

# News story: Defence Secretary agrees stronger partnership with Netherlands

Sir Michael Fallon agreed the joint vision statement – a commitment to strengthen co-operation in areas including hybrid and cyber warfare and counter-terrorism – with Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert, Minister of Defence for the Netherlands.

The agreement will include a pledge to work more closely across defence and security policy, intelligence and joint exercises. It will also see the exchange of personnel and work towards a UK-Netherlands Amphibious Force.

Defence Secretary Sir Michael Fallon said:

Today, the UK has stepped up its relationship with the Netherlands – one of our closest and most reliable European allies. We have committed to working more closely to tackle common threats, from cyber security to terrorism, and will be united in our drive for the EU and NATO to work better together.

The UK is stepping forward not back from the global stage and will continue to defend our continent before and after Brexit.

The UK and Netherlands have a long history working together through the UN, NATO, Joint Expeditionary Force and, most recently, in the Counter Daesh Global Coalition. The Dutch have also committed a company of Marines to the UK-led NATO Very High Readiness Joint Task Force (Land) this year.

Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert, Minister of Defence for the Netherlands said:

I very much value the strong military ties between the UK and the Netherlands. Clearly, our collective security is at stake, and I am convinced that we can only face today's and tomorrow's challenges by joining forces. We need each other more than ever. Military cooperation, either bilateral or within NATO-EU, is crucial in securing and safeguarding peace and stability at home and abroad.

Sir Michael and Dutch Minister of Defence Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert met at Admiralty House after attending the Queen's Birthday Parade.

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# News story: Mundell congratulates Scots recognised in Queen's Birthday Honours

A number of Scots have been recognised by Her Majesty the Queen in her Birthday Honours list.

Congratulating them, Scottish Secretary David Mundell said:

In the centenary year of the Order of the British Empire, the Queen's Birthday honours have recognised the achievements of a diverse and inspiring number of our fellow Scots. I congratulate each and every one of them

Billy Connolly's knighthood celebrates a truly great Scot, the irrepressible 'Big Yin' who has entertained millions, but also his dedicated charity fundraising. He is an ambassador for both humour and humanity, and this recognition is richly deserved. Judy Murray's OBE rewards her dedication and energy in inspiring future generations to play sport. Lorna Hood's OBE recognises her exceptional and long service to the Church of Scotland, and promoting tolerance and understanding through the Remembering Srebrenica charity. Charles Skene's CBE rewards his inspirational work supporting education and enterprise in north-east Scotland. Their awards are thoroughly deserved and I congratulate them all.

My congratulations, too, go to JK Rowling, someone who has made Scotland her home and who supports so many good causes here.

It is also fitting that Her Majesty has also recognised the many 'unsung heroes' of Scottish communities. The length and breadth of Scotland, an army of volunteers have shown unstinting dedication and selflessness, week in week out.

Glasgow University's Professor Muscatelli received a knighthood, and Scottish Enterprise Chairman Robert Keiller a CBE. There are MBEs for Eunice Olumide (one of Scotland's first black models), Mel Young (founder of the Homeless World Cup), and John Delaney (for services to the Teenage Cancer Trust). BME recipients include Paul James Breen for his work with the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary Therapeutic Roof Garden, and Cara O'Donnell for her work with Glasgow-based charity SAMs.

Marking 100 years of the Order of the British Empire, the 2017 Honours List recognises 1,109 people, 74 per cent of who have undertaken outstanding work in their communities either in a voluntary or paid capacity. That includes Helensburgh 'lollipop lady' Effie Walker, who received a British Empire Medal.

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## Press release: Queen's Birthday Honour for Dstl Chief Executive

Jonathan Lyle, Chief Executive of the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) has been made a Companion of the Order of the Bath (CB).

Jonathan is recognised in the 2017 Queen's Birthday Honours List, in recognition of his exemplary contribution to defence science and engineering over the past 41 years.

As Chief Executive, Jonathan has been responsible for reshaping Dstl's scientific capabilities to embrace and exploit new disruptive technologies. Through his leadership, dedication, drive and commitment, Dstl has achieved a reputation across government for delivering cutting-edge scientific and technology initiatives.

Jonathan said that his honour reflected the amazing work done by colleagues throughout his career:

I have had the privilege to work with so many talented and committed people. I am deeply honoured to have been recognised with the CB and really do feel this is a reflection of a combined team effort across the lab.

Chair of the Dstl Board Sir David Pepper added:

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to work with Jonathan; he is an exemplary leader, and epitomises the highest standard of public service. He has done an enormous amount for Dstl, and for the use of science and technology in the defence and security of the UK. This award rightly recognises his contribution, and I am delighted to congratulate him on his achievement.

Prior to taking up his current role in 2012, Jonathan worked in a number of roles including:

- Director of Helicopters at the Defence Equipment & Support
- Director of the College of Management and Technology
- Operations Director at the Defence Procurement Agency
- MOD's Head of Profession for Science
- Head of the Royal Corps of Naval Constructors

He has also worked in the Cabinet Office and the Department for Trade and Industry where he implemented a cross-government science and technology

strategy.

Jonathan is a Chartered Engineer and a Fellow of both the Royal Academy of Engineering and the Institution of Engineering and Technology.

He was educated at Kingswood School, Bath, the Royal Naval Engineering College, Plymouth, and University College London.

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## **Press release: Welsh Secretary hails outstanding individuals in Queen's Birthday Honours list**

I'm delighted to extend my warmest congratulations to everyone recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

Those who work tirelessly and diligently in their communities are today seeing their names listed alongside luminaries from the worlds of the arts and sport, and they can be rightly proud of their achievements.

It is always so uplifting to hear of the good work being done by those honoured, and to see the positive difference they make to our nation. I am proud to add my thanks and congratulations to them all.

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## **News story: Queen's Birthday Honours 2017**

MBE Paul Matthew Adams Lately G7, Assessment, Curriculum and Qualifications Group, Department for Education. For services to the Department for Education and to the community in Basildon MBE Norma Alcock Volunteer, NSPCC. For services to Vulnerable Children MBE Julie Anne Allen Headteacher, Birkwood Primary School, Barnsley. For services to education MBE Mohammad Ashfaq Founder and Managing Director, Kikit Pathways to Recovery, Birmingham. For services to Vulnerable People MBE Francis Gordon Askew Lately Literacy and Phonics Advisor, Department for Education. For services to education. MBE Lynne Ann Atkin HR Director, Barclays UK and Global Head of Employee Relations, Barclays Bank. For services to Human Resources in the Banking Sector MBE Shazia Azhar Diverse Leaders Network. For services to education MBE William Edward Hampshire Bagnall Governor and Chair, Finance and Strategy Committee, The Sixth Form College Farnborough, Hampshire. For services to

education. MBE John Baker Chair of Governors, Queen Boudica Primary School, Essex, and National Leader of Governance. For services to education MBE John Beresford Volunteer, Show Racism the Red Card Campaign. For services to education MBE Jennifer Bridget Billington Deputy Headteacher, Sir Tom Finney Community High School, Preston. For services to special educational needs and Disabilities MBE Georgina Felicia Tutuaa Bondzi-Simpson Chair of Governors, Kingsbury High School. For services to education MBE Paul Lawrence Brown Mechanical Instrumentation Workshop Manager, Imperial College London. For services to higher education MBE John Buttrick Lately Director and Honorary President, Hull Children's University. For services to Children in Hull MBE Teresa Anne Carpenter Foster Carer, Kent County Council. For services to children and families MBE Patricia Carrington Principal and Head of Service, City College Peterborough. For services to further education and to the community in Peterborough MBE Victoria Jean Chalmers Founder and Lead Practitioner, Time 4 Children. For services to children's emotional well-being MBE Kevin Christopher Clancy Lately Head of Construction, York College. For services to further education MBE Mary Teresa Clancy SENCO Co-ordinator, St Gregory's Catholic Science College, Harrow. For services to special educational needs and Disabilities MBE Susan Clark Chair and Fundraiser, Pegasus Playscheme, Dover. For services to Children with Disabilities MBE Gillian Clipson Lately Deputy Chief Executive, Association of Colleges. For services to further education MBE Christopher John Collier Business Board Chair, NSPCC Peterborough. For services to children and young people MBE Ethna Philomena Cummins Lately Headteacher, Whitefield Infant School and Nursery, Lancashire. For services to education MBE Susan Janet Dare Lately Principal and Chief Executive Officer, Northbrook College, Sussex. For services to education MBE Edward Davenport Foster Carer, Trafford Borough Council. For services to children and families MBE Jean Davenport Foster Carer, Trafford Borough Council. For services to children and families MBE James Andrew Dick Lately Chair of Trustees and Governors, Moor House School and College, Hurst Green, Surrey. For services to special educational needs and Disabilities MBE Janet Lorraine Down Chief Executive, SoLO Life Opportunities. For Services to children and young people with special needs in the West Midlands MBE Darrilyn Downes Teacher, Forest Oak School, Birmingham. For services to special educational needs and Disabilities MBE Sonia Mentena Evans Foster Carer, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. For services to children and families MBE Marion Jean Faust Chair of Governors, Brampton Manor Academy. For services to education MBE Harriet Anne Granville Lately History Teacher, Tudor Hall School, Banbury. For services to education MBE Barbara Elizabeth Hale Foster Carer, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council. For services to children and families MBE Martin Alan Hale Foster Carer, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council. For services to children and families MBE Paul Edward Harper Lately Team Leader, Social Work Reform, Children's Services, Department for Education. For services to the Department for Education MBE Nigel Patrick Harris, JP Director Camden LGBT Forum. For services to the LGBT community MBE Claire Louise Harvey Senior Consultant, KPMG, GB Paralympian and Chair, Anti Homophobia and Transphobia Steering Group. For services to Diversity, Inclusion and Sport MBE Gareth Higgins Managing Director, KMF Precision Sheet Metal Ltd. For services to Apprenticeships MBE Pauline Anne Hill Foster Carer, Cheviots Children's Disability Service, Enfield. For services to children and families MBE Roger

Anthony Hill Foster Carer, Cheviots Children's Disability Service, Enfield. For services to children and families MBE Meryl Homer Pre-School Manager, St Alphege Church of England Pre-School and Manager, Little Treasures and 2's Group. For services to Early Years Education MBE Julie Jennings Lately Manager, of Children, Young People and Families, Royal National Institute of Blind People. For services to Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities MBE Veryan Steele Johnston Lately Executive Director, of Human Resources, Newcastle University. For services to higher education MBE Jennifer Jones Founder and Manager, Inspired Foundations. For services to adoption MBE Ernest Ian Lindley Foster Carer, Doncaster. For services to children and families MBE Christine Linnitt Lately Head, Holywell Primary School, Loughborough. Elected Member of the Headteacher Board for the East Midlands and Humber. For services to education MBE Christine Mary Meadows Foster Carer, Islington Council. For services to children and families MBE Andrew Moffat Assistant Headteacher, Parkfield Community School, Birmingham. For services to equality and diversity in education MBE Helen Elizabeth Myers Assistant Headteacher, The Ashcombe School, Dorking and Chair, London Branch, Association for Language Learning. For services to education MBE Elizabeth Anne O'Reilly Chair of Governors, Greenway Primary and Nursery School, Hertfordshire. For services to education. MBE Stephen Peter Oxlade Executive Principal, Reigate and Coulsdon College. For services to education MBE Amanda Jane Piper Foster Carer, Suffolk County Council. For services to Children and Families. MBE Amanda Jane Richardson Chief Executive, The PACE Centre, Aylesbury and Founder-Chairman, Action Cerebral Palsy. For services to special educational needs MBE Penny Roberts Founder and Chair of Governors, St Luke's CofE School, Hampstead, London. For services to education MBE Jacqueline Rowbottom Foster Carer, Cheshire West and Chester Council. For services to children and families MBE Kevin Rowland Facilitator in Systems and Services, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council. For services to special educational needs and Disabilities MBE Dorina Isabella Scott Headteacher, Beavers Community Primary School, Hounslow. For services to education MBE Denise Shaw Lately Chair of Governors, Outwoods Primary School. For services to special educational needs and Disabilities MBE Peggy Sherwood Lately President, Jewish Gay and Lesbian Group. For services to the Jewish community MBE Amanda Jane Southwick Principal, Marchbank Free School, Darlington, County Durham. For services to education MBE Margaret Carol Stannard Volunteer, Oak Field School and Specialist Sports College, Nottingham. For services to special educational needs MBE Jonathan Francis James Taylor Lately Headmaster, Bootham School York. For services to the York Independent State School Partnership MBE Brian Wilfred Walker Headteacher, West Park School, Derby. For services to education MBE Louise Ann Walkiden Foster Carer, Hertfordshire County Council. For services to children and families MBE Timothy John Walkiden Foster Carer, Hertfordshire County Council. For services to children and families MBE Janet Watson Deputy Headteacher, Queen Elizabeth's School, Wimborne, Dorset. For services to education MBE Andrew Dennis Webb School Secretary, London School of Economics. For services to higher education and to the community in East Anglia MBE Gail Eileen Webb Education Consultant and lately Head of Learning Improvement, Leeds Local Educational Authority. For services to education MBE Fiona Deborah Joyce Whimster Headteacher, The Lincoln St Giles Nursery School. For services to education and community cohesion in Lincolnshire MBE Kathleen Mary

Whitmore-Payne Foster Carer, Cornwall Council. For services to children and families MBE Etheleen Mildred Wigley Founder, Children First Derby Charity. For services to vulnerable children in Derby MBE Jennifer Woods Associate Director (Widening Participation), Kingston University. For services to widening access to higher education