

Alan Barrell

Alan Barrell has spent almost 30 years in senior executive positions in technology based industries and has become one of Cambridge's most articulate promoters of entrepreneurship. He is a founder shareholder in Library House, Entrepreneur in Residence at the University's Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning and Visiting Professor of Enterprise at the University of Bedfordshire School of Graduate Business Studies. He is Visiting Professor at Xiamen University in China and Senior Enterprise Fellow, University of Essex. Recently appointed as International Fellow, Laurea University of Applied Sciences in Helsinki, he is also Chairman of Health Enterprise East Ltd, an organisation seeking to exploit innovative inventions, processes and procedures in the National Health Service within the Eastern Region.

Following a scientific training, he worked around the world with Baxter Healthcare and was its Chief Executive for six years. Subsequently, he joined Domino Printing Sciences as Managing Director, following which, after six years, he joined Willett International, an industrial electronics company, and was its CEO, building its international business into a major success.

He was instrumental in launching the Cambridge Gateway Fund to fund early stage technology businesses in the region and is involved with a number of charities including the Papworth Trust, the RSA, the Centre for Tomorrow's Company and The Prince's Trust. He has also chaired the Cambridge Enterprise Conference and works closely with a number of Science Parks and Innovation Centres in Cambridge, elsewhere in the UK and overseas. He received The Queen's Award in 2006 for Enterprise Promotion.