

Obituary

John Roberts 1944 – 2020

John Roberts passed away on 5th November 2020. As a solicitor and a trustee, he made an enormous contribution to the development of The Borrow Foundation; a UK-based charity that has close links with BASCD and EADPH.

John had a long and distinguished career. In 1965 he graduated from Liverpool University with a First-Class Honours degree in Law. In 1970 he joined the London-based firm, Goodman Derrick. He remained with the firm for rest of his working life, serving as the Senior Partner for some 15 years.

Driven by a strong social conscience, John dedicated considerable time to charitable causes. He served on the Boards of a number of organisations, including The Henry Moore Foundation and the English National Ballet. He first acted for The Borrow Foundation in the early 1980s; he was appointed to the Board in 1993.

In recent years the scope and scale of the charity's work has grown considerably. Its resources are now being applied in many parts of the world to promote the improvement of oral health, primarily in children, through the prevention of oral diseases. John played a vital role in this expansion. The knowledge and expertise he brought to the Board will be greatly missed. He will also be fondly remembered for his warmth and humour, as well as the kindness, consideration and respect that he showed to all those who had the privilege and pleasure of working with him.

