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John has spent much of his life putting atoms where they did not want to be and describes himself as an atomic anarchist. He has worked in a number of UK universities finishing as Principal of the Faculty of Engineering at Imperial College. He still holds honorary academic positions at a number of UK universities. For a time he was chief executive of the national basic sciences labs based at the Rutherford-Appleton laboratories where he became involved in large international research infrastructures. He has been a consultant to industry, governments and the EC. In retirement he took up the post of Secretary-General of the Association of Commonwealth Universities and he still remains an adviser to several universities around the world. In addition he continues as a consultant to CERN in Geneva.

With his wife Alison, they founded a charity in 1984 based at their home in North Bedfordshire for socially disadvantaged people with mental, learning and other difficulties.

During his varied academic career he has become an honorary citizen of Cluj-Napoca in Romania (capital of Transylvania), picked up an honorary doctorate from the Kwame Nkrumah University in Ghana, and was made an Officer of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany.

John is a Reader in the Church of England and likes to relax by reading books on science, history and theology, listening to chamber music and playing croquet.

