



Tom Bloxham MBE

Chairman

Tom Bloxham MBE is Chairman, majority shareholder and founder of award-winning regeneration company Urban Splash.

The business has won over 460 awards for architecture, regeneration, design and business success.

It was in 1993, aged 29, that Tom founded Urban Splash with Jonathan Falkingham MBE; together literally two men in a shed they redeveloped an unloved building in Liverpool into the successful Concert Square mixed-use scheme.

Since then, Urban Splash has undertaken more than 60 developments, creating thousands of new homes and jobs and investing nearly a billion pounds into successful regeneration projects across the country including; Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Leeds, Bradford, Sheffield, Bristol, Plymouth, Cambridgeshire and Morecambe.

More about Tom

Tom, born in 1963, started out selling fire extinguishers door to door, then while at Manchester University studying politics and history started selling records and posters from market stalls. Turned into Splash Posters licensing posters from bands like The Stone Roses and The Happy Mondays. He established and subsequently sold a local radio station, as well as the Home nightclub in Manchester as well as the Baa Bar chain of bars – which was sold for an eight-figure sum. When he's not working, Tom enjoys art, architecture, cross-country ski touring, drinking, watching his beloved Manchester United, walking, and loving life.

Short biography

Tom Bloxham MBE is chairman and founder of award-winning regeneration company Urban Splash, which has received 460 awards to date for architecture, design and business success.

The company is responsible for development projects across the country, including Manchester, Liverpool, Cambridge, Milton Keynes, Birmingham, Leeds, Bradford Sheffield, Bristol, Plymouth, North Shields and Morecambe.

In 1999, Tom was awarded an MBE for Services to Architecture and Urban Regeneration. Tom also upholds a number of other positions including; Chairman of Manchester International Festival, and the Manchester United Foundation and The Bloxham Charitable Trust. In 2021 he was appointed as a Trustee of the Barbican.

In 1999 at the age of 35, Tom was awarded an MBE for his services to Architecture and Urban Regeneration.



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Awards and achievements

Scene Power in Property List (2022)
North West Insider Property Personality of the Year (2019)
City of Manchester Business Awards Property Personality of the Year (2016)
City AM Most Powerful Entrepreneurs List (2015)
The College of Estate Management Property Award (2008)
The Royal Society for Arts RSA Bicentenary Medal (2008)
North West Insider Property Personality of the Year (2004)
Building Magazine Property Entrepreneur Award (2003)
Property Week Property Entrepreneur of the Year (2002)
Manchester Evening News Business of the Year Award (2002)
Ernst & Young National Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award (1999)

Tom's academic accolades:

Honorary Fellowship, Cumbria University (2010)
Honorary Doctorate of Business, University of Plymouth (2010)
Honorary Doctorate, University of Manchester (2007)
Honorary Degree of Doctor of Design, University of West England (2007)
Honorary Doctorate of Design, Oxford Brookes University (2004)
Honorary Fellowship, Liverpool John Moores University (2003)
Visiting Professor, Manchester School of Architecture, December 2022 – present

Tom's voluntary and pro bono positions

Chancellor of the University of Manchester (2008 – 2015)
Trustee Big Issue North
Founding Chair Ancoats Urban Village Trust
Founding Chair Centre for Cities Think Tank (2007 – 2010)
Chair Arts Council (NW) (1999 – 2008)
Trustee of the Tate (2009 – 2017)
Founding Trustee of the MUFC Foundation (2007 – present)
Founding Trustee of the Bloxham Charitable Trust (2001 – present)
Founding Trustee of the Urban Splash Charitable Trust (2008 – present)
Founding Chair of the Manchester International Festival (2004 – present)
Founding Governor and Sponsor of the New Islington Free School (2012 – 2016)
Trustee Barbican London