



Alison Smith MBE DL

Alison was appointed a DL in 2021. Alison runs The School of Sewing in Ashby de la Zouch and teaches dressmaking, tailoring, corsetry, and couture techniques plus her own Diploma course. She is the



author of the best-selling books - The Sewing Book and Dressmaking. Alison also has a retail shop in Ashby de la Zouch, selling dressmaking fabrics. Alison was the High Sheriff of Leicestershire for 2020/21. Alison has previously served as a district councillor on North West Leicestershire District Council as was Deputy Leader of the council for a number of years. In 2013 Alison was awarded an MBE for services to sewing, corsetry and the community of North West Leicestershire. Alison's interests lie with education, young people and the arts.