

## David Wyrko

### High Sheriff of Leicestershire 2008/2009



David Wyrko was born in July 1948 in Malmesbury, Wiltshire where he spent his childhood. He was educated at the City of Bath Technical School and studied Electrical and Electronic Engineering at the University of Surrey graduating in 1969.

He initially worked as a field seismologist in West Africa before joining Northamptonshire Police as a graduate entrant in 1972.

He commenced his police service at Corby where he served both in uniform and CID before attending the Special Course at the Police Staff College in 1975. During his career he was posted in various ranks to serve in Special Branch, Tactical Firearms, Community Affairs, CID as well as a number of uniform postings, and in 1983 took command at Campbell Square, Northampton in the rank of Superintendent.

He was selected to attend the FBI Academy in Washington DC in 1984 and on promotion to Chief Superintendent was appointed to head the enquiry into the actions of Metropolitan Police officers at the Print Dispute at Wapping in 1987.

Promoted to Assistant Chief Constable in Northamptonshire he attended the Government Top Management Programme before taking up the post of Deputy Chief Constable in Leicestershire in 1993. He was awarded the Queen's Police Medal in 1995 and was promoted to Chief Constable in 1997, retiring from the force in September 2002.

As Chief Constable he led nationally on Police IT issues and was a board member of the Police Information Technology Organisation. He was also co-Director of Police Extended Interviews. During his time in Leicestershire, David became well known for his participation in a number of Charity Cycle Rides raising money for local charities including Rainbows, LRI Children's Ward, Guide Dogs for the Blind and the Hope Foundation. The rides included Lands End to John O'Groats, Lebanon to Jerusalem, a circular tour of Iceland and Blackpool Tower to the Eiffel Tower.

Since retirement, as well as restoring a 40 year old neglected garden (which now opens under the National Gardens Scheme) with his wife Beryl, he is involved with the Hope Foundation for Cancer Research, where he is Chairman of Trustees, and the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust where he is a council member. David continues to raise money through his cycling exploits and this year will take 32 riders from Biarritz to Narbonne in order to raise funds for Hope.

David and Beryl have been married for 35 years and have two children.

