

Pro-Chancellor,

Andy Scarratt has built a career in community policing, which has included leading a team responsible for Bournemouth's university campuses.

Andy grew up in Pembrokeshire and describes himself as "a bit of a class clown" at school. Having failed his O-levels first time around, he quickly buckled down and passed them all the following year before joining the police, aged 18.

Andy began his policing career in Kent and quickly gained recognition when he saved a boy from drowning. His actions won him a Royal Humane Society Award, as well as the trust and respect of the local community, on what was regarded as a notoriously difficult estate. The experience taught Andy a lasting lesson; that you should always be prepared to change your perceptions of people and situations.

After meeting his wife, Rachel, during a holiday in Corfu, Andy transferred to her hometown of Bournemouth in 1993. He has policed the town's communities ever since, as well as promoting safety messages in local schools as part of educational outreach programmes.

In 2010, Andy was pleased to be invited to lead a new team responsible for community policing at BU and the Arts University Bournemouth. Throughout his time in the role, he has advocated a measured approach to law enforcement - recognising that everybody makes mistakes and that student pranks shouldn't have to blight future careers. His commitment to the role, and ability to forge good relationships with staff and students, led to him being awarded a Vice-Chancellor's Unsung Hero Award in 2014.

Away from work, Andy has used his people skills and easy rapport to become a successful amateur magician. As part of the Wessex Magical Association, he has been named Stage Magician of the Year and Comedy Magician of the Year multiple times. Having retired from policing this autumn, he plans to develop his magic work as well as spend more time with his family.

Pro-Chancellor, I have the honour to present Andy Scarratt, and I ask you to confer upon him an Honorary Fellowship of Bournemouth University.