



Mrs Felicity Lyons

Felicity Lyons is Consort to Alderman and Sheriff Nicholas Lyons, Sheriff of the City of London for the year 2021/22.

Felicity was born in Canterbury, Kent and was educated at Ashford High School for Girls and then the King's School, Canterbury. She went on to St. Anne's College, Oxford to read English Language and Literature. Following her degree she joined the Graduate Trainee programme at Macmillan Publishers, where she worked for nine years.

Following the birth of her second child and preferring the flexibility of working from home, Felicity co-founded a child-care agency, Southside Nannies, and ran it for a couple of years before handing over to her business partner in order to spend more time with her growing family.

In 1993 Felicity became involved in setting up, and fundraising for, CHASE, a new charity aiming to build the first children's hospice in the south-east of England. She continued to work with the charity for ten years before moving to Norfolk in 2003.

In Norfolk she has organized events (often musical) for a variety of charities, including her local church, Wells Community Hospital, Alzheimer's Research UK, FARA, East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) and the Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House. In 2015 she became a trustee of Tapping House and was chair of trustees from 2018 to 2021, when she stood down in order to support her husband, Nicholas, in his shrieval year.

Felicity has served on the parochial church councils of St Margaret's, Putney and All Saints Church, Stanhoe. She was President of the Old King's Scholars (alumni association of the King's School, Canterbury) for four years and is currently chair of the OKS Educational and Benevolent Trust.

Felicity and Nick have four children: Oliver (34), Charlie (32), India (29) and Alistair (27), and three granddaughters. They all live in and around London but love to return to the family home in Norfolk, where they are reunited with three energetic English springer spaniels.

Felicity is a patron of Nevill Holt Opera, the National Theatre and the charity Music Masters, and is a longstanding Friend of the Royal Opera House. She was delighted recently to be admitted as a freeman of the Worshipful Company of Musicians. She is a keen sailor and kayaker, an erratic golfer and an enthusiastic walker of spaniels through the marshes, beaches and pinewoods of the north Norfolk coast.

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