



Annual Review of Charitable Giving 2022-2023

The Company makes a number of donations every year from the charitable contributions of Liverymen to the Education and Almshouse Charities, as well as some from the Corporate Fund, gifts in kind and fundraising. Highlights from this year include:



Education bursaries and awards to the value of **£30,000** were made to 17 students from 15 universities and colleges across the country. A further 22 were Highly commended and receive certificates. All are invited to become Freeman of the Company and Bursary winners are invited to the banquet. A total of 41 students were interviewed this year.

The Lord Mayor and Master with last year's Bursary winners at the Banquet

Training Grants to the value of **£2400** for two apprentices at Shima Seiki.

A donation of **£2000** to the **Framework Knitting Museum at Ruddington** to assist them in employing Matthew Hamilton, now a Freeman of the Company, to demonstrate and teach on the use of their historical frames.

A grant of **£810** to enable children from **Holbrook Primary School** to visit the Ruddington Museum as part of the Holbrook's Hidden Heritage project. In the 19th Century the village had a thriving stocking-frame knitting community.



Two new cabinets for the **Hinckley Museum** display of Framework Knitting: **£1794** The cabinets have plaques acknowledging the donation by the Framework Knitters and will be used to display items associated with the birth of the industry and hosiery manufacturing in Hinckley. The museum is housed in three former Framework Knitter cottages originally owned by one of the oldest hosiery companies in the world Atkins Bros Ltd. In 1722 Robert Atkins obtained his freedom from the Worshipful Company of Framework Knitters enabling him to start his stocking manufacturing business.

The Master, Peter Corah, Susan Jagelman and trustees Ann Crabtree and Phillip Lindley



The Master donating blankets to Baby Basics in Leicester

The **Knit for Community** project started by Past Master Liz Green during lockdown continues – **706 full blankets** (44,500 squares) and **657 lap blankets** (26,000 squares) and counting! Past Master Sheila Turner has an impressive system to log and track all the donated squares from delivery through to completion. The blankets are then photographed and labelled before delivery to a wide range of charities in West Yorkshire, Leicester, Nottingham, Loughborough, Watford and London. Last but not least knitters are thanked by being sent a photo of the completed blanket containing their squares.

With many of the older, traditional Livery Companies we took part in the **Becket Pageant Livery Crafts Fair** in Guildhall Yard. A great opportunity to talk about Framework Knitting and demonstrate the Victorian Griswold knitting machine. Sales of socks and knitwear raised **£879** for our charitable funds.



Assistant Jonathan Pears showing the Lord Mayor, himself a Framework Knitter, how to work the Griswold Knitting machine.

We ran our usual stall at **The Big Curry Lunch** selling donated knitted goods from several very generous UK manufacturers. The enthusiastic sales team, led by Jonathan Pears, raised a record breaking **£2324** for the Armed Forces charities. Gifts were also presented to the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester including Johnstons of Elgin cashmere scarves and socks and some Corgi “Coronation” socks featuring the golden coach in front of Westminster Abbey.



Our stall with the sales team ready for action and Jonathan Pears presenting gifts to HRH The Duke of Gloucester

Our team of the Master and Assistants Janie Martin, Jonathan Pears and Simon Burrows took part in the **19th Inter Livery Pancake races** supporting the Lord Mayor's Appeal. All made their mark, and the Master won the Masters' race! So Framework Knitters will feature again on the engraved copper frying pan.



The Masters' race finalists



The Framework Knitters team

The Almshouse Charity funded the planting of a cherry tree at the Cottage Homes as part of the late Queen Elizabeth II **Green Canopy Appeal**. A commemorative plaque was unveiled by Vincent Keaveny, Honorary Liveryman and Lord Mayor of London 2021-22. The Almshouse Charity donations fund provided funding of **£5415** to support residents' social activities.



Unveiling the commemorative plaque



Vincent and Amanda Keaveny with the Cottage Home residents

A donation of **£360** to our affiliated regiment, the **Leicestershire and Derbyshire (Prince Albert's Own) Yeomanry**, for the laying up of their historic Guidon (a Light Cavalry standard embroidered with battle honours) at All Saints Church, Newtown Linford.

A donation of **£1000** towards the **Livery Companies Coronation Anointing Screen** project.

A donation of **£1000** to the **Turkey and Syria Earthquake DEC Appeal**.

Donations to the **Lord Mayor's Appeal**, including **£1000** at the banquet, and through a variety of Livery associated events including the annual United Guilds Service and Garden of Remembrance.



Parading the LDY Guidon

Annual Summary:

<i>The Education Charity:</i>	<i>Total grants and donations</i> £39,729
<i>The Corporate Account:</i>	<i>Total donations</i> £5,745
<i>The Almshouse Charity</i>	<i>Total expenditure</i> £5415
<i>Donations fund:</i>	TOTAL £50,889