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John Cherry is appointed a member of the Treasure Valuation Committee

David Lammy, the Minister for Culture, announced today that John Cherry has been appointed as a member of the Treasure Valuation Committee [TVC]. His term of appointment will run from 17 October 2006 to 16 October 2010.

Biographical notes

John Cherry is the former Keeper of Medieval and Later Antiquities at the British Museum. He has also been the Director of the British Archaeological Association (1977 to 1982) and the Vice President of the Society of Antiquaries of London (1996 to 2000) He is also a Trustee of the Emery Walker Trust, and the York Museums Trust (2002 to date). He has published many works including 'Medieval Decorative Art', and 'The Middleham Jewel and Ring'. He has not undertaken any significant political activity in the last five years.

Background

The Treasure Valuation Committee [TVC] provides independent advice to the Secretary of State on the fair market value of declared Treasure finds from England, Wales, and Northern Ireland which museums wish to acquire. Its membership comprises experts on the range of antiquities submitted for valuation, and on museums and their collections. In addition, the membership includes individuals who represent the interests of finders

TVC members give their services on an honorary basis but may claim reasonable travel and subsistence.

This appointment has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.