

[News story: Three New Trustees Appointed to the Royal Armouries](#)

Neil Grant

Neil Grant originally trained as an archaeologist at Reading University before moving into a career in finance. He has worked for Historic England for the last nine years, where he is currently Head of Corporate Finance & Performance. He has written a number of books for Osprey, the specialist military history publisher, covering both twentieth century firearms and medieval weapons and armour. He also serves as a committee member of the Ordnance Society.

Paul Kirkman

Paul Kirkman has 25 years top level experience in public policy and cultural sector leadership. Paul was Director of the National Railway Museum in York from 2012 to 2017, where he returned the world famous Flying Scotsman to operation and established a partnership with the City Council for a £700m brownfield development of land around the museum. From 2005-2012 Paul had a range of senior roles at the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, including leading on the Coalition Government's Spending Review in 2010 and having responsibility for policy and funding for the National Museums and Arts Council England. He was Head of Policy of Planning at the Natural History Museum between 1999 and 2001, at the launch of its Darwin Centre development. He had three spells at HM Treasury and was Private Secretary to the Director General of the Confederation of British Industry, working for Howard Davies and Adair Turner in the period in the run up to the 1997 election. Paul originally studied Philosophy at Edinburgh University, has an MA in Art History from Goldsmith's College and was a fellow of the Clore Leadership Programme.

He lives in the East End of London with his wife Lilly, who runs her own design business.

Jonathan Sands

Jonathan is Group Chief Executive and Vexillifer of Elmwood an international brand consultancy with studios in Leeds, London, New York, Melbourne and Singapore. They are famous for winning more Design Effectiveness Awards than any other business ever. They work with Global FMCG brands such as GSK, Heineken and Pepsico, retail brands such as Tesco, Walmart, Loblaws and Coles and corporate brands such as ANZ and SSE. Jonathan has been with Elmwood man and boy (36 years this year) undertaking a Management buyout in 1989 at the age of 29. He is a regular speaker at design conferences and an industry commentator. He is a past member of the Design Council and RSA and a former Chairman of the DBA. He is a Visiting Professor of Innovation at Huddersfield University where in 2002 he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate for my services to the Design Industry. He was also awarded an OBE in the Queens New Years

Honours in 2011 for his services to the Creative Industries.

Jonathan is a Non Executive Director of RATE (The Royal Armouries Trading Enterprise) an Advisory board member of AND Digital (one of the countries fastest growing tech companies) and Chairman of a new start up online veterinary business 'Joi'. Outside work he is a proud father of three, a long suffering Derby County supporter and an average golfer.

This appointment has been made in accordance with the [Cabinet Office's Governance Code on Public Appointments](#). The appointments process is regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments. Under the Code, any significant political activity undertaken by an appointee in the last five years must be declared. This is defined as including holding office, public speaking, making a recordable donation, or candidature for election. Neil, Paul and Jonathan have declared no such political activity.

[Press release: Romford CCTV catches Pinner waste criminal in the act](#)

Man filmed dumping builders rubbish illegally

[News story: National Thermal Hydraulic Facility Consultation](#)

Within the recent Nuclear Sector Deal, £40m was announced for a UK national thermal hydraulic research and testing facility, as part of the Nuclear Innovation Programme.

The purpose of such a facility, to be built in North Wales, will be to:

- Establish the UK as a world leader in nuclear thermal hydraulics;
- Position the UK to take advantage of nuclear fission new build, Small Modular Reactor deployment and Advanced Modular Reactor development; and
- Enable the UK to contribute more effectively to the next generation of fission reactors and enable the UK supply chain to benefit from the worldwide increase in nuclear new build.

To ensure the facility achieves these objectives, it is crucial that there is consultation across the UK nuclear industry. To this end, UKAEA has been commissioned by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

and the Welsh Assembly Government to consult with UK industry and research communities to develop the outline design, delivery and future operational plans of such a facility.

To obtain the broadest possible input, UKAEA – working with partners including National Nuclear Laboratory (NNL) and Nuclear Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (NAMRC) – will host a series of workshops to which all industrial, research and academic organisations are invited. Three workshops are currently planned as follows:

- Culham – Tuesday 6 November 2019
- Rotherham – Thursday 8 November 2019
- Bangor – Tuesday 13 November 2019

Specific details for each workshop will be announced shortly.

Additionally, recognising that some organisations may wish to discuss their requirements in more detail and/or in confidence, specific “one to one” meetings will be arranged as required.

UKAEA aims to complete all the initial consultations by Christmas 2018, for data to be compiled and plans developed for submission to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and the Welsh Assembly Government by Easter 2019.

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[Press release: Change of Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia in January 2019](#)

2018 FCO, Director of Communication 2017 to 2018 FCO, FCO Co-ordinator, UK-France Summit 2014 to 2017 Jerusalem, Consul General 2013 Full time language training (Arabic) 2011 to 2013 Juba, Consul General, then Her Majesty's Ambassador 2009 to 2010 FCO, Deputy Director, Estates Change 2009 Bamako, UK Special Envoy to Mali and Head, Crisis Management Team 2006 to 2009 Rome, Minister/Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission 2005 Full-time language training (Italian) 2004 to 2005 FCO, UK Special Representative for Sudan 2002 to 2004 FCO, Head, Sudan Unit 2000 to 2002 FCO, Head, Egypt, Libya and Sudan Section, Near East and North Africa Department 1996 to 2000

Ankara, First Secretary (Political/Military) 1995 to 1996 Full-time language training (Arabic and part-time Turkish) 1994 to 1995 FC0, Nuclear Weapons Desk Officer, Security Policy Department

National Statistics: Farming Statistics – 2018, UK wheat and barley production first estimate

This publication gives the first estimate of the quantity of wheat and barley produced in the UK from the 2018 harvest. Full UK provisional results including yield and area data for wheat and barley, along with results for the remaining cereal and oilseed rape crops will be included in the release that is published on Thursday 11 October 2018. The full release will be available [here](#).

Next update: see the [statistics release calendar](#)

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