



John Larter MBE

John Larter MBE died on December 14 2020.

John spent almost all his life in Hackney, he was said to be “immensely proud” of attending Northwold Primary School and then Hackney Downs Grammar School. John would later train as a teacher in Kent and return to Hackney, landing his first job at Sir Thomas Abney School where he taught for many years. He joined the Hackney Schools Athletic Association in 1968 and was awarded an MBE in 2010 for his work in the organisation and efforts managing the Hackney district under 11s football teams. John continued managing the girls and boys' teams for over 40 years, helping countless young players hone their skills over the decades.

Talking to the Hackney Gazette in December, John's friend of 20 years Steve Herbert, who is the current acting manager of the teams which represent the entire borough, made a list and counted 40 players coached by John, who went on to become professional footballers, the most famous being the late Ugo Ehiogu, former England and Aston Villa defender. Steve said running the teams was John's "passion".

John worked at Lauriston School and Daubeney Primary School and had his final teaching job as headteacher of Holmleigh Primary School.

Though he almost retired in 2000 the educator returned to work in 2002 for the Hackney School Sport Partnership and, in 2008 won a Lifetime Achievement Award at The Learning Trust Educators' Awards, for his service to education in the borough.

John had an immense impact on the borough in which he lived and will be remembered for the work he achieved and countless lives he positively influenced.

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