

New Year Honours 2015



The UK Government has announced the list of those deemed worthy of an honour of one kind or another, in an atmosphere of criticism for giving honours to Tory supporters. The government has honoured Lynton Crosby with a knighthood amid much muttering of cronyism. Sir Lynton was the mastermind at the helm of the Conservative Party General Election campaign earlier this year.

Here in Edinburgh several have been recognised:

A knighthood has been given to Paul Grice, who has been Clerk and Chief Executive at The Scottish Parliament since 1999, for services to the Scottish Parliament and voluntary service to Higher Education and the community in Scotland.

An OBE for Professor David Lane who is Professor of Autonomous Systems Engineering, Heriot Watt University and Founding Director, Edinburgh Centre for Robotics. For services to Engineering.

An OBE for Professor Joanna Wardlaw, FRSE, Professor of Applied Neuroimaging and Honorary Consultant Neuroradiologist, University of Edinburgh and NHS Lothian. For services to Neuroimaging and Clinical Science.

An OBE for Professor Susan McVie who is Professor of Quantitative Criminology, University of Edinburgh and Director, Applied Quantitative Methods Network in Scotland. For services to Social Sciences.

CBE has been given to Professor Cait MacPhee who is Professor of Biological Physics, University of Edinburgh for services to Women in Physics and to Mark McInnes who is Director of The Scottish Conservatives. McInnes is also a councillor on the

City of Edinburgh Council's Conservative Group. He put out this message on Twitter:

Thankyou everyone for their kind messages makes it even more of an honour. Now off to face the Istanbul snow
pic.twitter.com/UUJfehtoeq

– Mark McInnes (@Morningsidemark) [December 31, 2015](#)

The Chief Dental Officer for Scotland, Marion Taylor, has been honoured with a CBE for services to Dental Health in Scotland.

An OBE has been awarded to Michael Welch the founder of Blackcircles.com for services to Business and voluntary service to Adoption and Fostering.

Mrs Christine Black Badminton Development Officer, at East Lothian Council has been awarded a British Empire Medal for services to Badminton in Scotland and the same honour goes to Dr Colin Currie for services to the Management of Hip Fractures in Older People.