

# Windsor Debates

INFRASTRUCTURE  
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Mark joined GWR in 2008, becoming MD later that year. He started his railway career in 1989 in the Thames Valley joining British Railways straight from school.

He has held retail, commercial and operational roles in both track and train companies and has led GWR's resurgence into the country's best known railway brand. He is currently Chair of the Chartered Institute of Railway Operators, the national industry body that supports and provides operational training for rail staff.

He was awarded a CBE in the 2021 New Year's Honours List for services to rail and has a strong following on LinkedIn where he regularly posts films about GWR and the railway.



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