

Her majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire Robert Voss CBE

# Proud to represent Her Majesty among the people of Hertfordshire

Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire Robert Voss CBE writes for #Herts.

Who is the Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire? What is his role? Who appoints him? How long does he serve in office?

These are typical questions I receive everyday as few people have or any idea at all about the role of the Lord-Lieutenant.

I was appointed by Her Majesty The Queen on the advice from The Prime Minister on 4th August 2017 and all being well I remain in the role until my 75th birthday in 2028.

The role of Lord-Lieutenant was established by King Henry VIII to maintain law and order and whilst The Lieutenancy retains close relations with the armed services -I am President of The Hertfordshire County Committee of The Army Reserve and Cadet Force - our responsibility for maintaining the military ended in the 19th century.

My principal role is to maintain the



dignity of The Crown and to represent Her Majesty throughout the county. This includes presenting Queens Awards -for Voluntary Service and Enterprise/Industry and British Empire Medals amongst others - as well as being Her Majesty's eyes and ears in Hertfordshire. The Lieutenancy also arrange for

members of the Royal family to visit Hertfordshire and I accompany them on each visit as well as encouraging and assessing honours of those in the county. I do however have 49 wonderful Deputy Lieutenants who not only assist me in my duties but also are established in a number of Panels to advise and update me and thus The Queen on many local issues.

I am also Chairman of The Advisory Committee of the Magistrates in the county and I hold a number of Presidencies and Patronages.

However it is the people of Hertfordshire-all 1.17 million-that really matter and I am meeting a variety of them around the county. It is my aim to try and engage with all the people of the county-or as many as I can-during my term in

office.

I have already met a great number of wonderful citizens of Hertfordshire through the large number of voluntary as well as business and service organisations in the county- the huge number of volunteers are the unsung heroes of Hertfordshire.