



## **NORTH YORKSHIRE LIEUTENANCY**

### **Press Release for Immediate Release**

#### **New Deputy Lieutenants appointed for North Yorkshire**

Four new Deputy Lieutenants have been appointed with Her Majesty The Queen's agreement by the Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, Mr Barry Dodd CBE.

Her Majesty's consent to the appointments was given with the traditional phrase, "the Queen does not disapprove".

The county is the largest Lieutenancy area in the country and the Deputy Lieutenants act as the eyes and ears of the Lieutenancy and help the Lord-Lieutenant in his role as H.M. The Queen's official representative.

The Deputy Lieutenants are well spread geographically and are drawn from different disciplines and backgrounds. They are the first to be appointed since Mr Dodd's own appointment in September 2014. What they all have in common is their commitment to communities and voluntary work across the County.

On this occasion, two men and two woman have been appointed. They are listed alphabetically below with brief details of some of their achievements and activities. Their appointment brings the total number of Deputy Lieutenants in North Yorkshire to 48, the number allowed based on the population of the Lieutenancy area.

**Heather Hancock:** Heather is a non-executive and chair across public, private and charitable organisations. She has experience at board level at Deloitte LLP, as well as CEO positions in central and local government. Heather's current roles include chair of the Food Standards Agency, non-executive director of Rural Solutions Ltd, the country's largest specialist rural business advisory firm; non-executive chair of Wavelength Ltd and director of Amerdale Ltd, the family real estate company. She is chairman of governors at Giggleswick School, chair of the Development Board for St John's College Cambridge, a member of St John's College Cambridge Development Committee, the Senior Women in Public Leadership network (House of Lords) and the Agriculture Forum. She is a former chief executive of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and held various roles within the Millennium Commission. She was appointed Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order in 2013 for services to the Royal Family.

**Captain Stephen Upright** Stephen was born in Leeds and educated at the King's School Pontefract and the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, where he gained a degree in zoology. He joined the Royal Navy and was selected for the Submarine Service. In 1989, he gained his own command, HMS Opossum. In 1995, Stephen took command of the Royal Naval Submarine School in Gosport. In 1998, he took

command of Vanguard Class Trident submarine HMS Vengeance. Promoted to Captain in 2002, he commanded a squadron of nine nuclear submarines in Scotland. After three years, Stephen returned to the MoD to serve on the staff of the First Sea Lord as Assistant Director Operations and adviser on Strategic Deterrent Submarine Operations. In 2010, he became Clerk to the Company of Merchant Adventurers of the City of York. Stephen is an enthusiastic offshore yachtsman, a lifelong student of history and a keen countryside walker. Rounding Cape Horn, on passage from New Zealand to Uruguay, is his proudest achievement under sail.

**Trevor Watson:** Trevor worked in financial services within a number of organisations, institutions and businesses specialising in taxation, trust and investment. Prior to retirement he worked at director level. He is a Justice of the Peace, serving as a magistrate for 40 years, ten as bench chairman. He recently retired as bench chairman of Teesside Magistrates' Court. He is director of Five Lamps Charity, a national social enterprise, and director and chairman of the trading company subsidiary, Conduit Ltd. This third sector business aims to deliver social, economic and financial inclusion services to transform lives, raise aspiration, remove barriers and offer choice. Trevor is a past governor of Carlton and Faceby Primary School and current school governor and trustee of Teesside High School. He is a past lay member of the Child Support Agency Appeal Tribunal.

**Clare Wood:** The eldest daughter of Lord and Lady Martin Fitzalan Howard, Clare was brought up at Carlton Towers, North Yorkshire, and Brockfield Hall. She has a son and two daughters. She was a partner in Sheppards and Chase stock brokers and managing director in Cater Allen plc. She is a dealer and collector in Staithes Group paintings. She was also editor of Exhibition Guide, Art Review Magazine, from 1982 to 1992. From 2001 to 2017, Clare was a North Yorkshire County Councillor representing Hovingham and Sheriff Hutton division. From 2005 to 2011 she was Executive Member for Business and Environmental Services and from 2011 to 2017 Executive Member for Health and Adult Services. Clare has been chairman of governors at Warthill School; chairman of the Howardian Hills AONB; chairman of Ryedale Strategic Partnership; and chairman of the Y&NY Waste Management Partnership; as well as other roles as a County Council representative. She is a Justice of the Peace on the York Bench and Patron of the York and District Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society.

For further information about the Lieutenancy and a list of Deputy Lieutenants visit the Lord-Lieutenant's website, [www.nyll.org.uk](http://www.nyll.org.uk) or contact The Clerk to the North Yorkshire Lieutenancy at County Hall, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL7 8AD [amanda.fry@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:amanda.fry@northyorks.gov.uk) telephone 01609 532705.