



JACK JEFFREY CBE, FCIWEM, FRIPH, CCMI

Jack was a pupil at the school for 7 years in the 1940s when the school was Alderman Wood School.

He went to King's College, (now Newcastle University) reading chemistry and bacteriology.

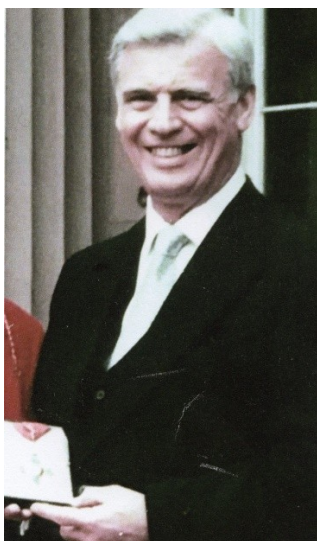
Jack's first job was with the National Coal Board as a chemist at Dunstable Coke Works. He examined the potential for using bacteria to break down chemical effluents in the coking process. The result was a significant improvement to the water quality of the River Wear. He combined his work with studying for a master's degree from Durham University.

In 1961 Jack was appointed to the South West Suburban Water Company as its first chemist. He chaired the Water Companies Association and became well known internationally in the field of water quality; he led the negotiations on behalf of the statutory companies when the industry was privatised.

Jack became master of the Worshipful Company of Plumbers in 1995 and was appointed CBE the same year.

He was chair of the World Humanity Action Trust in 2000 and was in large part responsible for its report Governance for a Sustainable Future, which he presented to the UN in New York in the same year.

He was vice-chair of the British Humanist Association, and in 2009 chaired the International Humanist Conference in Uganda.



Jack receiving his CBE in 1995