

Leslie Webster has been appointed to the Treasure Valuation Committee as a Trustee

News story

The Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has appointed Leslie Webster to the Treasure Valuation Committee as a Trustee for a term of five years commencing on 15 April 2022 until 14 April 2027.



Leslie Webster is a specialist in early mediaeval art and archaeology. She was formerly a senior curator of the British Museum's Anglo-Saxon, late Celtic and Viking collections and Keeper of the Department of Britain, Europe and Prehistory. She is an Honorary Visiting Professor at the Institute of Archaeology, University College London, past President of the Society for Mediaeval Archaeology, a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, and has served on the councils of many other national and international archaeological bodies.

She has curated a number of Museum exhibitions on Anglo-Saxon and early mediaeval themes, as well as coordinating a series of five European exhibitions for the European Science Foundation's Transformation of the Roman World project. She has lectured and published widely; recent books include *Anglo-Saxon Art: a New History* (2012), *The Franks Casket* (2012), and (as co-editor and contributor) *The Staffordshire Hoard: an Anglo-Saxon Treasure* (2019), a major survey of the spectacular gold and silver hoard discovered in 2009.

Amongst other heritage advisory work, she has recently served on the Reviewing Committee for the Export of Works of Art, and on the National Heritage Memorial Fund Advisory Committee.

Treasure Valuation Committee Trustees are not remunerated. These appointments have 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. Leslie Webster declared no political activity.

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