



Worshipful Company of Gunmakers

Master

Mrs D M J Berry, (installation 7 November 2018)



Diana Berry's main career was with Sotheby's, rising to senior director (Sculpture and Works of Art) as well as chairing Sotheby's Institute 1998-2002. She was also a consultant to Eton College Collections 1977-86 which included the setting up of the Museum of Eton Life, opened 1985. Other art-related roles include exhibition work (Victoria and Albert Museum, Arts Council in the regions, National Heritage Memorial Fund). She was a trustee of the Holburne Museum, Bath, a governor of Hanford School, Dorset, and is currently trustee of the Attingham Trust for Historic Houses.

After stepping down from Sotheby's Diana embarked on a second career, in fundraising. From 2009 she became development director and then a trustee for New Schools Network, the charity established to help set up free schools and academies, and she remains its Honorary Life President. She is also a trustee of the think tank Policy Exchange.

Her father, William Keith Neal, antique sporting weapons expert and collector, was thrice Master of the Gunmakers' Company. Diana was admitted to the Livery in 1997 and elevated to the Court in October 2010. In her Master's year she will be supporting the Gunmakers' Company Charitable Trust for apprentice gunmakers as well as an educational initiative near to the Proof House in Tower Hamlets working with local schools on the prevention of knife crime.