

Biography for University of Warwick Awards Ceremony: July 2017

David Burbidge CBE DL

David Burbidge is Chairman of the Coventry City of Culture 2021 bid, until recently he served on the main Board of the Royal Shakespeare Company, and he is the former Chair of the Belgrade Theatre in Coventry. He is also Chairman of Burbidge and Son Ltd a high quality woodworking and furniture company based in Coventry, and he was a Director of the Coventry Building Society from 1981 to 2005.

David was High Sheriff of the West Midlands (from 1990 to 1991), is a Deputy Lieutenant of the West Midlands County and has been Master of the Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers, as well as being a Freeman of the City of London.

He was also the founding chairman of the Coventry Cathedral Development Trust, for which he was awarded with an OBE. In 2016 he was made a CBE for his services to cultural philanthropy.

Current Roles:

*Chairman and was previously Managing Director of Burbidge & Son Ltd, a successful Coventry company which manufactures quality kitchen & bathroom furniture.

*Chairman of the Coventry City of Culture Trust driving the bid to win the title of Coventry City of Culture 2021.

*Deputy Lieutenant of the West Midlands

*Director, The Albany Piccadilly Trustee Companies

National Honours

*Awarded a CBE in the 2016 Queen's Birthday Honours List in recognition of his services to Cultural

Philanthropy in the West Midlands.

*Awarded an OBE in the 1998 Queen's Birthday Honours List in recognition of his services to

Coventry Cathedral.