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## Departments of State

### CROWN OFFICE

THE KING has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm dated 20 August 2024 to confer the dignity of a Barony of the United Kingdom for life upon the following:

*In the forenoon*

The Right Honourable Sir Alok Kumar Sharma, K.C.M.G., by the name, style and title of BARON SHARMA, of Reading in the Royal County of Berkshire.

*In the afternoon*

The Right Honourable Christopher Stephen Grayling, by the name, style and title of BARON GRAYLING, of Ashted in the County of Surrey. (4690324)

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## Honours & awards

### State Awards

#### ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

##### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1

23 August 2024

THE KING was pleased to confer the Honour of Knighthood upon the undermentioned on the following dates:

##### AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

**Wednesday, 25 October 2023**

Sir Richard Mantle, O.B.E., D.L.

Sir Ben Okri, O.B.E.

*(His Majesty's approval of these Knighthoods was signified on 17 June 2023)*

**Wednesday, 8 November 2023**

Sir Benjamin Elliot

*(His Majesty's approval of this Knighthood was signified on 9 June 2023)*

##### AT WINDSOR CASTLE

**Tuesday, 12 December 2023**

Sir Michael Fabricant, M.P.

*(His Majesty's approval of this Knighthood was signified on 9 June 2023)*

**Tuesday, 19 December 2023**

Sir Robin Budenberg, C.B.E.

The Honourable Sir William Shawcross, C.V.O.

*(His Majesty's approval of these Knighthoods was signified on 17 June 2023)*

**Tuesday, 14 May 2024**

Sir Gerald Ronson, C.B.E.

*(His Majesty's approval of this Knighthood was signified on 30 December 2023)*

##### AT THE PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE

**Tuesday, 2 July 2024**

Professor Sir Alexander McCall Smith, C.B.E., F.R.S.E.

*(His Majesty's approval of this Knighthood was signified on 30 December 2023)*

**His Royal Highness THE PRINCE OF WALES**, acting on behalf of His Majesty THE KING by authority of Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm conferred the Honour of Knighthood upon the undermentioned on the following dates:

##### AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

**Monday, 27 November 2023**

Professor Sir Peter Barnes, F.R.S.

Sir Jeremy Darroch

*(His Majesty's approval of these Knighthoods was signified on 17 June 2023)*

##### AT WINDSOR CASTLE

**Wednesday, 1 November 2023**

Professor Sir Iain Gray, C.B.E., F.R.S.E., FREng.

*(His Majesty's approval of this Knighthood was signified on 17 June 2023)*

**Wednesday, 21 February 2024**

The Right Honourable Sir Sajid Javid, M.P.

Sir Timothy Martin

*(His Majesty's approval of these Knighthoods was signified on 30 December 2023)*

**Wednesday, 22 May 2024**

Sir David Holmes, C.B.E.

*(His Majesty's approval of this Knighthood was signified on 30 December 2023)*

**Tuesday, 4 June 2024**

Sir Jeremy Quin, M.P.

*(His Majesty's approval of this Knighthood was signified on 29 December 2023)*

**Her Royal Highness THE PRINCESS ROYAL**, acting on behalf of His Majesty THE KING by authority of Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm conferred the Honour of Knighthood upon the undermentioned on the following dates:

##### AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

**Friday, 27 October 2023**

Sir William Lewis

*(His Majesty's approval of this Knighthood was signified on 9 June 2023)*

Sir Mark Thompson

*(His Majesty's approval of this Knighthood was signified on 17 June 2023)*

**Thursday, 2 November 2023**

Sir Ian Bauckham, C.B.E.

*(His Majesty's approval of this Knighthood was signified on 31 December 2022)*

Professor Sir Ian Greer

Professor Sir Stephen Jackson, F.R.S.

Professor Sir Nairn Wilson, C.B.E.

*(His Majesty's approval of these Knighthoods was signified on 17 June 2023)*

**Friday, 19 April 2024**

Sir John Griffin

*(His Majesty's approval of this Knighthood was signified on 30 December 2023)*

##### AT WINDSOR CASTLE

**Wednesday, 27 September 2023**

Sir Roland Keating

Sir Martin Read, C.B.E.

*(His Majesty's approval of these Knighthoods was signified on 31 December 2022)*

The Right Honourable Sir Jacob Rees-Mogg, M.P.

*(His Majesty's approval of this Knighthood was signified on 9 June 2023)*

**Tuesday, 3 October 2023**

The Right Honourable Sir Conor Burns

The Right Honourable Sir Simon Clarke

*(His Majesty's approval of these Knighthoods was signified on 9 June 2023)*

**Wednesday, 11 October 2023**

Professor Sir Peter Mathieson

*(His Majesty's approval of this Knighthood was signified on 31 December 2022)*

**Tuesday, 24 October 2023**

The Right Honourable Sir Benjamin Bradshaw, M.P.

Professor Sir Steven West, C.B.E., D.L.

*(His Majesty's approval of this Knighthood was signified on 17 June 2023)*

**Wednesday, 24 January 2024**

Sir Stephen Frears

Sir Nicholas Varney

*(His Majesty's approval of these Knighthoods was signified on 17 June 2023)*

**Tuesday, 6 February 2024**

Sir Richard McMahon

*(His Majesty's approval of this Knighthood was signified on 17 June 2023)*

**Tuesday, 13 February 2024**

The Right Honourable Sir Brandon Lewis, C.B.E.

*(His Majesty's approval of this Knighthood was signified on 16 June 2023)*