

## Champion of Kent Amanda Cottrell in honours list



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### New Year Honours 2011

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

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."