



Sheriff Wendy Mead CC Sheriff of the City of London 2011/12

Wendy Mead took office as Sheriff of the City of London on 28th September 2011. As one of the two Sheriffs elected annually into this ancient office dating back to the 7th century, Wendy will share responsibility for the smooth running of the Central Criminal Court at the Old Bailey and for the provision of facilities there for HM Judges to administer justice. However, her principal duties will be supporting the Lord Mayor directly on many visits and official functions, which he undertakes throughout his year of office, both at home and overseas.

Sheriff Mead was educated in Leicester and at the Cordon Bleu cooking college where she attained a Diploma. Following extensive travel around the world, working in countries as diverse as Papua New Guinea, where she managed a small hotel, and New Zealand she returned to UK and after marriage to Alan Mead, a city banker, they settled near the City where she still lives. In addition to running a successful catering business, Wendy restored their period house and garden and accompanied Alan on his business travels, predominately in the former eastern bloc countries.

The threatened closure of St. Bartholomew's Hospital in 1992, where Alan had undergone successful major surgery, was the catalyst for Wendy's involvement in 'The Save Bart's Campaign', elected first as Spokesman then Chairman, a post she still holds. In recognition of this service, the Medical College afforded Wendy the rare distinction of Honorary Alumna. She maintains strong links with MPs, Government Ministers, senior health officials, lawyers and the media who were central to the success of the Campaign. Bart's is now being rebuilt and will celebrate 900 years of continuous health service to the City of London and nationally in 2023.

This involvement with the city was key to running for Common Council, and in 1997 Wendy was elected to serve the Ward of Farringdon Without. Extensive service on numerous Corporation committees includes, notably the senior Policy and Resources Committee, for which Wendy was elected to serve a third 4-year term in 2009, Environmental Services, Community and Children's Services, Open Spaces. She is a Board member of Barbican Centre, Guildhall School of Music and Drama and City Bridge Trust and a past Chairman of Epping Forest and Commons Committee.

Wendy represents the Corporation on several bodies including City & Guilds, City Arts Trust, Christ's Hospital and the North East London Health Services Scrutiny Committee. Charity work includes Chairman of Housing the Homeless Central Fund and Vice Chairman of The Guild of the Royal Hospital of St. Bartholomew (League of Friends) and membership of London Ambulance Patients Forum. She was for six years Chairman of St. Bartholomew the Great Heritage Trust.

Wendy is a committed Liveryman, a Court Assistant of The Glovers where she serves on three committees and is a Liveryman of the Pattenmakers. She belongs to three Ward Clubs, the City Livery Club and is a Life Governor of the Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund.

Her interests include opera, ballet, theatre, fine arts, cuisine and gardening.

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