

DAVID ALLAN
Master Stationer
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After leaving college, David spent five years with W H Smith, the high street retailer, specialising in book and magazine sales. He then started a period of general training with the family business Ian Allan Group which involved publishing (transport and military history/Freemasonry), printing, travel, motor vehicle franchises and Chase Organics (a seaweed based agricultural growth stimulants and organic seed retailing business, for which they were awarded a royal warrant in 2016.



David was appointed to the board in 1986 and became Managing Director two years later.

David became a Director of the Dart Valley Railway in 2005 and Chairman in 2017 and has been a trustee of a number of charities as well as a school governor.

He became a Liveryman of the Stationers' Company in 1998 and joined the Court in 2008. He served for a number of years as a trustee of the Stationers' Foundation and was Chairman from 2008 to 2011.

David is a keen military and naval historian, and enjoys tennis, walking, sailing, golf and watching soccer and rugby. He is also a Freemason.

David is married to Gillian and they have two sons and a daughter, Marc, Nicholas and Victoria.