



PRESS RELEASE

Institute of Horticulture honours Mike Pollock

Outgoing IoH president David Miller presented Mike Pollock with the Institute of Horticulture Award for his outstanding contribution to the industry. David Miller commended him for his work with the advisory service, culminating in the directorship of Rosewarne EHS in Cornwall; his contribution as Head of Education of the RHS; and his dedication to the IoH through his service as Vice President (Branches) and his several roles with the Institute's south west branch.

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Notes to editors

Michael (Mike) Pollock AHRHS, FI Hort Michael (Mike) Pollock has spent his entire career in horticulture. He trained at Pershore College and the Botanic gardens of both Birmingham and Cambridge University.

After gaining the RHS Master of Horticulture (M Hort) qualification, he spent 11 years in the Horticultural Advisory Service, in Warwickshire and the Tamar Valley. He then transferred to the Research and Development Service for a further 17 years. He was appointed Deputy Director of Efford EHS in Hampshire and later, Director of Rosewarne EHS in Cornwall.

In 1990 he was appointed Technical Liaison Officer of the RHS at Wisley, and later became Head of Education, a post he held until he retired in 2003, when he was made an Associate of Honour of the RHS. He was an RHS Examiner for 14 years and a member of the RHS Examinations Board.

During his career, Mike Pollock wrote, or contributed to, a wide range of important publications. These include: the *New RHS Dictionary of Gardening* (1992), the *RHS Encyclopaedia of Gardening* (1992), *Fruit and Vegetable Gardening* (2002) and the *RHS Illustrated Dictionary of Gardening* (2005), as well as numerous RHS and MAFF (now Defra) scientific horticulture papers and leaflets.

Apart from his work, Mike has been involved with a number of horticultural societies. He has been chairman, and is at present vice president of the Cornwall Garden Society.

Mike Pollock's contribution to the IoH has been outstanding. He was a founder member and subsequently chairman of South West Branch. He was the Institute's Honorary Secretary for five years and is completing two years as vice president (Branches). Mike continues to support South West Branch as its membership secretary.

Mike Pollock is only the third recipient of both the IoH Award and the President's Medal, which he received in 2001.

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