



Property figures pick up honours

Several big names from the world of property, including entrepreneur Jack Petchey (pictured), have been recognised in the New Year's Honours list.

Petchey received a knighthood for services to young people in east London and Essex. The 90 year old hailed from a working-class family in the East End and left school at 13 with no qualifications.

His foundation has invested £100m helping youngsters from similar backgrounds succeed.

"I always say: 'If you think you can, you can', whatever your background," he said. "Being recognised with this honour proves just that to the youngsters we work with."

Paul White, Frogmore's chairman and chief executive, was awarded an MBE for his services to charity and in particular the Willow Foundation, which supports very ill young people.

The charity was founded by former Arsenal footballer Bob Wilson and his wife Megs following the death of their daughter Anna. They said: "Without his generosity of spirit Willow would not be the charity it is today."

Fiona Alfred, executive director of the Association of Women in Property, was made an OBE for services to women in property and construction. Under her direction, the association has become a respected voice, contributing to national debates including the Davies Commission into Women on Boards, the HS2 Growth Taskforce and *Property Week's* own Open Plan campaign.

Ros Kerslake, chief executive of the Prince's Regeneration Trust, was also recognised with an OBE, for services to British heritage. The trust's project Middleport Pottery, a visitor destination in Stoke-on-Trent, has received nine awards since it opened in June 2014.

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