

ROY NOBLE CBE, DL, KStJ - Honorary Patron

Roy is a native of Brynaman, Carmarthenshire, but has lived for very many years in Aberdare, where he was enticed by his wife Elaine.

He trained as a teacher at Cardiff Training College, where he was, in his final year, President of the Students' Union. In his later years in education, he was the Headteacher of two primary schools in Powys.

A move to broadcasting at the BBC in Wales saw him work as a presenter on radio and television, broadcasting in both Welsh and English, where he attained a Sony Award in radio and a Royal Television Society Award as Regional Presenter of the Year on television. He has been associated with the BBC for well over thirty years and, although he is synonymous with highly successful regular, radio programmes, he has presented many television documentaries.

Much sought after as a public speaker, he has travelled widely both in the UK and abroad, speaking to Welsh Societies in Hong Kong, Singapore, Dubai and Toronto. He also has a wide knowledge of Wales, both geographically and historically, has published several books, and has 'voiced' many television advertisements, charities and documentaries.

He has chaired several influential bodies and conferences and hosted numerous prestigious events. He is involved with many sporting clubs, choirs and charities and was awarded an OBE for services to charities and to Welsh communities. He is Chair of the Task and Finish Group looking into the future organisation of the National Eisteddfod and he is a Commissioner of the Bevan Commission; a think tank set up to advise on the health and care sector in Wales.

He is a recent Vice Lord Lieutenant of Mid Glamorgan, a Knight of the Order of St John, a Paul Harris Fellow with Rotary International, the Welsh Ambassador for the RVS, a Fellow of Cardiff Metropolitan University, a Chancellor's Medal holder at the University of South Wales and a member of the National Eisteddfod's 'Gorsedd y Beirdd' (The Bardic Circle). He hosted the commemoration at the unveiling ceremony of the Bronze Red Dragon in Flanders in 2014, in honour of all Welsh soldiers who served in the First World War. He was also host at the 100th Anniversary ceremony of the Battle of Passchendaele in 2017.

His interests are varied, including sport (as a past rugby and soccer referee), battlefields (having visited many at home and abroad), car travel (especially revisiting places of his past or discovering new trails) and, as a quirk, he is a qualified bus-driver. His main goal, after love of family, is being of use, to be of service and, hopefully, to make a positive difference.