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Dear Friends and Colleagues

My retirement as HM Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire: Tuesday 6 September 2022

I wanted to write and thank you for the amazing kindness you have shown me during the past decade and for the enormous contribution you make to improving the lives of those who live in our glorious county of Bedfordshire.

It has been the greatest joy and privilege of my life to have been given the opportunity to work alongside you as Lord-Lieutenant and to have been able to shine a light on those people who work quietly and consistently to build communities where all can feel valued, welcome and have the opportunity to thrive.

These past eleven years have seen us face the most profound challenges as a country and globally, yet, here in Bedfordshire, we know that we can always draw on our solid values, our strength, professionalism and compassion to find the way forward, using the many talents of our vibrant and diverse communities and our determination to create a better world for the generations that will follow us.

I could not be more proud of what you have achieved, both individually and collectively and I am very grateful for your enduring support.

As I hand over this wonderful role to my successor, Susan Lousada, I wish her and you every blessing.

***“For there is always light.
If only we are brave enough to see it.
If only we are brave enough to be it.”***

Kindest regards

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