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Hemant Patel is appointed a Trustee of the Royal Armouries

Ed Vaizey, the Minister for Culture, announced today that Hemant Patel has been appointed a Trustee of the Royal Armouries. His term of appointment runs from 12th July 2010 to 11th July 2014.

Biographical notes

Hemant Patel is Retail Finance Director for ASDA Stores Limited (2008 to date). Prior to joining Asda, he held a series of posts with Mars, Inc including European Finance Manager at Mars Confectionery and Financial Planning Manager (1997 to 2000) and Global Business Planning Manager (2000 to 2003) at Four Square. At ASDA he has held a series of senior commercial finance posts. He is a Trustee of Interplay, a charity working with severely disabled and excluded children). He has undertaken no political activity during the past five years.

Background

The Royal Armouries cares for the national collection of arms and armour. In addition to its traditional base at the Tower of London, it has a major museum at Leeds and the Museum of Artillery at Fort Nelson near Portsmouth.

The Royal Armouries (RA) board of Trustees has corporate responsibility for ensuring that the RA fulfils its aims and objectives. In doing so the RA's trustees shall maintain a record relating to the collection, to arms and armour generally, ensure that the collection is available to the public, as well as for study and research, and promote, in the UK and worldwide, the knowledge and understanding of arms and armour.

The Chair and Trustees of the Royal Armouries give their services on an honorary basis but reasonable expenses are reimbursed.

This appointment has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.