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## **Professor Richard Holmes CBE TD is appointed as a Trustee of the Royal Armouries**

David Lammy, Minister for Culture, announced today that Professor Richard Holmes has been appointed as a Trustee of the Royal Armouries Board. His term of appointment will run from 26 September 2005 to 25 September 2009.

### Biographical notes

Professor Richard Holmes is a military historian, broadcaster, and author. Currently, he is Professor of Military & Security Studies at Cranfield University and the Defence College of Management and Technology(1995 to date), and Colonel of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (2000 to date). Before this, he served as lecturer and senior lecturer in war studies at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, and as Lieutenant Colonel commanding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion The Wessex Regiment (1969 to 1988). He then became consultant historian at the Army Staff College, and served as Director of Reserve Forces and Cadets (1988 to 2001). He has published a range of books on military history, particularly about the Western Front in the First World War, as well as writing and presenting several series for BBC TV.

### Background

The Royal Armouries cares for the national collection of arms and armour. It has a major museum at Leeds in addition to its traditional base at the Tower of London and the Museum of Artillery at Fort Nelson near Portsmouth. It promotes in the UK and worldwide the knowledge, appreciation and public enjoyment of arms and armour and of the Tower, through the collections of the museum and the expertise of staff, by making objects available for study, and by research and work to expand, care for, preserve, document and exhibit its collections.

Royal Armouries Trustees have a corporate responsibility for ensuring that the Royal Armouries fulfils its aims and objectives, particularly its duty to care for the national collection of arms and armour in the museum at Leeds, the Tower of London and the Museum of Artillery at Fort Nelson, near Portsmouth, and its role in promoting the knowledge, appreciation and public enjoyment of arms and armour in the UK and worldwide.

Trustees give their services on an honorary basis and receive no remuneration, except for expenses reasonably incurred in the performance of their duties.

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.