

PRESS NOTICE

MICHAEL CAIRNS REAPPOINTED TO ENGLISH HERITAGE

The Culture Secretary, Tessa Jowell, has reappointed Michael Cairns as a Commissioner for English Heritage for a second term of office. The reappointment takes effect from 20 September 2003 for a period of four years.

Biographical Notes

Mr Cairns has a background in the international hotel sector, to CEO level. He was an advisor/consultant to the Board of Queens Moat Houses plc until 2000, having been Chief Operating Officer and Executive Director from 1993 to 1999. He holds various non-executive posts in the hotel, leisure and hospitality sectors, including Thistle Hotels plc and two property companies. Other posts held include non-Executive Director at British Waterways and Chairman of its Remuneration Committee (1991-98), Executive Vice President, Inter-Continental Hotels (1990-93), Non-Executive Director of Esporta plc. (1998-02). Mr Cairns is Chairman of the Management Committee of Lancashire County Cricket Club.

Notes to Editors

1. English Heritage (formally the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England) exists to secure the preservation of ancient monuments and historic buildings; to promote the preservation and enhancement of conservation areas; and to promote the public's enjoyment of ancient monuments and historic buildings. It is the Secretary of State's statutory adviser on listing and heritage matters, manages over 400 historic properties and disburses some £40 million a year in conservation and archaeology grants. It is also responsible for the National Monuments Record and Survey of London.

2. The current membership of the Commission is:
 - Sir Neil Cossons OBE (Chair)
 - Andrew Fane (Deputy Chair)
 - Michael Cairns
 - Professor David Cannadine
 - Gilly Drummond
 - Piers Gough CBE
 - Jane Grenville
 - Loyd Grossman
 - Michael Jolly CBE
 - The Earl of Leicester
 - Richard Morris OBE
 - Leslie Sparks OBE
 - Sue Underwood
3. Commissioners can also serve as chair or members of one or more of English Heritage's advisory committees. Commissioners are remunerated at a level commensurate with their involvement - currently within the range of £3,500 to £8,000. Average remuneration is in the region of £6,000.
4. Michael Cairns has not undertaken any political activity in the last five years.