



Dr Roger Bowdler – Master The Worshipful Company of Armourers and Brasiers

Roger was educated at Bryanston and Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge where he read history/history of art and was awarded a PhD on 17th century church monuments in 1991. In 1989 he joined English Heritage as a historian in the London Division. He left in 2018 as Director of Listing in what had become Historic England. He was closely involved in the modernisation of the heritage protection system and in lots of finely balanced listing decisions, mainly involving post-war buildings like Number One Poultry and the Lloyds Building. He now works on the client side, and is a partner at Montagu Evans, the City-based firm of planning consultants.

Roger became a Freeman of the Armourers and Brasiers' Company by redemption in 2010 was admitted to the Livery in 2015. In 2023 he was elected Master and takes up his duties at the end of June.

A Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, Roger has published many articles on a range of subjects as well as short books on churchyards and war memorials. He is currently at work on a book about British cemeteries since 1820. He has taught courses for Yale and for the University of California. A member of the Church of England's London Diocesan Advisory Committee, he is also a Commissioner of the Royal Hospital Chelsea and a trustee of the Church Monuments Society, The Remembrance Trust (dedicated to the conservation of pre-1914 graves of British soldiers and sailors) and the Public Statues and Sculpture Association. He is married to Christina Moore, a film designer (and former architect), and lives in Hampstead. They have two children, each pursuing further studies. Roger recently helped to initiate the Wren 300 celebration of the architect's tercentenary.