

## **Alexandra Hayward, Sheriff's Consort 2019-2020**

Alexandra Hayward is Consort to Sherriff Christopher Hayward, Sherriff of the City of London for the year 2019/2020. She became a Patron to City Consorts in 2019.

Alexandra, known as Alex, was born in Dublin Ireland. Her parents, having sold their farm in County West Meath, moved to England and settled in Hertfordshire.

Alex trained as a Registered Nurse at St Bartholomew's School of Nursing and staffed on the Ear Nose and Throat ward before becoming a senior staff Nurse on Accident and Emergency.

Moving from nursing to the commercial world Alex joined the pharmaceutical industry working for Roche, Merck and Napp. Gaining experience in sales and marketing she then diversified into a financial role in the family commercial property business. After becoming Financial Director and then Managing Director the business was sold in 2007 to a PLC.

Taking time off to look after their two children, Richard and Elizabeth, Alex became the Chairman of the school's Parents Association, raising substantial funds for new facilities. Standing for Parish Council Alex served for two terms and served as chairman.

Alex is currently the leader of the Conservative Group on three Rivers District Council where she is the Councillor for Chorleywood North and Sarratt. She also works part time for the Conservative Christian Fellowship and Conservative Central Headquarters in Westminster.

Alex was Consort to her husband Chris, Master Pattenmaker 2014/2015. Pattens were under-shoes designed to be worn to lift the lady wearers above the grime of early London streets. How times have changed, the streets are improved and we now have City Consorts!