



# Ken Wharfe MVO

Ken Wharfe was born in Canterbury, Kent & joined the Metropolitan Police Service as a Special Cadet at the age of 17. He attained the rank of Inspector before being selected to join Scotland Yard's elite Royalty Protection Department.

The SAS trained officer was chosen to head-up the security for the Queen's grandchildren, heir apparent Prince William & Prince Harry who as children, affectionately called him '*Uncle Ken*'. A year later in 1987 he was appointed as Personal Protection Officer to the Princess of Wales.

Diana trusted him with her innermost secrets during the most traumatic years of her marriage to Prince Charles & he was at her side as she plotted to escape from what she believed was the gilded cage of the Royal Family. In charge of the Princess's around the clock security at home & abroad, in public & private, Ken became a close friend & loyal confidant who she shared her most private moments.

His resignation in November 1993 made headline news. Just weeks later the Princess announced she was withdrawing from public life & then axed her Scotland Yard Protection, a decision her former '*Top Cop*' (as the British press referred to him) believes ultimately led to her death.

Ken Wharfe was appointed to oversee the internal security to Princess Diana's funeral at Westminster Abbey, attended by over four hundred heads of state.

Just months after Diana's death in Paris on 31st August 1997, Inspector Wharfe was honoured by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace & made him a Member of the Victorian Order, a personal gift of the Sovereign for his loyal service to her family.

Until his retirement after 35 years of exemplary service with the Metropolitan Police, nearly half in the Royal Protection Department, he was Personal Protection Officer to the Queen's cousin, The Duke of Kent. He is the first Royal Protection Officer to publish his memoirs. His book **Diana – Closely Guarded Secret** was a Sunday Times & New York Times best-seller. The book has now been published in several languages & available as a 3 x CD talking book – read by him.

Ken has recently completed his first UK **One Man Show** – entertaining with amusing anecdotes that invited the audience to a question & answer session which proved highly successful. During the past year he has entertained audiences across a broad spectrum of venues throughout the UK, speaking at conferences & after dinner locations. Combining recent & highly relevant first hand experience of security issues he offers credibility & independence on the highly topical subject of security.

Now a freelance security consultant he is a regular contributor with the BBC, ITN, Sky News, NBC, CBS & CNN participating in numerous outside broadcasts & documentaries for **BBC Newsnight, Channel 4 News, Channel 5 News, News 24 & GMTV.**

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