

Welsh Secretary celebrates achievements of New Year's Honours recipients

The [New Year's Honours List](#) recognises the achievements of a wide range of extraordinary people across the United Kingdom.

Secretary of State for Wales Simon Hart has praised the recipients of New Year's Honours from Wales. Expressing his gratitude for their "unwavering commitment to their communities" Mr Hart congratulated all of those receiving awards.

Secretary of State for Wales Simon Hart said:

Every year it is inspiring to read the stories of hardworking individuals nominated for their dedication to benefitting their communities. This year is no exception.

As we enter a new decade I am delighted to see a whole host of Welsh recipients from all walks of life recognised for their roles which include educating and inspiring the next generation or providing outstanding care for elderly or disabled people.

I'd like to extend my gratitude to them for their unwavering commitment to serve their communities and improve the lives of others. Congratulations to everyone honoured today.

Congratulating Sir Keith Thomas FBA, who received a Companion of Honour for services to the Study of History, Welsh Secretary Simon Hart said:

Sir Keith has dedicated much of his life to the study and teaching of history at Oxford University, following his upbringing in Wick in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Regarded as a pioneer in the field of social history, he has had an extremely distinguished career in academia and public life and has won numerous awards for his work over the years.

I'm delighted to congratulate Sir Keith on this award which recognises a lifetime of commitment to such a valuable profession.

Congratulating Jade Jones MBE, who received an OBE for services

to Taekwondo and Sport, Welsh Secretary Simon Hart said:

Jade has become one of the best known sporting personalities of the decade since her triumphs at the London and Rio Olympic Games.

She is an inspiration not only within taekwondo but to all hopeful athletes due to her discipline and dedication. A commitment that's has allowed her to bounce back from adversity and secure some of her sport's greatest titles, including most recently her first World Championships.

Congratulations Jade on your momentous achievement.

Congratulating Director of the Office of the Secretary of State for Wales Glynne Jones who received a CBE for services to the public, Welsh Secretary Simon Hart said:

This award acknowledges his incredible achievements during his long career in the civil service.

It is a privilege to work with such an inspirational public servant and I am grateful for his unwavering commitment to his team and the Welsh public.

Congratulations Glynne, I look forward to continue working with you, on behalf of Wales, in 2020.

Women's football is experiencing unprecedented growth in popularity in Wales and around the world. Loren has been central to securing that growth by coaching the stars of the future and demonstrating to women and girls the global heights it is possible to reach within the sport.

Congratulations to Loren and I wish her every success for the remainder of her career.

Congratulating Renate Collins, who received a BEM for services to Holocaust Education, Welsh Secretary Simon Hart said:

Renate's commitment to ensuring people in Wales are educated about the horrors of the Holocaust is commendable. Her story serves as a reminder to us all about the continuing dangers hatred poses to communities in our society.

I'd like to extend my warmest congratulations to her on receipt of this honour.

Congratulating Anthony David White who received a BEM for services to Medicine in Wales, Welsh Secretary Simon Hart said:

Through Anthony's dedication to high quality care, thousands of elderly patients in Wrexham and the surrounding areas are in receipt of specialist treatment which focusses on improved outcomes and their reintegration into the community.

Congratulations to Anthony on his well-deserved honour.

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