

Professor Michael Wood OBE has been reappointed as a Trustee of Historic Royal Palaces

News story

The Secretary of State has reappointed Professor Michael Wood OBE as a Trustee of Historic Royal Palaces for a second term of three years, from 11 March 2022 until 10 March 2025.



Michael Wood is a historian and filmmaker who for forty years has brought history alive for viewers and readers in Britain, the US and worldwide. He is the author of highly praised and bestselling books on English history including number one best sellers *In Search of the Dark Ages* and *Domesday*, and also *The Story of England*. He has made 120 documentary films, among them *In the Footsteps of Alexander the Great* and *The Story of India*, which the Wall Street Journal described as ‘the gold standard’ of documentary history making’.

Michael has written widely on British history. His special academic interest is in Anglo-Saxon history, and the origins of the English monarchy and state in the tenth century. He also has a long-term interest in Shakespeare—his many films include a highly praised four part life for BBC 2: *In Search of Shakespeare*.

Michael is currently Professor of Public History at the University of Manchester. He is a recipient of the Historical Association’s Medlicott Medal for ‘outstanding services and current contributions to History’. He recently received the British Academy President’s Medal for services to History and outreach.

Historic Royal Palaces Trustees are not remunerated. This reappointment 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. Professor Wood has not declared any activity.

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