



It gives the Trustees great pleasure to announce that Sir Nick Scheele has recently accepted the position of Patron of The Lanchester Trust. Sir Nick is a highly respected figure in international business, commerce, education, charitable work and community projects, and is the ideal champion of all that The Lanchester Trust stands for. His name will be proudly highlighted on all of the Trust's future work.

After graduating from Durham University, Nick Scheele began work with the Ford Motor Company working in Purchasing, Supply and Procurement in Britain. Twenty years later, he was President of Ford in Mexico, where he directed manufacturing and marketing operations. In 1992, he returned to Britain as Vice-Chairman of Jaguar Cars Ltd., quickly rising to become Chairman and Chief Executive. During his seven years with Jaguar, sales doubled and Jaguar regained its place as one of the world's top marques. He was, and still is, remembered with great respect by those at the Browns Lane works in Coventry, and further afield. It was as Chief Executive at Jaguar-Daimler, the company that owns the Lanchester Motor Company registered name, that he invited all surviving Lanchester cars to Browns Lane as a finale to the 4-day, international, Lanchester Centenary Rally, in 1995. Nick Scheele left his other work to personally thank and shake hands with all of the near-100 Lanchester owners attending. I well remember him presenting each owner with a commemorative bottle of 'Vintage Lanchester Centenary Wine', all being quickly removed from scores of boxes which I had previously organised. When I presented one of the remainder to Nick Scheele himself, as the ultimate present, he was lost for words. Sensing that something was not quite according to the master plan, I realised that his bottle, the only such bottle, didn't have a label on it! Such is fate, I have been forgiven and the occasion obviously didn't spoil his future career!

In July 2000, he became President of Ford Europe and is credited with having directed the increasingly successful transformation of Ford's European business. In June 2001, Her Majesty the Queen awarded him a knighthood: the Order of St. Michael and St. George, for services to British exports. In October of that year, Sir Nick was appointed President and Chief Operating Officer of Ford's global operations, as well as a member of its Board of Directors.

Sir Nick Scheele is actively involved in many charity, business and community support projects. He received an honorary degree from his old University, Durham, in 2003. He was Chancellor at the University of Warwick, resigning in 2008. He was appointed to the Board of British American Tobacco as a Non-Executive Director in February 2005. He became the Senior Independent Non-Executive Director in May 2008 and is a member of the Audit, Corporate Social Responsibility, Nominations and Remuneration Committees.

He is particularly interested in the education of young people and has been involved in a number of key initiatives to raise the profile of training and education. He was voted a lifetime member of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children after successfully chairing an appeal to raise money for Boole House, a childcare centre in Coventry. He is an active supporter of the Save the Children fund and the St. Basil's appeal for Homeless Children and is a Patron of Greenways Homes.

Sir Nick was also chairman of the Prince of Wales Business and Environment Committee, and chairman of the manufacturing group of Foresight 2020, a government programme which aims to identify the UK's future needs and to build bridges between industry, science and government.

He lists reading (*the Lanchester Legacy?*) and music as his interests. He is an accomplished linguist, speaks German, French and Spanish fluently and shares his knowledge of leadership and management with organizations worldwide.

Sir Nick Scheele, KCMG, is, indeed, an inspirational figure who will provide The Lanchester Trust with the recognition that this worthy cause deserves.

Do you know of anyone who may be interested in sending a donation to The Lanchester Trust, so becoming a Founder Member, an honourable position for life that is still being offered to all for some time yet? If so, please contact the Trustees for more information (see www.LanchesterTrust.org).

From the Trustees: Chris Clark, Malcolm Whitehouse and Eric Baptiste.