

## **Tony Shirley**

After initial training and employment as an engineer in the aerospace industry, Tony taught in higher and further education for some 20 years. Following this, he was appointed as an HMI, and inspected aspects of HE and FE for seven years. He was then a full-time inspector with the Further Education Funding Council for a further seven years. His duties included membership of teams inspecting Northumberland College, and for some time he was the 'college inspector' allocated as the link between the college and the inspection service. Most recently he has been a self-employed consultant in the fields of education, training and inspection.