

## **John Siddall Appointed as a Trustee of the Royal Armouries**

The Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport has appointed John Siddall as a Trustee of the Royal Armouries. The term of appointment will run from 1 September 2004 to 31 August 2008.

### **Biographical Notes**

John Siddall is a Governor at two schools in Leeds and a member of the *Right to Read* campaign. Previously, he was Chief Executive at the Yorkshire and Humberside Development Agency (1996-1999), Chief Economic Development Officer, Leeds City Council (1990-1996) and Director of the Leeds Initiative (1993-1996). John was formerly a non-executive Director of the Dearne Valley Partnership, the York Inward Investment Board and a member of the Leeds University Business School Fund-raising Committee.

John Siddall holds no other public appointments and has not carried out any political activity in the last five years.

### **Note for Editors**

The Royal Armouries cares for the national collection of arms and armour. It moved to a major new museum in Leeds in 1996, and is also responsible for displays at its former home at the Tower of London and for the Museum of Artillery at Fort Nelson near Portsmouth. In May 2004, the Armouries opened its newest museum in Louisville, Kentucky, in collaboration with the Frazier Historical Arms Museum. The Museum is governed by a Board of Trustees which was established under the National Heritage Act 1983. The Board has a full complement of 11 members. Of these, one is appointed by HM The Queen; nine by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport; and one, the Constable of the Tower of London, is appointed by the Secretary of State for Defence.

Trustee posts are not remunerated.

These appointments have been made in accordance with the Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments Code of Practice. All public appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.