

LORD STEVENS OF KIRKWHELPINGTON, Kt QPM DL LLD



The Patron of the Police History Society

Lord Stevens of Kirkwhelpington is stated to be the most respected Metropolitan Police Commissioner in modern times and has succeeded in making profound changes and garnered support from all sections of the community.

During his career with the Police, he led the inquiry into the alleged collusion between the Security Forces and Paramilitaries in Northern Ireland; and he continues to advise the 'Historical Enquiries Team' of the Police Service of Northern Ireland. He later headed the Metropolitan Police investigation into the allegation of conspiracy to murder Diana, Princess of Wales and Dodi Al-Fayed.

Lord Stevens has been commended on twenty-seven occasions for outstanding detective ability and courage. In 1991, he was awarded the Queen's Police Medal for

distinguished service, and in 2001 was made Deputy Lieutenant of London, and in 2005 also for Northumberland. He is a Knight of the Order of Saint John, and was awarded the Freedom of the City of London in 2002. He was then awarded a Life Peerage on his final day with the Police in 2005, and sits as an Independent peer in the House of Lords.

In April 2007 Lord Stevens became Honorary Air Commodore of No 3 (Royal Auxiliary) Air Force Police Squadron. He is Honorary Colonel of the Northumbria Army cadets.

From June 2007 until May 2010, having become one of the UK's leading security experts, Lord Stevens was appointed by the then Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, to the position of Senior Advisor on International Security Issues. David Cameron also appointed him as Chair of the Borders Policing Committee in 2007, focussing on the re-organisation and policing of the UK's borders. He still continues as an advisor.

Lord Stevens has advised Romania, South Africa, Malaysia, Jamaica and others on policy. For three years he chaired the Strategy Advisory Panel at Interpol.

In 2011 Lord Stevens was appointed by Yvette Cooper of the opposition government to Chair the Policing Commission to conduct an inquiry into the future of policing in England and Wales. The final report *Policing for a Better Britain* was published in November 2013 to widespread praise.

Lord Stevens is Chairman of Quest Global Limited, a global specialist risk, sport integrity and security consultancy. In this role, he led the Inquiry for the Premier League into alleged irregular payments in football player transfers and chairs the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) Equestrian Community Integrity Unit. Lord Stevens is also a Non-Executive Director of a number of companies and regularly speaks at international events.

The Society wishes Lord Stevens many happy years as its Patron.