



## The Livery

There are more than one hundred Livery Companies in London. Each of them is a remarkable philanthropic fellowship. Ancient (eg the Weavers) or modern (eg the Water Conservators), they are all dedicated to serving others.

Whether firmly bound or loosely tied to a craft, trade or its successor, every Company has in its own way made its charitable work manifest either by supporting education, research and welfare or by nurturing the skills of those actively involved.

The living out of this ethos through the ages has ensured that the Livery holds an honoured place in the life of the City, the nation and beyond.

Information based on the 2011 Livery Profile Survey, researched and produced by The Mercers' Company.

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## Lord Mayor's introduction

Many people may be surprised at the statistics in this leaflet. The livery companies of the City of London represent a long tradition of commitment and philanthropy – but good that is often done almost by stealth. So it seems right that we mark their achievements and the sheer breadth and variety of their contribution to society. What these figures – impressive though they are – can never show is the vast impact of their work; the educational opportunities created, the vulnerable supported or the expertise and time and energy given.

I am proud to be associated with a City with such a great tradition of philanthropy and I am delighted that this leaflet will make this important work known to a wider audience. I congratulate the livery companies and every member of the Livery for all their work past, present and future.

**Alderman Michael Bear**

*Lord Mayor of the City of London 2010-11*

## Industry and trade links

In 2011, Livery Companies had affiliations to over 150 professional bodies and trade associations, and provided 214 apprenticeships / work placements for trainees and students.

## Volunteering

Some 2,500 Livery Company members are actively involved in the governance and stewardship of their charities. In addition, a further 1,591 are regular volunteers, including 884 in education, of whom 464 are school or college governors.

## Useful links

Livery Schools Link

[www.liveryschoolslink.co.uk](http://www.liveryschoolslink.co.uk)

Livery Companies Skills Council

[LCSC@cityandguilds.com](mailto:LCSC@cityandguilds.com)

School Governors' One-Stop Shop

[www.sgoss.org.uk](http://www.sgoss.org.uk)



## General

Some key facts about the City of London Livery Companies:

**108**  
companies

**26,250**  
liverymen

They have affiliations to:

**153**  
schools and colleges

**65**  
churches

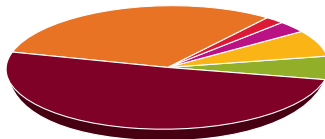
**216**  
regular and reserve units  
of the Armed Forces

**101**  
cadet units

## Charitable giving

Livery Companies have always been concerned with philanthropy, and in 2010\* gave a total of:

**£41.85 million**  
to charitable causes, divided between:



Education	51%
Welfare/Relief in need	31%
Church	2%
Environment/Arts	3%
Trade	7%
Other	6%

\*based on most recent accounts

## Education

Livery Companies are widely involved in education and training. Through governance, volunteering, grant making, bursaries and other means they regularly support:

**37** primary schools

**16** preparatory schools

**54** secondary schools

**44** independent schools

**11** 6th form/FE colleges

with 105,000 students on roll, two-thirds of whom are in state schools and colleges, and more than half of them in Greater London.

48 Livery Companies have university affiliations, with a total of:

**173** university links

93 of which are in Greater London.

## Care for the elderly

Livery Companies have traditionally supported or maintained almshouses for elderly people throughout the country. 20 Companies currently provide:

**855**  
dwellings

of which

**620**  
are managed directly by  
the Companies themselves

with  
**1,014**  
elderly residents