

# **GILLIAN PARKER, QPM**

## **CHIEF CONSTABLE**

### **BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE**



Gillian Parker became Chief Constable for Bedfordshire Police in July 2005, becoming the seventh woman in England and Wales to be appointed to the rank.

Prior to becoming Deputy Chief Constable in Suffolk, Gillian Parker served in the Leicestershire Constabulary from 1980 in a variety of roles to the rank of Superintendent. She worked in child abuse investigation and later developed force policy in relation to child abuse, domestic violence and youth crime.

Whilst Staff Officer to the Chief Constable, Gillian was part of a team which reviewed policing arrangements in Jamaica. Subsequently, she served as a BCU Commander, Head of Community Affairs and Head of Corporate Development. Prior to her transfer to Suffolk in November 1998, she was the Area Commander for West Leicestershire. In October 2000 she took over as DCC, and in June 2003 was awarded the QPM. She has a BSc(Hons) in Chemical Engineering and a MSt (Cantab) degree in Applied Criminology.