<u>Press release: Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside: Mark Blundell</u>

Mr Mark Blundell DL is appointed Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Merseyside.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Mr Mark Blundell DL as Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Merseyside when Dame Lorna Muirhead DCVO DBE retires on 13 September 2017.

Biographical notes

Mark Blundell is a landowner and former solicitor who has established a residential centre for children of all backgrounds on his family estate at Crosby Hall. He has given much time to Merseyside, having served as President and Pro-Chancellor of Liverpool University, on the Heritage Lottery Fund for the North West, as chair of Merseyside Building Preservation Trust (MBPT), on the Council of Tate Liverpool, and as a trustee of Liverpool Charity and Voluntary Services.

He is at present a governor of the Royal Northern College of Music, a trustee of MBPT and of the Heritage Trust for the North West, chair of Crosby Hall Educational Trust, and chair of Liverpool University Pension Fund.

Mr Blundell lives in the Borough of Sefton with his wife Suzanne, a psychotherapist. They have two daughters and five grandchildren, all of whom live nearby.