



Annual Review of Charitable Giving 2023-2024

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:



Walk of Hope for Brain Tumour Research:

Past Master Tony Jarvis and his intrepid team, including three dogs, took part in the Leicestershire walk around Bradgate Park on 30th September 2023. Thanks to a very successful Just Giving campaign a staggering **£7328** was raised, by far the highest total for the area.

The walk was undertaken in response to the news that a past Master Framework Knitter had recently been diagnosed with a brain tumour.



The Lady Mayoress knitting!

City Giving Day: Blankets knitted in the Lord Mayor's Appeal colours were presented to the Lady Mayoress at Mansion House on City Giving Day. Several liverymen from other companies knitted squares and the Framework Knitters won the award for the best community engagement.



The blankets being handed over on City Giving Day

Four of these beautiful blankets will be auctioned at events in support of Treloar's, a school and college for severely disabled children, that has strong, ongoing, links with the City of London.

The **Knit for Community** project started by Past Master Liz Green during lockdown, continues. This year **162** full blankets and **309** lap or cot blankets have been donated to **12** different charitable organisations in Yorkshire, Nottingham, Derby, Chester, Loughborough, Huddersfield, London and Hampshire.



Blankets labelled and ready for despatch.



The total number of blankets made to date now stands at **1896**.

Past Master and Knitting project co-ordinator Sheila Turner delivering blankets to Falcon Support Services in Loughborough

Education Charity bursaries and awards: 2 bursaries and 17 awards to the value of **£31,500** were made to 19 students from 16 universities and colleges across the country. A further 31 were Highly Commended and received certificates. All are invited to become Freemen of the Company, and several have already applied. Bursary winners are invited to the banquet. A total of **63** students were interviewed this year and overall, 24 universities and colleges were represented. In addition, **£16,301** covered training for 8 students at Shima and **£6,631** for 3 students at Stoll.



The Lord Mayor handing over the keys to Stephen Winnington, Chair of Trustees



Hilary Lindsay LFI, Sarah Calcutt, City Harvest CEO with Susan & Rodney Jagelman

The Livery Food Initiative:

We donated **£250** to this combined Livery project to source and supply much needed food to communities across the City of London. Along with other participating companies we were presented with a plaque at a reception at the Old Bailey.

The combined Livery Company donations to this project have now raised sufficient funds to provide a large truck that will be able to collect surplus food from wider area to supply much needed food to over 375 charities across London and feeding over 100,000 people in need each week. The keys to the truck were handed over by the Lord Mayor in March watched by Livery Company representatives.



Red Cross Christmas Market: The Company took part for the first time in this biennial fundraising event held in Guildhall. Jonathan Pears, and his team of helpers in their named jumpers, manned a stall over two days selling British Christmas Jumpers supplied at cost by Jack Masters (Leicester) and Christmas socks donated by Kingley socks (Bulgaria). They raised an impressive **£1400** profit at the event and generated some additional online orders. One Framework Knitter family ordered 14 matching Nordic Blue jumpers!

“Standing in this place” statue: A donation of **£1000** was made to a project to fund a life-sized statue by Rachel Carter of a white textile worker and a black cotton picker that will be installed in the Broadmarsh regeneration area in Nottingham. With the Nottingham area historically at the centre of the textile industry and our own heritage we felt it was a project that merited our support.

Sheriffs and Records Fund: The State Trials and Errors show is put on by members of the Judiciary, the Bar, and the City to raises money for this fund that supports Prison Charities working with the rehabilitation of ex-offenders. This year they also be supported the Schools Consent Project who send lawyers into schools to teach students the legal definition of consent in order to safeguard young people. We donated **£200** to help sponsor the show.

Leicester Charity Link: At our annual Leicester dinner, a cheque for **£500** for her chosen charity was presented to the speaker the High Sheriff of Leicester – Mrs Henrietta Chubb JP.

The Almshouse Charity: The Almshouse Charity donations fund provided funding of **£5286** to support the Cottage Homes residents’ social activities.

Museum support: Donations totalling **£2,700** were made to Wigston, Hinckley and Ruddington Framework Knitting museums in support of their outreach work.

RAF Museum’s Scarf’s VC Appeal: This was an urgent appeal from the RAF Museum in the Midlands to secure funds to enable the medal to be retained in the UK. Our donation of **£100** was one of many small donations that helped to match the auction sale price of £600,000.

Exercise Coronation Jerboa Cyprus 2023: We donated **£450** towards the costs of this project to take members of our affiliated Cadet Unit to Cyprus. We have received a letter of thanks written by one of those attending that makes it very clear how much he gained from the exercise.

Donations to the **Lord Mayor’s Appeal**, including **£1250** at the banquet, and through a variety of Livery associated events including the annual United Guilds Service and Garden of Remembrance.

Annual Summary:

The Education Charity: Total grants and donations £56,957

The Almshouse Charity

Donations fund: Total expenditure £5286

The Corporate Account: Total donations £4880

Fundraising for charities total: £8728

TOTAL £75,851