

New Year 2013 Honours List – Higher Awards

Companion of Honour (CH)

Lord Coe KBE

Lord Coe led the organisation that delivered what is widely lauded as the most successful Olympic and Paralympic Games ever. He embodied the vision that was so clearly set out in Singapore to inspire more young people to choose sport. He, together with his team, oversaw an extraordinary summer of sport which captured the hearts and minds of millions of people across the United Kingdom and has already inspired more people to take up sport. He is a leading ambassador for the UK nationally and internationally.

Professor Peter Higgs

Professor Peter Higgs is an inspirational figure with international recognition for his theories in particle physics, and in particular for his work around the Higgs boson, which was the most sought after particle in modern physics. The announcement in July 2012 of a particle like the one he proposed 48 years previously completes the Standard Model of particle physics.

Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire (GBE)

Sir Alan Budd

Sir Alan Budd was a founding member of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee. Since then, he has chaired the Gambling Review Body and an independent panel on the impartiality of BBC coverage. He came out of retirement to lead the new Office for Budget Responsibility and was integral to establishing its credibility at a critical time for the UK economy. He is a patron of Pro Bono Economics, helping to improve the effectiveness of the charitable sector.

Sir Keith Mills

Sir Keith Mills, Deputy Chair of the London Organising Committee of the Games, oversaw all the preparation for and the staging of the London 2012 Games. He was international President and Chief Executive Officer of the London 2012 bid company and is Chair of the International Inspiration Foundation which is inspiring young people around the world to choose sport.

Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath (KCB)

Jonathan Evans

Jonathan Evans has devoted his professional life to public service in the protection of national security. He played a critical role in the work to protect the UK from terrorism, rising to become Director General of the Security Service. Since his appointment, he has overseen a massive increase in the effort to combat terrorism and the absence of any terrorist incidents to mar the Diamond Jubilee or the Olympic Games is a tribute to his achievements.

Robert Rogers

Robert Rogers is the highly distinguished Clerk and Chief Executive of the House of Commons. Through procedural innovation he has contributed significantly to the effectiveness of the House's work; and, through his writing, including co-authoring the standard text "How Parliament Works", to better understanding of Parliament. He has been an outstanding ambassador for Parliament through a wide range of outreach initiatives. He is active in his local community, and has been Chair of the Hereford Cathedral Perpetual Trust, and of County and other Standards Committees; and has been a parish organist for 35 years.

Dame Commander of the Order of the Bath (DCB)

Ursula Brennan

Ursula Brennan is a high-profile role model for female civil servants, now in her second Permanent Secretary head of department post (at the Ministry of Justice). She helped to shape and reform the MOD during a period of remarkable change, delivering a balanced the budget and leading a radical overhaul of safety management. As a volunteer she has worked as a non-executive with charities including as Deputy Chair of the Whitehall and Industry Group and Board member of the Royal National Theatre.

Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire (KBE)

Lord Deighton

Lord Deighton was Chief Executive Officer of LOCOG and thereby responsible for delivering the world's most complex sporting event – the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. His focus has been on offering everyone the opportunity to be part of the Games, resulting in the inspiring summer of sport which has made Britain proud.

Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire (DBE)

The Rt Hon Margaret Beckett MP

The Rt Hon Margaret Beckett MP has been a member of Parliament for over thirty years, serving as the first female Leader of the Labour Party, the first female President of the Board of Trade, and the first female Foreign Secretary. She led the Labour Government's House of Lords reform agenda, reducing the size of the House in its most significant reform in nearly a century. She remains a tireless champion of causes such as climate change and multi-lateral nuclear disarmament.

Dr Christine Braddock CBE

Dr Christine Braddock has made Birmingham Metropolitan College one of the top-performing colleges in the UK and a winner of multiple awards. She led it through a merger, enabling it to develop business partnerships and sponsorships with global companies, and spearheaded one of the largest recruitment drives for apprentices in the UK. She also champions a number of local charities and business committees and will be High Sheriff of the West Midlands in 2013.

Sally Coates

Sally Coates has made a consistent contribution to improving educational outcomes for children in some of the most deprived areas of London. She led the Sacred Heart School in Camberwell to an "outstanding" Ofsted rating, and as Principal of Burlington Danes Academy in Hammersmith is now transforming the educational environment for those who attended its underperforming predecessor.

Professor Sarah Cowley

Professor Sarah Cowley has led the academic research which created the evidence base for modern health visiting. She has ensured that this research has been translated into practice to improve health outcomes for children, families and communities and has been an especial champion for the most vulnerable families.

Nancy Hallett OBE

Nancy Hallett has worked in the NHS for over 35 years, becoming Chief Executive of Homerton University Hospital in 1999. She has overseen its achievement of top ratings and its reputation for change and innovation, delivering integrated health care for a locally deprived population. Her regular presence on the wards underlines her commitment to high quality care.

Helen Hyde

Helen Hyde has been Headteacher of Watford Grammar School for Girls for 25 years, bringing it to an "outstanding" Ofsted rating. She makes a national contribution by training schools across the country in the use of thinking tools and in her role as President of the Freedom and Autonomy for Schools - National Association. She is also a Fellow of Holocaust Studies at the Imperial War Museum.

Joan McVittie

Joan McVittie is the highly-regarded Headteacher of Woodside High School in a deprived area of Haringey. She took the school from the brink of closure to achievement of an “outstanding” grading in the 2011 Ofsted inspection. Nationally, she has contributed to the wider school community through her participation in the Secondary Headteachers Forum, as President of the Association of School and College Leaders and as a governor of the National College.

Jane Newell OBE JP

(Priscilla) Jane Newell has been Chair of Royal Mail Pensions Trustees since 2005, where she has overseen the reform of one of the largest pension schemes in the UK. She has combined this with a wide variety of roles in public service, including as Chair of London’s South Bank University; Vice-President of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine; member of the Committee of University Chairs; trustee of Age UK; Patron of Hillcroft College; and Governor of the Pensions Policy Institute. She is also a Justice of the Peace.

Vicki Paterson

Vicki Paterson is Executive Headteacher of three primary schools in Lewisham, an area of wide social and cultural diversity. She brought the first two to an “outstanding” Ofsted rating and has rapidly turned round the third, which was failing. She is a National Leader of Education and has working with the City Challenge programme to support schools in other Local Authorities, to bring them from “good” to “outstanding”.

Professor Carol Robinson

Professor Carol Robinson, Professor of Physical Chemistry, University of Oxford, is widely recognised for her ground-breaking research in mass spectrometry and as a role model for women scientists. Her awards and medals include the Royal Society’s Davy Medal, The Rosalind Franklin Award, and the Anfinsen Award from the Protein Society. In recognition of her contribution to science she was also awarded the 2011 FEBS/EMBO Woman of the Year.

Sarah Storey OBE

Sarah won four gold medals for cycling at London 2012, bringing her Paralympic gold medal total to 11 and equalling the British record for Paralympic victories. She originally dominated Paralympic swimming, switching with equal success to cycling from 2005. She has also won World Championship titles for her four events in 2010, 2011 and 2012 – a formidable achievement.

Angela Watkinson MP

Angela Watkinson MP served as a local councillor before her election in 2001 as MP for Upminster. A year later she was promoted to the front bench, where she has

remained ever since, most notably as an Opposition and then Government Whip. She has served on several Select Committees and makes a strong voluntary contribution, including as an Ambassador for Guiding.

Knight Bachelors

Ben Ainslie CBE

Ben Ainslie is the most decorated sailor in Olympic history, having won gold medals at four consecutive Games including at London 2012. He is also the most successful Finn Sailor ever, having won six world titles. He is an ambassador for the Prince's Trust, a patron of the John Merricks Sailing Trust which helps young people achieve their potential through sailing, and a supporter of Sail 4 Cancer which aims to improve the quality of life for those affected by cancer.

George Berwick CBE

George Berwick is Headteacher of Ravens Wood School in Bromley, which has been judged "outstanding" in the last four Ofsted inspections. He and his school have also supported 30 others, pioneering the use of staff drawn from outstanding schools in the capital to assist those which are struggling under the London Challenge scheme. Since his CBE in 2007, he has extended the lessons drawn from this to other parts of the country through City Challenge, helping to create the Teaching Schools model.

Quentin Blake CBE

Quentin Blake is a much-loved illustrator, especially of children's books, who has pledged his entire collection of illustrative work to the House of Illustration. In recent years he has taken his work off the page and into the public space, especially health-care settings where he has created uplifting environments for patients, staff and visitors.

David Brailsford CBE

David Brailsford is the mastermind behind the 12 medals won by Team GB's cyclists at London 2012. As cycling Performance Director, he has played a significant role in Britain's rise to the top of world cycling, bringing gold medals home from Athens, Beijing and now London, alongside hundreds of successes at World and European championships over the last 14 years. He is also the Team Principal of Team Sky, supporting the first ever British winner of the Tour de France.

Professor Keith Burnett CBE FRS

Professor Keith Burnett, Vice Chancellor, University of Sheffield, is an eminent atomic physicist with an outstanding track record of leadership in Higher Education and contribution to science policy. In 2009, he was appointed the Chair of the University and Colleges Employers' Association, and in 2010 he was a member of the BIS Review Panel that reported on the state of UK Postgraduate Education.

Professor Ian Diamond FRSE

Professor Ian Diamond, Principal and Vice Chancellor, University of Aberdeen, has a world class reputation in the field of social statistics and in the advancement of

demographic practice. He has also made an outstanding contribution to leading the UK social science research community in his role as Chief Executive of the Economic and Social Research Council from 2003 to 2010.

Kenneth Grange CBE

Kenneth Grange is one of the UK's leading industrial designers, responsible for Britain's first parking meter, the Intercity 125 high speed train, Adshel bus shelters, the Kodak Instamatic camera, the rural post box and the London taxi. He has twice, in 1966 and 2001, won the Prince Phillip design prize (The Duke of Edinburgh's Prize for Elegant Design; latterly the Prince Phillip Designers Prize), earned ten Design Council Awards and, as a visiting professor at the Royal College of Art, continues to nurture a new generation of designers.

Michael Heller

Michael Heller is an extremely generous philanthropist. He founded two charities (one jointly with his late father) whose donations have straddled educational research and humanitarian causes, including to cancer research; establishing bursaries to enable medical students to engage in the arts and humanities; widening participation in university life; and supporting the Chichester Festival Theatre.

Peter Hendy CBE

Peter Hendy has provided inspiring leadership to Transport for London over the last six years since becoming Commissioner. He has made London a world leader in integrated and innovative transport delivery, and has overseen record-breaking operational performance, passenger numbers and the largest ever investment programme. He led, and played a key role in preparing for the successful operation of London's transport for the 2012 Games. He supports the Railway Children, Tramsaid, and London Poppy Day charities.

Bernard Hogan-Howe QPM

Bernard Hogan-Howe QPM is a role model for single-minded crime fighting. He oversaw a 30% fall in crime over three years as Chief Constable of Merseyside; anti-social behaviour fell by 20% in a single year. Now Metropolitan Police Commissioner, he has brought new energy to action on gangs, guns and knife crime, using zero tolerance tactics and sustaining front line visibility. He oversaw the policing of London during the Diamond Jubilee, and the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

John Leighton

John Leighton is one of the UK's leading curators. As Director-General of the National Galleries of Scotland, he helped to negotiate the acquisition for the nation of the outstanding "Artist Rooms" collection of modern art, helped to raise the funds for two Titian masterpieces, led the renovation of the oldest purpose-built portrait gallery in the world in Edinburgh, and dramatically increased access to the national collections in Scotland.

Martin Narey

Martin Narey was responsible for introducing significant reforms to the Prison Service, making it clear that prisoners should be treated with dignity and respect. As Chief Executive of Barnardo's, he greatly increased its profile as a leading charity campaigning for the most vulnerable children in society. He led the UK's End Child Poverty Campaign for three years. He has been Ministerial Adviser on Adoption since 2011 and has led a wholesale reform of adoption, boosting the numbers.

Stephen O'Brien CBE

(Robert) Stephen O'Brien was appointed Chair of Barts Health NHS Trust in 2012, building successful partnerships across the health, local government and voluntary sectors to improve health care for East Londoners. This followed lengthy service as Chair of Tower Hamlets NHS PCT; Vice-Chair of the Church Urban Fund; Chief Executive the Vice-President of Business in the Community; Chair of Governors of the University of East London; Chair of Teach First; and Chief Executive then Chair of London First.

Professor David Payne CBE FRS

Professor David Payne is highly regarded for his leadership of the world-renowned Optoelectronics Research Centre at the University of Southampton. He has built an astonishing record of world-class innovation in optical fibres over 40 years. His optical fibre amplifiers power the internet, while fibre lasers for manufacturing cut steel. He has had a key role in several spin-off companies and has received the top photonics awards from Europe, the US and Japan.

Hector Sants

Hector Sants has been an outstanding leader of the Financial Services Authority during the most challenging of times. Following the failure of Northern Rock, he launched a fundamental transformation of the FSA's approach to prudential supervision and enforcement, with a far more robust use of civil and criminal powers to achieve credible deterrence. He is also a former member of the Board of the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Chair of the Board of the Said Business School, University of Oxford and a benefactor of a number of Oxford based charities including the Art Room, a charity providing art therapy to children with behavioural and learning difficulties.

Richard Shepherd MP

Richard Shepherd MP has served the constituency of Aldridge Brownhill for 33 years, while gaining a reputation in Parliament for independent thought. He is a former Backbencher of the Year and Spectator Parliamentarian of the Year, has served on several parliamentary committees and introduced four Private Member's Bills.

Martin Smith

Martin Smith is a philanthropist of extraordinary range and generosity. His financial gifts have been matched with a rare level of advisory support and have included founding the Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment at Oxford University; the creation of the Smith Centre at the Science Museum; a major contribution to English National Opera of which he was Chair; being lead donor since its inception of the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment of which he is Chair; supporting Elise Becket Smith in creating the Becket Collection of Instruments at the Royal Academy of Music.

Christopher Stone

Christopher Stone is Executive Headteacher of a cluster of schools in Birmingham. The Arthur Terry Learning Partnership includes the Arthur Terry and Stockland Green secondary schools and the Slade, Hill West, Mere Green and Brookvale primary schools. He is transforming Stockland Green, previously a failing school, and has developed Arthur Terry as a Teaching School which does not just support other schools in Birmingham but also provides challenge and advice to others across the country. Under his leadership, it achieved an “outstanding” Ofsted rating in 2009.

Hew Strachan DL

Hew Strachan is the Chichele Professor of the History of War at All Souls, Oxford, where he has put his historical knowledge to contemporary use. His unpaid contributions to the Ministry of Defence have strongly influenced the decisions to reform and reshape the armed forces. Beyond this, he has served as a Commonwealth War Graves Commissioner and led the independent taskforce to provide innovative ideas to support the reinvigorated Military Covenant, fundamentally changing the way the UK supports its former service men and women.

David Tanner CBE

David Tanner has transformed British rowing, firmly establishing Great Britain as the strongest rowing nation in the world. As rowing Performance Director since 1996, he has brought medals home from four successive Olympic Games culminating in London 2012, where Team GB set a new record by winning nine medals, four of them gold – testament to the transformation he has brought about.

Professor Simon Wessely

Professor Simon Wessely has dramatically improved mental health services for the Armed Forces. His academic work led to a better understanding of Gulf War Illness and to more effective psychological support for the armed services. His work has spread beyond the UK to the US and Australia and he works closely with a number of charities in support of ex-servicemen and women.

Bradley Wiggins CBE

Bradley Wiggins is the first Briton ever to win the Tour de France and is a winner of seven Olympic medals, including four golds including one at London 2012: he now shares the title of Britain's most decorated Olympian of all time. He founded the Bradley Wiggins Foundation, a charity which aims to promote participation in sport and provide equipment and facilities for local clubs. He is also an ambassador for Joining Jack, which aims to raise awareness of muscular dystrophy and to develop a cure.

Nick Williams

Nick Williams was until recently Principal of The BRIT School in Croydon, where he pioneered vocational education for careers across the performing arts. The result has been a unique juxtaposition of high academic standards with strong vocational training and has consistently delivered world-class graduates. He also sits on the Board of Trustees of the Imperial War Museum, is a founder of the Birmingham Ormiston Academy and Chair of Governors of The Crescent Primary School.

David Wootton

David Wootton has used his office as Lord Mayor of London to drive initiatives linking the financial sector with the broader economy including significant support for niche manufacturing. He has undertaken a punishing worldwide promotional programme while giving an exceptional domestic contribution to the Diamond Jubilee. He is Chair of the Charles Dickens Museum, a fundraiser for Garsington Opera, and a long-standing patron and trustee of numerous education, sports and arts bodies.

Dr Hossein Yassaie

Dr Hossein Yassaie is the Chief Executive Officer of Imagination Technologies Group, responsible for key technologies in some of the most significant, iconic and exciting consumer electronics products. Imagination Technologies Group has a market capitalisation of over £1bn, employs 1,300 people, and develops and licences key technologies used in over one billion products, from the most advanced smart phones to tablets, televisions and digital radios.