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New national officers for the Magistrates' Association

Following John Thornhill's completion of his three year term of office on 19 November 2011 the Magistrates' Association is pleased to announce the new team of officers:

Chairman – John Fassenfelt JP

Deputy Chairmen – Richard Monkhouse JP and Malcolm Richardson JP

More detailed biographies and photographs are available on the website – www.magistrates-association.org.uk/officers.php

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Notes for Editors

2011 will be the 650 anniversary of the institution of the office of Justice of the Peace (JP) and a senior judge recently stated that *its members have served the justice system with distinction ever since*. Currently just over 27,000 men and women - known as JPs or magistrates - deal with 95% of all criminal cases brought before courts and a significant number of civil matters including family work. Magistrates are not paid for attending court, receiving only modest expenses, subsistence and small recompense for any loss of earnings. They have to attend training, are mentored and regularly appraised and work within guidelines.

PATRON: Her Majesty the Queen
PRESIDENT: The Lord Chief Justice

CHAIRMAN: John Fassenfelt JP
DEPUTY CHAIRMEN: Richard Monkhouse JP & Malcolm Richardson JP
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