role of casualty reduction. This team performs numerous daily operations to deal with no insurance, careless driving, speeding, drugs and alcohol offences, and distraction transgressions (eg mobile phones).
- **OPERATION DRAGOON** is performed by roads policing officers and deals specifically with higher-end traffic offences and anti-social driving behaviour. This successful initiative has dealt with over 500 individuals since its inception nearly two years ago. This is an intelligence-led, ongoing operation, which can involve removing dangerous individuals and their vehicles from the road. This operation also links into criminal activity and reciprocal intelligence between different areas of policing across the force.

As part of my theme I have been privileged to witness at first hand the incredible skill and professionalism of the Dorset Police roads policing team. I'm not going to give away any secrets but if you choose to drive on Dorset's roads having taken drugs in recent days then you have a reasonably good chance of being detected, arrested, detained, charged and losing your driving licence. Drug driving is now a big problem for our police to manage owing to the volume of drivers committing this offence, and in so doing endangering themselves and other road users.

◆ **Philip Warr**  
*High Sheriff of Dorset 2019-20*





# EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE

*News from and about members*

## Early intervention is vital

**IT WAS a great honour to be the High Sheriff of the East Riding of Yorkshire last year. The most relevant advice I received was 'to encourage and thank people but most importantly listen and learn'.**

I realised that I'd lived in a 'bubble' and had a very fortunate life, but as High Sheriff I met young people facing enormous challenges. For those few lucky identified children from dysfunctional, wrecked families three support systems that offer them hope are schools, charities and the police.

Schools are involved in so much more than educating children. They also provide pastoral care, counselling and life skills for all the family.

Charities need volunteers and funding to do their vital work. In the East Riding of Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, High Sheriffs, the Police and Fire and Rescue Service have formed the Tribune Trust which provides small but essential

grants. It was a particular privilege to see the hard work and commitment of those volunteers, mostly unseen and unacknowledged, who work with young people. The charitable sector is critical to the smooth running of the country and, in particular, to the lives of disadvantaged vulnerable young people.

The Humberside Police run various projects to engage young people: Lifestyle is a summer activity where children help their communities; Night Challenge is a 13-mile night walk, which motivates and boosts a young person's self-esteem; the Police Early Intervention teams in Hull and Bridlington help vulnerable disadvantaged young people on the cusp of offending.

The police cadets are extremely successful at engaging with young people. Angel Roberts, my High Sheriff's cadet, is an excellent example of how the cadets can inspire and develop a young person.



Photo: Hull News

**With Deputy Chief Constable Chris Rowley, Humberside Police, and Angel Roberts, High Sheriff's police cadet**

Angel hopefully will fulfil her ambition to become a police officer.

Stacey's story is an example of schools, charities and the police working together to help a disadvantaged young person, with a successful outcome: Stacey was 13 and came from a severely dysfunctional family. She self-harmed, offered herself on dating websites and went missing for days. Stacey's case was referred to a youth worker, Gemma Wallace, by the missing persons team at Humberside Police, whose main concern was child sexual exploitation. Gemma got to know Stacey and applied to the Tribune Trust for a small grant to cover the cost of buying two bikes for Stacey and her mum to get to army cadet meetings. Buying the bikes had a dramatic and positive effect on the wellbeing of Stacey's family. She attends two cadet meetings a week and has returned to school full-time. She has not gone missing for months, an encouraging outcome.

At the High Sheriff's Awards ceremony, I was able to thank and acknowledge the volunteers and the emergency services whom I had met during the year. Most importantly, I congratulated members of the Early Intervention teams and Gemma Wallace for making such a difference to the lives of vulnerable children.

My most compelling impression is that early intervention can dramatically change disadvantaged young people's lives, so reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.

**Deborah Rosenberg**  
*High Sheriff of the East Riding of Yorkshire 2018-19*



Photo: Hull News

**With Gemma Wallace, East Riding Voluntary Action Services**



## The Chattri Memorial Service at Patcham, East Sussex



View from the Chattri Memorial

**EVERY JUNE, on the glorious South Downs of Sussex, above Brighton and Hove, a large group gathers to commemorate the ultimate sacrifice made by hundreds of Hindu and Sikh soldiers from the Indian subcontinent who gave their lives in the Great War. This is the Chattri Service, a hugely moving and memorable event, attended by people of many faiths and from all walks of life. The High Sheriff of East Sussex is always invited to lay a wreath at this memorial service. I was honoured to be able to participate in the Chattri Service this year.**

The Chattri itself is a memorial built on the site where the cremations of First World War Indian soldiers took place. These soldiers had died of war wounds in the three military hospitals established for their care, including the Brighton Pavilion, in 1914-15. The memorial was unveiled by the Prince of Wales in 1921. His Royal Highness felt very strongly that these Hindu and Sikh men had been exceptionally loyal to the Crown. Having died so many thousands of miles from their homes, it was fitting to erect an imposing memorial as a mark of respect to these brave men.

The memorial service was resurrected in the year 2000 by Davinder Dhillon DL, a Sikh teacher from Brighton. He and a small team of volunteers organise the day's proceedings which are followed by a wonderful curry lunch back at the Dorothy Stringer School in Brighton, by courtesy of The Punjab Restaurant from London. On display was the Chattri Exhibition, with photographs and historical information about the Indian soldiers' journeys from India to the Western Front and then to Brighton.

The memorial service saw dozens of wreaths laid by, among others, the Deputy High Commissioner of India, Mr Charenjeet Singh, who also gave a very

moving speech; the Lord-Lieutenant of East Sussex, Mr Peter Field; the Mayor of Brighton, Cllr Mrs Alex Phillips; and the Chief Constable of Sussex Police, Mr Giles York QPM. Many branches of the armed forces were represented. Of particular note was the presence of Mr James Whittaker and his son Rupert, the great-grandson and great-great-grandson of General Sir James Willcocks, Commander of the Indian Corps in France in 1914.

The prayers were led by leaders of several religions, including Bhai Sahib Sohan Singhji. In the wider group, there were participants from many, many faiths. People had travelled great distances to be there. One group of friends had come from Athens to commemorate great-grandparents who had fought in the Great War. We also met two young women, participants from India in a training programme for flight attendants at Gatwick, who had stumbled upon this event in their local Hindu temple in Crawley. As their brothers and fathers are currently in the Indian army, they saw the day as an opportunity to say thank you for past sacrifices and see more of the English countryside in the process. It was cheering to realise that our Sussex gathering can touch so many people around the world.

After the Chattri ceremony, the curry lunch and many photos, I felt glad to have been welcomed by this community which has such well-established traditions and which keeps close links with its history. The beginning of my shrieval year was looking very promising indeed.

### ♦ Violet Hancock

*High Sheriff of East Sussex 2019-20*



**Above:** At the end of the service. **Above Right:** Front row, left to right - Rupert Whittaker; James Whittaker; Violet Hancock, High Sheriff of East Sussex; Alex Phillips, Mayor of Brighton & Hove; Peter Field, Lord-Lieutenant of East Sussex; Charenjeet Singh, Deputy High Commissioner of India with Davinder Dhillon DL addressing the gathering







## Litter-picking a safe option

IT'S NOT straightforward explaining what a High Sheriff is. For me, as a historian, it's often easier to talk about what the High Sheriff used to be and do. Even when you've been through the standard list of principal duties, there is still the unasked question hanging in the air, 'But what do you actually do?' Twitter provides one way of answering that question. It's important to explain and demystify the Office of High Sheriff, and I also publish a blog so that I can write at greater length about some of the things that I am particularly interested in, both current and historical.

We're often asked what charities we're supporting, and in Essex that's an easy question to answer: the High Sheriffs' Fund, which dates back to 1993, is now administered by the Essex Community Foundation and gives out about £30,000 in grants each year to voluntary groups and charities that are involved with crime reduction and community safety. An increasingly large part of the High Sheriff's role is supporting and promoting the voluntary sector within the county, and in among all the topics competing for attention, I've tried to follow three – women offenders, Travellers and litter – which relate



Litter-picking in Hawkwell with the 4th Rochford Scouts

to a greater or lesser extent to my experience as a magistrate.

Much research has been done in recent years into women who are caught up in the criminal justice system, often as a result of being manipulated by abusive male partners. They tend to suffer disproportionately by being sent to prison, and, as they are very often carers, their families do too, particularly in counties like Essex which do not have a women's prison; ours go to HMP Peterborough, which I have visited with the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire, His Honour Neil McKittrick. I've been talking to probation and various charities in Essex, as well as the national charity Clinks, to see how we can improve services for women offenders and their families, and I'm hoping we can bring people together at a conference later in the year.

The issue of Travellers, and how they co-exist with settled communities, is an ever-present one, and there have been some confrontations in Essex in recent years that have been national news. These situations are not helped by entrenched attitudes that amount to what is often referred to as the last acceptable form of racism. I don't pretend to know how the situation might be improved, but I have been enormously impressed by meeting those who work closely with Travellers – including specialist police officers, council officers, and the Essex Countywide Traveller Unit – who treat them fairly, as individuals, within the law.

Many people will infer a link between Travellers and litter, but that's a coincidence. Creating litter is of course a crime, and as well as being a visual blight, it can be an environmental and health hazard; and litter, like graffiti and broken windows, tends to go hand-in-hand with antisocial behaviour. Reducing litter, and encouraging the increasing number of people who go litter-picking, is an activity in which I can take a hands-on part; and going litter-picking is a very good excuse for chatting informally with volunteers. I'm working with Essex Scouts to organise a mass litter-pick next year, as part of the Great British Spring Clean, and I'm also using my litter-picking as a way of raising money for the High Sheriffs' Fund. It has to be safer than skydiving or abseiling.



Giving a good impression of conducting the Essex Marching Corps band at the High Sheriff's Garden Party

◆ Dr James Bettley  
JP DL FSA

*High Sheriff of Essex 2019–20*



# Bouncing back

**IN THE past, conversations about Brixton in south London largely revolved around riots and mugging. Then it became the unlikely emblem of gentrification. Now it is gaining recognition for housing some of the best programmes for the rehabilitation of ex-offenders and early-stage interventions.**

For some years I chaired the board of Bounce Back, a project which started in Brixton prison training inmates first in painting and decorating and then as it grew, into scaffolding and dry lining. The construction industry has a severe skills shortage and when we held open days for building firms and developers, they would all come. Some, like Wates, did so because they resolutely believed in the transformative power that a job can have on the life of someone who more likely than not would return to crime on release without one.

Others came simply because they had vacancies they were struggling to fill. My view was always that it didn't matter – so long as people were given a job, the prospect of re-offending for a young person going through the programme dropped from 60 per cent to 12 per cent. Bounce Back's founder Francesca Findlater has taken the success in Brixton to other prisons across the country.

Also housed in Brixton prison is the first Clink restaurant, a stunning-looking dining venue open to the public offering high-quality food and drink cooked and served by inmates. As a restaurateur myself I've worked with The Clink on day-



Inmates at Brixton prison learning painting and decorating skills with Bounce Back



The Clink outside and inside, located in the former governor's octagonal house built in 1820 by Soane's pupil Thomas Chawner

release programmes and have hired former Brixton inmates to come and work with us. The re-offending rate for participants in the Brixton Clink is 11 per cent. Headed by Chris Moore, there are now five Clinks in prisons across the country.

The big question we don't spend enough time looking into is how to stop young people getting into the criminal justice system in the first place. I was hugely impressed when visiting Brixton police station to meet Inspector Jack Rowlands, who has created a programme called Divert. When an arresting officer brings someone in and places them in a cell, if it's a first-time offence they have committed and they genuinely regret what they have done, the officer can make a request to the duty sergeant.

If agreed, the officer can go to the cell and say to the person they picked up that they are about to be charged, will go to

court, more than likely end up in prison and it will be game over. 'Or,' the officer says, 'how about we get you trained up for a job?' No criminal record and a new path to follow. Training bodies like Bounce Back then equip them with the skills they need not just to work in construction but with other local employers too like Crystal Palace Football Club.

Divert projects are now spreading to other police stations and it's a model that's working. In less than a year, over 700 young adults have worked with Divert, more than 400 have been given mentoring and advice, 200 are in training and nearly 70 are now in employment.

Brixton is now getting a reputation it can be proud of.

**Iqbal Wahhab OBE**  
*High Sheriff of Greater London 2019-20*







# Ensuring continuity



**B**EING THE High Sheriff presents a brief and unique opportunity to bring people together and make connections that might be useful to a range of different charitable, voluntary and statutory organisations across the county. To make the most of this opportunity and to best be of service, I have found it essential to try and meet as many people as possible across a range of sectors, and the gift of the role is that everyone will give you their time and a warm welcome.

One of the challenges of the Office is to marry the different initiatives and ideas of each Sheriff with continuity of some sort. There are many projects and organisations that need more than a year of support and such support and encouragement can be especially important when funding streams are so short-term and precarious. I invited my two successors to meet me during my first week and again in September. I hope that this co-operative approach will ensure that work and connections are longer-lasting and have more impact.



Top: With Police  
Cadet Paige  
Mangleshot

Left: With Roman  
soldiers at the Alban  
Pilgrimage in St  
Albans





## News from and about members



**Above:** Presenting an award to PC Alexandra Nicolaou with Chief Constable Charlie Hall QPM

**Right:** With Police Chaplain Caroline Malcolm and Sgt Duncan Wallace at the opening of the community garden at Buntingford Police Station



My theme or broad focus for the year has been to support work in building stronger communities. I am also interested in interfaith and integration initiatives. I have found that having a theme also gives a focus to my traditional responsibilities to support the administration of justice and law and order. With the police, this has taken the form of supporting new initiatives in community engagement. I attended a conference at the College of Policing on 'Faith and the Police', and I sense a real appetite in Hertfordshire for a 'whole community' approach to tackling the big social challenges. I have spent time with our judges and magistrates trying to understand more about the

issues that they face every day, bringing relevant groups of people into court to meet and inform each other.

The role has enabled me to make introductions to strengthen communities in a number of ways and I hope that positive and sustaining partnerships will be developed between our prison, HMP The Mount, and the University of Hertfordshire. Links into local business through the Chambers of Commerce are helping focus Hertfordshire businesses on supporting local causes and our Community Foundation is the linchpin that can hold many of these projects together, contributing its research and expertise to help match local giving with local need.

It is an enormous honour – and responsibility – to hold an ancient Office that is still valued and a great privilege to use the role to thank the many people who give their time selflessly to help others and to congratulate those who have done something that is really valued. There is still much to do and look forward to, especially my Justice Service at which I hope to welcome those of many faiths and beliefs, and my awards ceremony. I really enjoy being asked to present awards and at a recent event at the prison, presenting awards for the first art competition there, an inmate asked my favourite question to date about my High Sheriff's badge, 'Hey, Miss, what's your bling?'

**◆ Sarah Beazley**  
*High Sheriff of Hertfordshire 2019-20*



## 'Oh no! Not the Sheriff of Nottingham'



IT'S NOT always easy to explain the role of High Sheriff to a member of the public, particularly when the county's principal city also has an elected Sheriff. I should have foreseen that the task would be made even more difficult by taking two of our grandchildren, aged seven and five, to the Nottingham Playhouse pantomime of Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood just before Christmas. The audience was encouraged to shout out 'Oh no! Not the Sheriff of Nottingham' every time that evil man appeared upon the stage. I was grateful that my grandchildren didn't repeat it at my installation.

The modern role embraces, of course, all faiths, and my first official appearance was to join approximately 3,500 Sikhs in Nottingham's Old Market Square for their Vaisakhi celebrations, marking the 550th birth anniversary of their founder, Guru Nanek Dev Ji. I must confess to being nervous about catching a tram to the event, wearing court dress with sword, but nobody even blinked an eye. Following the arrival of the holy books, carried from the Forest Recreation Ground by bare-

**Above:** High Sheriff and Under Sheriff, Hon Mr Justice Jeremy Baker (in the background), Recorder of Nottingham Judge Dickinson QC and ten circuit judges

**Below:** High Sheriff, Lord-Lieutenant Sir John Peace, and former High Sheriff Dr Jas Bilkhu

footed faithful, there were prayers and rituals, before the meeting broke up and there were displays of martial art sword fighting, free vegetarian food, and turban-tying. The Lord-Lieutenant, Sir John Peace, former High Sheriff Dr Jas Bilkhu and I all volunteered for this, and my



trip back on the tram in court dress and turban attracted a lot more attention.

The next event was a dinner at a local mosque for the Muslim charity 'Walk for Peace', which has the objective of breaking down the barriers between different faiths, different races and different viewpoints. Last year it raised £1m for charity, with all administration costs being absorbed by the Muslim community so that every penny raised went to charitable causes.

May was busy. It started with a visit by South American lawyers to Nottingham, and in particular to the National Justice Museum where I am a trustee. They loved the surroundings of the old Shire Hall, where I used to appear as a barrister, and where they observed a mock trial. That was followed by the High Sheriff of Rutland's Service, the 25th anniversary of the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance, a presentation by the army and a beautiful afternoon at Buckingham Palace for a royal garden party.

The major event for the High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire is HM The Queen's Birthday Service at Southwell Minster. There was a congregation of over 300, with no fewer than 11 circuit judges and one high court judge. We entertained 64 people at a delicious lunch supplied by a local caterer, and managed to sit down on time even though the judges and others (including myself) had been locked out of the changing area and were temporarily unable to get back into civilian clothes.

◆ **His Honour Jonathan Teare**  
*High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire 2019-20*





## Amazed by hard work

**THERE ARE many things which Oxfordshire, a very pleasant county, does not have. No coastline. No mountains. No major river, for the Oxfordshire Thames is, according to Matthew Arnold, a stripling. No tower to rival Blackpool's. No mines, whether of coal, tin or salt. And, for many years until May of this year, no Under Sheriff.**

There used to be one, a solicitor, and the baton was passed on every few years but then, amid a swirl of dark rumours, someone took the hump and the baton was dropped. Oxfordshire, however, does not deal in lost causes, and so the custom arose of the High Sheriff in nomination doubling as Under Sheriff for a year. The disadvantages of the arrangement are almost too obvious to be worth mentioning – the additional burden on both High Sheriff and their successors, the annual semi-reinvention of the wheel, etc. More menacingly it became known, so I understand, that the High Sheriffs' Association was 'not happy' about this and so 'something had to be done'.

Blissfully unaware of all this I went along in September 2018 to the High Sheriff's garden party. I was a little surprised to be invited since retired district judges, as I was, have tended to fall off the guest list. The High Sheriff can't possibly be expected to invite everyone. The small mystery was solved when I picked up a badge stating 'His Honour Michael Payne'. Retired circuit judges retain their title but ex-district judges revert to plain old Mr, Mrs, Ms or, I suppose, X. Someone had got me wrong. The badge had to be worn, of course, and this provoked a little merriment from former colleagues attending. It appears that I may have created legal history by being the first judge ever to be promoted after they have retired. One even suggested that I might make Lord Chief Justice by the time I was 90. It was this same fellow who asked if I might like to become the Under Sheriff – 'no more than



Lady Jay with Richard Venables (HS 2018-19), Patrick Eccles QC and Julian Hall, the immediate past and present Shrieval Remembrancers



The High Sheriff in conversation with a couple of police cadets

two hours per year, Michael'. How could I refuse? On two hours per year I think I am now well into the next century.

First thoughts: I am amazed at how hard the High Sheriffs work. Last year my county's carried out 344 appointments, including running a marathon. This year's, Sylvia Jay, may well come close to that total though without the marathon. She works tirelessly to support and assist the unsung heroes and heroines who try to help offenders to reintegrate into the community.

I am awed too by the generosity which is required of the High Sheriff and not just 'front of house' with events like the

garden party – Ditchley House this year, an astonishing pile – but 'back office' too; all those invitations, badges and so on don't make themselves. I am trying to work out whether this inevitably reduces the pool of possible future High Sheriffs in a way which is unhealthy for the future of the Shrievalty. If, having read this, the next High Sheriff in nomination for Oxfordshire is still minded to appoint me as her Under Sheriff and if the Editor permits, I may continue this theme.

◆ **Michael Payne**  
*Under Sheriff of Oxfordshire 2019*

# SOUTH YORKSHIRE

*News from and about members*



## A revelatory experience

Photo credit: Ian Spooner

Above: Armed Forces Day, with Sheffield Councillor Tony Damms, Commodore Philip Waterhouse RN and the Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Cllr Tony Downing

**P**RIOR TO taking up office as High Sheriff the only consistent advice I received was ‘do it your way’. But how was I to interpret this? Being from a legal background I suppose my initial instinct was to support those involved in delivering law and order, from judges through to the police and other agencies. So I embarked upon contacting the appropriate people and one of my first visits was to the custody suite in Sheffield with a tour and a detailed briefing on the impact of organised-crime groups in the county. I learned about the complex issues which require multi-agency involvement and strategies to divert young people away from criminal activity. The need to understand local communities to ensure they have appropriate support is crucial.

With the help of the South Yorkshire Community Foundation, I have been able to visit a number of projects and small charities. Meeting

these groups and the brilliant volunteers who run them has been an absolute highlight of my year so far. One example is the Jade project in Dinnington, which operates in one of the most deprived areas of our county but has done amazing work in connecting with young people who live in challenging circumstances. Many of the young people have either been expelled from school or run the risk of it and Jade has worked to restore their confidence and enabled a number to pass exams and then return to mainstream education. I saw similar successes at Onboard Skatepark in Sheffield – a project set up by Amy Cooper, using family money to establish the centre. It is both inspiring and humbling to meet such fabulous people. Their work is vital in our community.

On a different note, I have enjoyed attending a huge variety of events. These have been as diverse as attending the AGM of the County





## News from and about members

Scouts, presenting medals at the Invictus Trials and welcoming HRH the Duke of Sussex to the city. It was wonderful to watch him in action, taking time to speak to the competitors and families.

As a guest of Sheffield Hallam University I watched the ceremony to award an honorary degree to Albie Sachs, the South African judge and leading civil rights lawyer. What an inspirational person he is; it was a privilege to listen to his interview with Baroness (Helena) Kennedy QC.

Another experience has been – high temperatures! Attending Armed Forces Day in Rotherham in court dress in temperatures of around 30° C was a challenge. Some cadets fainted. Fortunately neither the mayor nor I did so dignity was maintained.

In conclusion, I reflect that this has been a revelatory experience. The access the role gives to so many different aspects of the workings of the county is remarkable. I can only hope that in some way my efforts to help have given some recognition to the incredible work in the third sector and that connecting people and organisations has made a worthwhile contribution.

I look forward to the coming months with, I must confess, a lot less trepidation than I did when I set out in the role.

### ◆ John Pickering

*High Sheriff of South Yorkshire 2019-20*



*“I reflect that this has been a revelatory experience. The access the role gives to so many different aspects of the workings of the county is remarkable*

**Above:** Presenting the gold medal to Dave Rose at the Invictus Games Trials with Dame Sarah Storey, Paralympic gold medallist

**Left:** Onboard Skatepark with Amy Cooper and her sister Jan



## Warwickshire's youth doing their bit



**WITH THE** message from Burghley of 'hitting the ground with running' ringing in my ears, it was time to put into practice one of my two 'non-judicial' objectives for my year, namely 'Sowing the Seeds of Responsible Citizenship'. Quickly I came to the conclusion that the most fertile ground for my 'seeds' was to be found in Warwickshire's 42 state secondary schools and nine private secondary schools.

The 'Sowing the Seeds' title was quickly condensed into 'Doing Your Bit' which, in turn, morphed into a 15-minute presentation, including some video footage; first, from the Walt Disney film Robin Hood which features the Sheriff of Nottingham (not Warwickshire I am pleased to say!) and gave me the basis for explaining the change in role of the High Sheriff; second, JFK's inauguration speech: 'Ask not what your country (county) can do for you – ask what you can do for your country (county)'. Four examples were then given of 'Doing Your Bit':

**Above:** Brickyard Barn, school for six pupils – note the hat on the up-and-coming High Sheriff on my left

attendance at the scene of an accident, a charity bike ride, pupils teaching pupils, and communication with elderly relatives. These were then used to engage pupils who talked of their own experiences in question and answer sessions after the assembly.

It soon became clear that, in Warwickshire at least, no previous High Sheriffs had particularly focused on the schools in the county; the result was that principals and staff and, most importantly, backroom staff were enthusiastic about the visits and there was much 'tweeting' by me after each visit together with a letter of thanks and appreciation to the relevant chair of governors.

I took two things away from this initiative (which is still ongoing); first, the extraordinary enthusiasm and youth of Warwickshire's teaching professionals, particularly as many of the visits were in the summer term when exam pressures are

at their highest and second, the quality and depth of Warwickshire's young people – in essence, in a year where there seemed to be much turmoil in so many spheres of the world, Warwickshire's schools are an remarkable example of hope for the future. I will never forget the 30ft plastic bottle model at Trinity Catholic School in Leamington Spa made from bottles discarded in one month by pupils at the school and rescued by two enterprising children – there to show the monolith that plastic can so quickly create.

Will I ever forget the sense of extraordinary achievement and determination for the future at Higham Lane School which moved from 'Good' to 'Outstanding' status?

To re-emphasise the importance of schools in the community, all principals from all the relevant schools were invited to attend my Shrieval Service at St Mary's Warwick, where the head girl of Higham Lane School read a prayer and an anthem was sung by the pupils of Warwick Prep School.

In March 2020 my High Sheriff's Awards evening will take place; each school has been asked to nominate an unsung hero, both adult and pupil, for recognition for their contribution to the school. In that way, a year that started focusing on Warwickshire's youth will end on focusing on Warwickshire's youth.

◆ **Simon Miesegeas**

*High Sheriff of Warwickshire 2019-20*



**Jane (35 years' service) Bonnie (29) and Dawn (21) – part of the catering team at Studley High School**





## Glam girls share experiences



**THE OFFICE of High Sheriff holds many duties and responsibilities; some we learn in the years leading up to taking Office, and others we learn while in Office. Many are steeped in tradition – the uniform, entertaining visiting High Court Judges and ceremonial duties associated with Remembrance services. What has come as a delightful surprise is the camaraderie among fellow High Sheriffs.**

As High Sheriff of West Glamorgan I have been welcomed, encouraged and educated by those who have gone before me. My High Sheriff family extends beyond my own county, and perhaps this is in part due to the history of the geographical area that was Glamorganshire, but is now split into three shrieval counties – West, Mid and South Glamorgan – or maybe it's just a Welsh thing. Friendships have been forged that will, I know, endure beyond my year of office.

By far the busiest of the three Glamorgans is South Glamorgan, whose nucleus is Cardiff, capital city of Wales. High Court Judges sit in only some of the eight counties of Wales, but by far the most visits are to Cardiff where even the Supreme Court sat at the Senydd, the heart of Welsh government, for a week in July. The eight High Sheriffs of Wales hosted a dinner to mark their inaugural visit. The service to mark the beginning of the legal year alternates between south and north Wales – this year in Cardiff. Again, all the Welsh High Sheriffs dine together the night



**Top left:** Sally Goldstone at her Declaration with Royal British Legion trumpeters

**Top right:** Dinner hosted by High Sheriffs of Wales for Justices of the Supreme Court sitting in Cardiff, Lady Hale, Lord Reed, Lord Thomas, Lord Lloyd-Jones and Lord Sales  
Photo credit: Sally Uphill Photography

**Above:** Sally Goldstone, High Sheriff of West Glamorgan at her Declaration with (L-R) Col Tina Donnelly CBE TD DL (Mid Glamorgan), Dame Claire Clancy DCB DL (Gwent) and Dr Isabel Graham (South Glamorgan)

before, and host a reception immediately after the service.

The three Glamorgans are bonded by their common link with the South Wales Police Force which has almost the same geographical territory. Isabel Graham (South), Tina Donnelly (Mid) and I attended an open day at police HQ in Bridgend to mark 50 years since it was established. Together we have chosen the winner of the Shrievalty Cup, presented to a member of the South Wales Police Force who has contributed most and made a positive difference within the local community they serve. Claire Clancy



(Gwent) often joins the 'Glam girls' as we support each other throughout the year.

Another bond exists between the counties of West Glamorgan, Dyfed and Powys. Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service serves all three counties. Helena Lewis (Dyfed), David Peate (Powys) and I were shown around HQ in Carmarthen and learnt of the excellent work of this great team who do so much to keep us safe. Whenever I see a blue light or hear a siren again I will be grateful for the bravery of our emergency services.

The role of High Sheriff must remain relevant in this fast-moving, digital 21st century. I post information on my activities on Facebook and Instagram. Many have commented that they previously had no idea what the role entailed. Other counties have evolved in different ways, at different paces and in different directions. Sharing our experiences and practices wisely can only enhance the Office of High Sheriff and the public perception of it.

Halfway through my year in office there is still so much to experience and it will be over all too soon. I relish every moment and hope that I will have made a positive contribution as High Sheriff. I will treasure the memories and the friendships forged long after the end of my term.

◆ Sally Goldstone

*High Sheriff of West Glamorgan 2019-20*



## Sussex High Sheriffs celebrate 10 years of community giving



**Above:** Sussex High Sheriffs past, present and in nomination celebrating 10 years of the High Sheriffs' Fund

**S**USSEX HIGH Sheriffs past, present and in nomination joined with Sussex Community Foundation at a reception to celebrate 10 years of community giving through the High Sheriffs' Fund. Guests included the current High Sheriffs of East and West Sussex Violet Hancock and Davina Irwin-Clark and 25 former High Sheriffs from both counties. They were joined by Mrs Chantal Wilson DL, representing the Lord-Lieutenant of East Sussex, Harry Goring, Vice Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex and a former High Sheriff, Her Honour Judge Laing QC, Resident Judge in Sussex, and Giles York QPM, Chief Constable of Sussex. The event was sponsored by Adams & Remers and the Wiston Estate Winery.

The High Sheriffs' Fund at Sussex Community Foundation has awarded 73 grants worth £64,000 to small charities and community groups across Sussex and, thanks to annual donations from the serving High Sheriffs and a few generous additional gifts, the endowment fund has grown to £83,000, representing sustainable funding for Sussex charities and community groups into the future.

'We have a very special relationship with the High Sheriffs,' said Kevin Richmond, Chief Executive of Sussex Community Foundation. 'They have given us the most extraordinary support from the very beginning of the Foundation and help us to reach small grassroots charities that most need our funding. It has been a great pleasure to work with all our High Sheriffs and we are tremendously grateful for everything they do for Sussex.'

Also present were representatives from four charities supported by the High Sheriffs' Fund – the Clocktower Sanctuary, Children with Cancer (Polegate), Crawley Open House, and Kangaroos.

The event was planned with the invaluable help of Sir Richard Kleinwort Bt DL, Hugh Burnett OBE DL, Caroline Nicholls DL and Major General John Moore-Bick CBE DL – all past High Sheriffs of East and West Sussex.

**◆ Miranda Kemp**  
*Communications and Marketing  
Manager Sussex Community Foundation*

**“It has been a great pleasure to work with all our High Sheriffs and we are tremendously grateful for everything they do for Sussex.** *Kevin Richmond, Chief Executive of Sussex Community Foundation*





# Service Dogs UK – canine heroes in training

**ONE OF the latest grants from the High Sheriffs' Fund was awarded to Service Dogs UK by Caroline Nicholls, High Sheriff of West Sussex in 2018-19. This young charity forges lifelong partnerships between carefully trained rescue dogs and armed forces and emergency service veterans needing support.**

Service Dogs UK was set up four years ago by Sussex Police Sergeant Garry Botterill and animal welfare campaigner Judith Broug to train assistance dogs specifically to support veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

Veterans who sign up for and are accepted for the course train twice a week in Petworth for nine months with their canine friends – and then continue to be supported by Service Dogs UK to ensure that the new partners settle in well together. The dogs, which mainly come from rescue homes, provide practical support such as reminding veterans to take medication as well as being a source of comfort to those suffering nightmares, flashbacks and anxiety.

Garry and Judith are keen to attract more volunteers to assist with dog training as well as foster carers for new dogs to the team. Service Dogs UK is also ready to welcome more veterans on to the scheme – whether from the armed forces or all emergency services, including coastguards, RNLI and UK Search and Rescue.

Said Judith: 'We have a team of like-minded people from all walks of life, all with a serious passion for rescue dogs to improve the lives of PTSD veterans from the armed forces and emergency services, whether injured on the front line abroad or at home. We have been very lucky in attracting wonderful sponsors, fantastic dog trainers and others who have joined us in making the difference – now we hope to grow to reach more veterans who would like our support.'

Garry is a Sussex Armed Forces Network 'Champion' for the police and is currently seconded to the Sussex and Surrey Police Wellbeing Team. Judith's background is rescue dogs, canine nutrition and general animal welfare.

Said Mrs Nicholls: 'As a High Sheriff there is the opportunity to meet many good and dedicated volunteers who are passionate about making a positive difference to people's lives. Through Service Dogs UK Garry and Judith are providing that vital support to people who have served their country or their local community.'

 **Caroline Nicholls DL**  
*High Sheriff of West Sussex 2018-19*



**L-R: Army veteran Terry Beale and his service dog Bella, Garry Botterill, Caroline Nicholls and Judith Broug**

**Q - DOES A High Sheriff's sword need to be specific? I have seen swords with cut steel mounts, but wonder whether silver, gilt or brass mounts are in order.**

**A -** With velvet court dress only a cut steel hilted sword and black scabbard with steel mountings should be worn, as laid down by HM's Lord Chamberlain in 1937 and still in force (see members' area of the website/resource library/dress). The cut steel hilt matches the buttons and buckles. Gilt mounted swords are only worn with diplomatic or civil uniform; silver mounted swords are rare, and if matching the intricacies of prescribed cut steel hilts they would need constant polishing.

**Q - I hear that a High Sheriff's badge (Association or County) should not be worn with court dress. Is there an official ruling on this?**

**A -** The Association aims not to be prescriptive on sartorial matters except where these are laid down by the Lord Chamberlain or armed forces' regulations. Its guidance on badges notes that it has not been customary for High Sheriffs to wear shrieval badges with court dress, which is deemed to be sufficiently striking not to require further embellishment. As shrieval activities developed beyond formal and judicial occasions, badges became a useful means of recognition in all appropriate (non-court dress) situations.

**Q - Is it appropriate for a High Sheriff to sit with a judge in a family court?**

**A -** This is appropriate and to be encouraged, but should be at the discretion of the judge in family cases which are often of a very sensitive nature.

# THE HIGH SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

## HIGH SHERIFFS OF ENGLAND and WALES FOR 2019-20

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WEST GLAMORGAN	Ms S R Goldstone

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## NEW MEMBERS

The Association welcomes the following as new members

Name	County	Year of Office
Mrs S D Burton DL	Hertfordshire	2022
Ms M Duke MBE DL	Leicestershire	2021
Mrs J P Hilditch DL	Herefordshire	2021
P R James Esq MBE	Powys	2021
Mrs M J King	East Sussex	2022
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D J McLeavy Hill Esq DL	Norfolk	2021
R J Mee Esq DL	Cheshire	2021
W H T Sheppard Esq	Somerset	2021
L C Wallace Esq DL	Hertfordshire	2021

## DEATHS

The Association has learnt with regret of the deaths of the following former High Sheriffs and members:

### Mrs A E Darling OBE JP DL

Date of death: 15/09/2019

Age: 81

County: Tyne and Wear

Year of office: 2001

### W G F Meath Baker Esq

Date of death: 12/09/2019

Age: 89

County: Gloucestershire

Year of office: 1997

### W F de Salis Esq

Date of death: 16/07/2019

Age: 80

County: East Tyne and Wear

Year of office: 1986

### D V Palmer Esq DL

Date of death: 04/09/2019

Age: 92

County: Buckinghamshire

Year of office: 1993

### Mrs A H Hall

Date of death: 08/11/2019

Age: 69

County: Derbyshire

Year of office: 2017

### Mrs J P Skelton

Date of death: 18/08/2019

Age: 83

County: Bedfordshire

Year of office: 1991

### F W Hoults Esq JP

Date of death: 06/05/2019

Age: 80

County: Humberside

Year of office: 1995

### A K Wolley Dod Esq JP

Date of death: 08/08/2019

Age: 88

County: Cheshire

Year of office: 1977

### Sir Michael Marshall CBE DL

Date of death: 27/07/2019

Age: 87

County: Cambridgeshire

Year of office: 1988



# THE HIGH SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

## NOMINATION OF HIGH SHERIFFS OF ENGLAND

COUNTY	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
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BERKSHIRE	Mrs M E Riall DL	R D H Russell Esq MVO DL	Miss A Kharbanda
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HEREFORDSHIRE	Mrs P C H Thomas	Mrs J P Hilditch DL	Mrs S L de Rohan JP
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WORCESTERSHIRE	Lt. Col M L Jackson OBE	R J Amphlett Esq	A R Manning-Cox Esq

*\*Note: Names for nominees in Cornwall, Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Merseyside are only published shortly before the nominated High Sheriff assumes Office.*

## NOMINATION OF HIGH SHERIFFS OF WALES

COUNTY	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
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# ASSOCIATION REGALIA AND PUBLICATIONS

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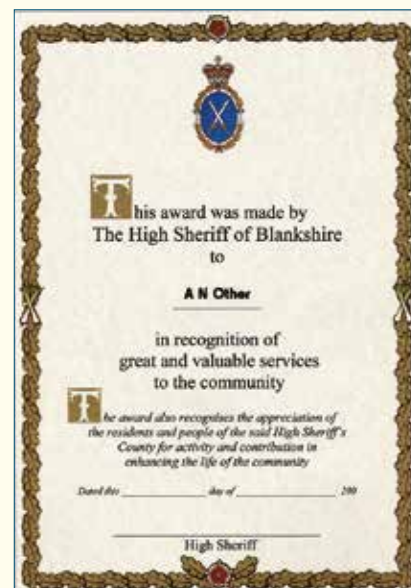
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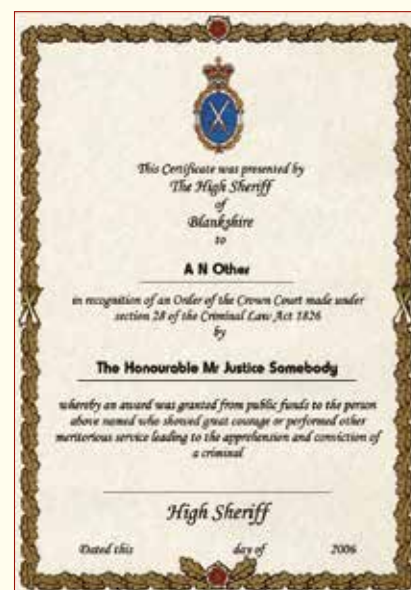
Not all counties have their own customised Crown Court Award Certificate for the High Sheriff to present or to send to the recipient of a Crown Court Award. With this in mind, the Association has designed such a certificate in two different styles which can be bought by High Sheriffs.

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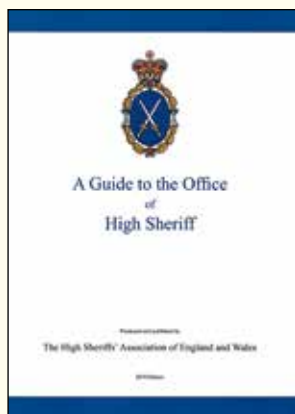
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- \*Chaplains to High Sheriffs – their appointment, duties and insignia
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- \*Court dress

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- \*Death or resignation of High Sheriffs in office – procedure
- \*Declarations by High Sheriffs and Under Sheriffs (English and Welsh)
- \*Eligibility for nomination as High Sheriff

- \*Forms of Address covering the judiciary, and civic, military and other office holders (and even High Sheriffs)
- \*Heraldic insignia of the Association and High Sheriffs and how this may be used
- \*National Anthem – deportment when this is played (and when taking parades; [not] saluting)

- \*Politics – High Sheriffs' returning officer duties (Representation of the People Act 1983, s 24(1); non-involvement in politics; not entertaining politicians during a pre-election period)
- \*Proclamation of the Accession of a New Sovereign by High Sheriffs
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