

## Bryan Gray, CBE, DL



Bryan Gray was Pro-Chancellor of Lancaster University from 2003 until 2013 and was the Chairman of its Council. He was the Chairman of the Northwest Regional Development Agency from 2002 until August 2009, Chairman of Peel Media Group (responsible for MediaCityUK, the BBC's new northern base), and is currently a director of Westmorland Ltd, which operates motorway services.

A graduate of York University, Bryan was Chief Executive and Deputy Chairman of Baxi Group Ltd, one of Europe's leading heating companies and was latterly Chairman of Baxi Technologies, Vice-President of The Micropower Council and a Non-executive Director of Energetix.

He was Chairman of Preston North End Football Club until October 2001 and was founder Chairman of the National Football Museum. He was Chairman of the Liverpool Culture Company, responsible for Liverpool's year as European Capital of Culture. He was a Trustee of National Museums Liverpool and chaired its Audit Committee.

He was a Member of the Lake District National Park Authority and the Churches Trust for Cumbria. He is Chairman of the Lowther Castle and Gardens Trust, Cumbria County History Trust, and is a Lay Canon of Carlisle Cathedral. He is Chairman of the Settle and Carlisle Railway Trust and was a member of the Advisory Board of the National Railway Museum.

In 2006 he was awarded the HRH, The Prince of Wales' Ambassador Award for the NW and in 2008 he was awarded a CBE in the Queen's New Year Honours list for services to regeneration in the North West following an MBE for service to regeneration in Preston. He is a Deputy Lieutenant of Cumbria and a former High Sheriff of Lancashire. He lives in Cumbria with his wife Lydia. They have three sons.