



# Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire Jennifer Lady Gretton, DCVO JP



Lady Gretton, as Lord-Lieutenant, is the official representative of Her Majesty The Queen for the County and City of Leicester, and was appointed on 1 February 2003.

On 24 February 2003 Lady Gretton was appointed a Justice of the Peace and Keeper of the Rolls for Leicestershire. Lady Gretton is a past Chairman of the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Justices of the Peace a committee on which she is still a member.

In 2004 Lady Gretton was made a Dame of the Order of St John and she holds honorary degrees with Leicestershire's three universities. In the 2017 Birthday Honours List, Lady Gretton was made a Dame Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

Lady Gretton (Jennifer Ann) was born on 14th June 1943 at St Ives, Cornwall. She is the widow of the Third Baron Gretton, and has a married son (the Fourth Baron Gretton), and a married daughter. Lady Gretton has three granddaughters and three grandsons.

Lady Gretton took over the running of the Stapleford Estate following the death of her husband in 1989. Today the estate is run by her son, The Lord Gretton, with Lady Gretton maintaining a keen interest.



Lady Gretton is a member of the Leicestershire and Rutland Country Land and Business Association, and President of the Melton Mowbray and District Model Engineering Society. She served on the Country Land and Business Association Environment and Water Committee at national level from 1994-1998.

In 1994 she was appointed President of the Rural Community Council (Leicestershire and Rutland) and in 1999 President of LOROS (the Leicestershire and Rutland Organisation for the Relief of Suffering). In 2001 she was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of Leicestershire.

Lady Gretton has been a Member of the Committee of Somerby Parochial Church Council since 1991, Church Warden of All Saints Church Somerby 1992-1995, and was a member of the Leicester Cathedral Council from 2003-2011. She is Patron of five Parishes in Leicestershire and Staffordshire, and is patron or president of a wide range of local charities and organisations.

Lady Gretton has received honorary degrees from all three Leicestershire Universities.

Lady Gretton is interested in sport, especially tennis when she has the time, and music, singing with the Oakham School Choral Society. She is interested in all aspects of steam, and restored the Stapleford Miniature Railway with the help of volunteers, and instigated the Stapleford Steam Rally in 1995.

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