

Trustee Biography – John Wood (Deputy Lieutenant of the West Midlands)

John has over 55 years of experience in the metal processing and engineering industries since starting as an undergraduate apprentice at IMI plc. He joined Caparo from IMI in 1991 as a subsidiary MD. In 1995 he was appointed CEO of the Caparo Engineering Division and joined the Main Board of Caparo Industries Plc in 1997. He retired from working part time as Director - Group Corporate Services for Liberty Engineering in October 2026. He is a Member of the Institution of Materials, Minerals and Mining, a Chartered Engineer and has qualified for a Certified Diploma in Accounting and Finance.

Throughout his career he has held a number of external positions including Chairman of the UK Copper Roofing Association, School Governor of Calthorpe Special School, Birmingham and a Board Member and Honorary Treasurer of the EEF West Midlands. He has been a Warden of the Standard of Wrought Plate in Birmingham (Assay Office Birmingham), a member of Wolverhampton City Board, Chair of the Wolverhampton Economic Growth Board, member of the Black Country LEP Competitiveness Advisory Board, a member of the EEF West Midlands Regional Advisory Board and Vice President British Red Cross West Midlands. He is a Deputy Lieutenant for the West Midlands and up to recently a Sandwell Business Ambassador, a Wolverhampton Business Champion, a Champion for Jericho and a member of the Smethwick Partnership Board. In 2026, he has been appointed a Trustee of North Smethwick Development Trust charity and has been co-opted onto the Board of Ideal for All charity.

He is married to Peggy, a civil engineer and has 3 children, one of whom has autism, severe learning difficulties and Lennox-Gastaut syndrome. His main hobbies are swimming, golf and gym.