

ON 9th JUNE 2026 HISTORY WAS MADE AT WINDSOR CASTLE AS CARDIFF MOTHER-AND-DAUGHTER DUO LIVERYMAN MRS JANEY HOWELL AND DR GABRIELLA HOWELL COLLECTED THEIR ROYAL HONOURS TOGETHER AT A RARE JOINT INVESTITURE CEREMONY



Mrs Janey Howell, OBE



Mother and Daughter



Dr Gabriella Howell MBE

Liveryman **Janey Howell** - prominent local civic leader, Patron of Mastering Diversity CIC, and a former High Sheriff of South Glamorgan - was invested as an **OBE**. Her daughter, **Dr Gabriella Howell**, was invested as an **MBE** for her transformative heritage and philanthropic work across the Commonwealth, notably turning Antigua's historic Government House into a public museum.

This story has a major, exclusive local angle for Wales: both women are prominent trustees of the **Museum of Cardiff** and are currently spearheading its high-profile relocation into the historic grounds of **Cardiff Castle**, completely modernising its public offering.

Quotes from the Recipients

Reflecting on the joint ceremony at Windsor Castle and her journey, **Mrs Janey Howell OBE** said: *"To travel from Antigua via our home in Cardiff to stand beside my daughter at Windsor Castle as we both receive these honours is an indescribable joy. This recognition strengthens our resolve to do even more for communities across the Commonwealth. Closer to home, whether supporting the vital inclusion work we do at Mastering Diversity CIC or bringing the city's vibrant history directly into Cardiff Castle, our goal is to build an inclusive future. We want to ensure our capital's diverse stories and people are celebrated in world-class settings."*

Dr Gabriella Howell MBE added:

"Protecting our shared history and using heritage as a tool to uplift communities is my life's passion. My vision for Government House was to challenge conventional boundaries. By reimagining it as both a functional political space and a public museum, we have turned a former symbol of colonial authority into an active participant in shaping modern national identity. Whether restoring landmarks in the Caribbean or working on the exciting relocation of the Museum of Cardiff to the Castle, our goal remains the same: making history dynamic, inclusive, and deeply meaningful."