

LINETTE HAINES GSM (NI) MBE

ARMED FORCES

HERITAGE

Linette Haines was born on the island of St Kitts before moving to Wales as a child.

Her early experiences, together with her Army and Civil Service career; the people she met across the UK and around the world, shaped who she became.

"It's all complex and it made me what I am."

WALES MEANS...

HOME EDUCATION FAMILY

Linette says she did not realise how Welsh she was until living and working in America and Australia. Being away made clear to her, Wales, its culture, people and values, was home.

"There's a feeling 'cynefin' you can't explain it. You just know it when you know it."

“NEVER APOLOGISE FOR YOUR PRESENCE. ”



CONTRIBUTION

Linette worked for the Ministry of Defence and served in the British Army.

She travelled widely and held positions of responsibility, often as the only black woman in the room, working within small elite teams.

For her service she was awarded an MBE.

Today she continues contributing through volunteering, projects such as Human Book and sharing lived experiences with others.

STRENGTHS & JOY

One small guilty pleasure Linette enjoys today is bubblegum - once forbidden during training, now freely enjoyed.

“EVERYTHING YOU SAY, EVERYTHING YOU DO, EVERYWHERE YOU ARE, HAS AN IMPACT. ”