

# Former Cavendish Pupil Awarded OBE



Amanda Nobbs was awarded her OBE at an Investiture at Buckingham Palace by The Prince of Wales on Friday 17 February. The award, announced in the New Year Honours, was for services to flood and coastal risk management and, also, for protection of the environment.

Amanda has been involved in supporting communities living with flood risk for 17 years and chairs a Committee that works across the Thames catchment where a quarter of England's population lives.

Said Amanda Nobbs, "With 1 in 6 of us vulnerable to flooding, I am delighted that the vitally important work to reduce the harmful effects of flooding has been recognised in this way. Few of us stop to think how often places like London would flood without defences. I see

this award as reflecting the collective efforts of many partners who come together to help communities and businesses living with the prospect of flooding.”

Amanda also worked for 10 years as head of a national charity that campaigned to protect National Parks, defending them from inappropriate development and achieving legislation to better protect our finest landscapes such as the Lake District and Snowdonia. She also led the successful campaign to give the South Downs and New Forest National Park protection.

Amanda is also involved in local residents’ groups and was presented with a Mayor’s award in 2003 for her role at the heart of a 10 year campaign to promote higher levels of recycling.

Daughter of local family, David and Mary Nobbs, Amanda was a pupil at Cavendish School from 1971-78 and recently returned to the school to present prizes to sixth form leavers.