M. B. E. for Worton Resident

WORTON resident Martin Rose was delighted to hear he had been made an MBE in the New Year Honours List.

Lt Col Rose, who retired from the Army in 1998, has made a name for himself by advising the Army on providing basic literacy and numeracy skills for soldiers.

Having left the Army, where he was working in education and training services at Trenchard Lines camp, Upavon, he has recently been seconded to the Army and finds himself back at Trenchard Lines as a civilian adviser.

He said: "It is rather nice being back, but at arm's length from the military side of things. Because I have the military background, though, I talk the same language.

"The Army is one of the country's biggest investors in education and we have been working very closely with them for some time.

"Strangely enough, I work harder now than I ever worked in the Army.

"I was delighted to hear that I am to be made an MBE. It was totally unexpected. It came right out of the blue."

Lt Col Rose, 53, lives in Worton with his wife Jan, who is also involved in adult education at the Marlborough centre of Swindon College.

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