

## Robson, Geoffrey 1918 - 1991



Geoffrey Robson was born in Dudley Hill, Yorkshire, England on 12 December 1918 and studied at the Architectural Association School in London as a Leverhulme Scholar, 1935-40 and was a Howard Colls Scholar in 1936 and a Henry Florance Scholar in 1940. In 1938 he was an RIBA Bronze Medallist. He was awarded the AA Diploma and was elected an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA).

In 1949 he became a partner in the London architectural practice [Richard Sheppard & Partners](#) founded by 1938 by [Richard Herbert Sheppard](#) (1910-1982) and his wife, [Jean Sheppard](#) (1911-1974). In 1938. In 1958 the name of the firm was changed to [Richard Sheppard, Robson & Partners](#) [later Sheppard Robson].

Robson's address was given as 95 Aston Road, Dudley, Worcestershire in 1939 and Grunsell's Loft, Quay Road, Lymington, Hampshire in 1991. He died in Lymington, Hampshire on 22 March 1991.

Worked in

UK

Works

Richard Sheppard & Partners and Richard Sheppard, Robson & Partners [now Sheppard Robson] has specialised in the design of educational buildings and subsequently designed some eighty schools. During the 1960s and 1970s they designed several university and college buildings including for Manchester Polytechnic and Imperial College, London, and at Loughborough (1961-66), Leicester, Brunel (1968-73), the City of London (1969-70). Their most admired building in this field is Churchill College, Cambridge, designed in 1959.

Other works by the practice have included shipyard buildings for Swan Hunter on the River Tyne (1950); a large shopping centre at Wood Green, north London; and

office buildings in the City of London. Some twenty buildings designed by the practice have received architectural awards.

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- Architecture of Churchill College

<https://www.chuarchivestories.uk/stories/churchill-college-architecture>

- RIBApex! - nearly 300 images of buildings designed by Sheppard & Robson

<https://www.ribapix.com/search?adv=false&cid=0&mid=0&vid=0&q=Sheppard%20Robson>

- AJ Buildings Library. Sheppard Robson Architects' Offices

<https://www.ajbuildingslibrary.co.uk/projects/display/id/2497>