Pam Liversidge is a pioneering Mechanical Engineer, first woman President of the Institution of Mechanical Engineering and was elected as the first woman to be The Master Cutler.

Professional Career

Pam Liversidge is one of the world’s leading female engineers. She graduated at Aston University with a BSc in mechanical Engineering and after graduating she worked at GKN, a British multinational automotive and aerospace components company. In 1993 she set up her own business to manufacture specialist metal powders.

- In 1997, Pam became the first woman president of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.
- In 1999 she was awarded the OBE (Officer of the Most Excellent Order of British Empire), an Order of Chivalry in the British and other Commonwealth systems.
- In 2000 she was made a Deputy Lieutenant of South Yorkshire.
- In 2004/05 she was High Sheriff of South Yorkshire.
- In 2011 Pam was elected as Master of the Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire. She was the first woman to hold this office.
- On 7th February 2014 the University of Sheffield named the new Engineering Post Graduate Building after Pam.

Currently Pam is a Guardian of the Sheffield Assay Office, Managing Director of Quest Investment Ltd, Director of Tool & Steel Products Ltd and a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering and the City and Guilds Institute, a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Engineers. She lives in the Hope Valley.

First Woman Master Cutler

Pam Liversidge was the 373rd Master Cutler since the company was incorporated in 1624 by an Act of Parliament. The Company had the responsibility for the promotion of apprenticeships, registering the marks of makers of Cutlery and for regulating the quality of cutlery. The Company’s modern day purpose is to promote and support the manufacturing industries of South Yorkshire. The Company has over 350 Freemen who are senior executives in the region’s businesses and industry. Usually when a Master Cutler is appointed his wife becomes the Mistress Cutler. For the first time Pam took the main role and her husband was referred to as her Consort.

Pam is great Ambassador for women engineers.

“I’ve been trying to promote women in engineering and science and technology for a long time. A lot of them have knowledge, skills, experience and that we can’t afford to lose.”

Further Information

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The Master Cutler’s Challenge

Each year the Master Cutler gives £50 to teams who then use their innovative and entrepreneurial skills to grow their ‘stake’ to raise funds for deserving local charities. In Pam’s year over £100,000 was raised.

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