



Honorary Freeman 2025

Jack Konynenburg

Jack is originally from Utrecht in the Netherlands and moved to the UK in 1957. Jack studied architecture, and has spent his entire career in the public sector, including leading a team at North Wiltshire District Council.

In 1981, Jack moved to Chippenham and restored a house in St Mary Street. Without Jack's drive and enthusiasm, there are notable projects across the town that wouldn't have taken place. These include the redevelopment of the Neeld Hall and Borough Parade; the national cycle network running through Chippenham, which included three new bridges; the Millennium wall project; and his proudest achievement, working with the Civic Society on the restoration and resetting of the Buttercross.

Throughout his time in the town he has also been actively involved in local groups. He is currently the Civic Society's President and judges their annual environmental awards. Jack was one of the first Chippenham Borough Lands Charity Trustees and served for at least 10 years. More recently, Jack has supported the charity Doorway, not only helping them design the interior of their new premises, but by offering architectural advice to local homeowners in return for a donation to the charity.

Since the 1990s Jack has also been involved with Sheldon School, enabling Year 10 students to draw up their imaginary proposals for the Chippenham of the future.