

Election of Sheriffs for the City of London

Monday 24th June 2024

Candidature of David Chalk

To the Liverymen of The City of London

Encouraged by friends across the Livery and with the support of the Master, Wardens and the Court of Assistants of The Worshipful Company of Drapers, I offer myself as a candidate for the High Office of Sheriff of The City of London at Common Hall on the 24th of June.

I have had a long-standing and active interest in the Civic City and a hope that I could do more. Following a number of more recent conversations, I felt eligible to put my name forward to be Sheriff.

Born at the London Hospital, where both my parents were medics, I spent my early years in London and was educated at Chigwell School, Radley College and Edinburgh University.

I spent 20 years working in the City in research and strategy at the Henley Centre for Forecasting, marketing group WPP and the Future Foundation, a Smithfield based think-tank. My career in marketing continued at Age Concern Enterprises developing financial services for older people. I then founded a regional care-in-the-home business aiming to keep older people at home for as long as possible. My time both running a business and as a director of national and regional care professional bodies has been educative, particularly during covid and now with the continuing challenges for national social care.

The Livery has always been part of my life. I joined the Drapers' Company in 1982, becoming a Liveryman in 1986, elected to the Court in 2008 and Master in 2021-22. I have been a governor of two of the company's schools and chaired our Educational Fund in North Wales. I now chair our Charities Committee and am a keen supporter of the pan-livery initiatives, particularly visiting and promoting the Livery Food Initiative and No Going Back.

I belong to Broad Street Ward Club, the City Livery Club and the Platinums, my past-masters year group. Being a member of the Livery Committee gives me a wider perspective on the Livery movement; I see the Livery as an enduring force for good and want to promote its philanthropy and fellowship as well as our governance responsibilities in the City.

If elected, part of the role involves widening engagement and understanding of how the Old Bailey works and the role of the Judges; something I look forward to.

I would also use the opportunity as Sheriff to address some of the funding issues around older people's care, bringing financial services, policymakers, and care professionals together - to try to move this nationally important issue forward.

If you elect me, my wife Miranda and I will support the Lord Mayor and promote the Livery with enthusiasm. I therefore invite you to use one of your votes at Common Hall on the 24th of June for Alderman Gregory Jones KC, the Aldermanic Shrieval candidate and your other vote for me.

I have the honour to be, my Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen, your obedient servant.

David Chalk
Citizen and Draper



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