

## Champion of Kent Amanda Cottrell in honours list



### New Year Honours 2011

A Kent woman has become an OBE in the New Year Honours list for her services in promoting the county.

*Ms Cottrell becomes an OBE in the New Year Honours list for her services to the community*

Amanda Cottrell, who chairs Visit Kent, was recognised for her services to the community.

Colleagues described Ms Cottrell, who lives in Challock near Ashford, as a "remarkable person" and "one in a million".

As well as her work with Visit Kent, Ms Cottrell is a trustee of Canterbury Cathedral and Kent Wildlife Trust.

She is also a vice president of the Canterbury Festival and chairs Fairbridge Kent, a charity that supports young people in Medway.

Ms Cottrell served as a magistrate for more than 20 years and has also been a school governor and county president of the Kent Girl Guides.

#### 'Tremendous energy'

Sandra Matthews-Marsh, the chief executive of Visit Kent, said: "To anyone who is lucky enough to know Amanda, this honour will be no surprise.

"She is one in a million with tremendous energy and drive."