

Dower, John Gordon 1900 - 1947



John Gordon Dower was born in Ilkley, Yorkshire, England on 2 September 1900 and studied architecture at St. John's College, Cambridge (1919-23). He was subsequently articled to Sir Herbert Baker (1862-1956). He was elected an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA) in 1930 and the following year set up a private practice in London, specialising housing and town planning. He later developed an interest in rural planning and a pamphlet by him, *The Case for National Parks in Great Britain*, published by the Council for the Protection of Rural England in 1938 received a wide circulation. His subsequent research into the need for national parks led to the passing of *The National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act* in 1949 which provided the statutory basis for national parks in England and Wales

Dower's address was given as 28 John Street, London in 1929; 5 Verulum Buildings, Gray's Inn, London in 1939 and Cambo House, Cambo, Northumberland in 1947. He died in Kirkby Malham, Yorkshire on 3 October 1947

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