



Eric Steed

Eric became a judge in 1987. He has degrees in history, archaeology and education from the universities of Reading, Lancaster and Liverpool.

Following National Service with the army, he has taught in a Secondary School, a College of Education, organised a Curriculum Development Centre, was Warden of a Teachers' Centre, became a Local Authority General Adviser and spent ten years as an Ofsted Inspector. A keen potter, he holds a Supplementary Diploma in Art and is a Fellow of the College of Craft Education.

As an experimental archaeologist, he has built many replica Medieval single- and double-flue pottery kilns, both alone and with heritage community groups. He helped in the building of two replica Iron-Age Round Houses, becoming a reasonably competent thatcher.

As History Adviser, he worked with the education staff of Wigan Pier, gaining a Sandford Award. In retirement, Eric has been a National Trust Room Guide since 2008.