

**NEW YEAR HONOURS 2015
DIPLOMATIC SERVICE AND OVERSEAS LIST**

NOTES ON HIGHER AWARDS

ORDER OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE

GCMG

The Right Honourable Catherine Margaret, Baroness ASHTON of UPHOLLAND

Lately EU High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission. For services to the European Common Foreign and Security Policy

Baroness Ashton took on the newly created role of EU High Representative and has been responsible for the creation of the European Action Service as well as leading the European response to many foreign and security policy crises from the Arab Spring to Ukraine. The EEAS has become an established part of the international diplomatic structures and in her role as High Representative she has worked tirelessly to facilitate an agreement on the future of Iran's nuclear programme. She was previously a successful EU Trade Commissioner and Leader of the House of Lords.

Sir (Robert) John Sawers KCMG

Chief, Secret Intelligence Service. For services to British national security

Sir John Sawers has served for the last five years as the Chief of the Secret Intelligence Service, advising the government and the National Security Council on all the major security and foreign affairs issues during this period and leading the organisation through a major change and modernisation programme. He has previously been the UK's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, Political Director at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Her Majesty's Ambassador to Egypt.

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Timothy Earle Barrow CMG LVO MBE

HM Ambassador, Moscow. For services to British foreign policy and interests in Russia

Tim Barrow has been at the forefront of managing the complex and important relationship between the UK and Russia during an unprecedented period. Since returning to Moscow in 2012, he has led the Embassy in its work on the crisis in Ukraine and in support to British Olympic and Paralympic teams at the Sochi Winter Games; he has tirelessly promoted UK's interests, including on human rights, fostering cultural and education links between the two countries, and supporting the UK's scientific, trade and economic interests in Russia. This builds on excellence in a long distinguished career including as Ambassador to the EU's Political and Security Committee where he was a leading figure and HM Ambassador to Ukraine where he was paramount in encouraging reform in the country.

David Bostock CMG

Member of the European Court of Auditors. For services to public administration and accountability

David Bostock has made a significant contribution to the accountability and transparency of European Union expenditure and management, producing reports on the Common Agricultural Policy, economic and social cohesion, energy and overseas aid which have developed the scope of the Court of Auditors' work and contributed to improvements in the management of EU spending. As dean of the co-ordination, evaluation, assurance and development audit group he exercised central responsibility for quality control of the Court's reports and oversaw the implementation of the Financial and Compliance Audit Manual. He previously held senior positions representing Her Majesty's Government on EU policy

Professor Anne Mills CBE

Deputy Director and Provost of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. For services to international health

Anne Mills has contributed pioneering research in the development of health economics in low and middle income countries which has had a beneficial impact on many lives as part of a lifelong career helping improve health for those who need it most. She has helped design universal health coverage arrangements in countries where resources are scarce, and strengthen research capacity through the creation of the only global body supporting health systems research and capacity building.

THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

DBE

Joan Henrietta Collins OBE

Philanthropist and charity campaigner. For services to charity

Joan Collins has made a very substantial, tireless and sustained contribution to charity, charitable fundraising and advocacy. Using her global profile as a strong campaign base, she has been raising multiple causes at the highest levels and raising very significant funds for many charities as well as giving much in personal time and donations. She has been the Patron of several charitable organisations including the International Foundation for Children with Learning Disabilities, Action for Sick Children, Brainbox and the Shooting Star / Chase Children's Hospice. She is a passionate supporter of women's issues and has contributed significantly to breast cancer awareness as well as supporting foster children in India and supporting many more charities such as the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, the Cauldwell's Childrens Trust, the Princes Trust, the Alzheimer's Association and the Bid to Beat Aids."

Knight Bachelor

Hugh Nigel Edward Bayley MP

President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. For services to Parliamentary engagement with the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation

Hugh Bayley has played an outstanding and very active role in strengthening and raising the profile of NATO and advocating NATO reform and improved financial management, which has benefitted UK defence and security, through his membership over many years and more recently his Presidency of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. He has successfully promoted public and parliamentary support for NATO across other member countries as well as encouraging parliamentary links with non-member countries. He has also been the Chairman of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy, UK branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Assembly and Parliamentary Network on the World Bank, UK representative at the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and a member of several Select Committees amongst other public roles.