



The Worshipful
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Cordwainers



CHARITY REPORT

2018-19



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The Cordwainers' Company is proud of its long history of supporting good causes through charitable giving.

This report is intended to provide information about the charity beneficiaries the Cordwainers support and the projects and people our charitable giving helps. If you have any questions about the Cordwainers charitable giving or the contents of this report, please contact the Charity Manager on 020 7929 1121 or charity@cordwainers.org.



DOING GOOD AND HAVING FUN

The majority of the Company's grants are distributed by the Cordwainers Charitable Trusts, which is comprised of Minge's Gift (registered charity number: 266073), the Common Investment Fund (Pooled Trusts) (registered charity number: 261891) and the Emily Jackson Bequest (registered charity number: 220442).

The focus of this charitable giving is a number of organisations with whom we have established links. These are charities which we fund according to the wishes of our original benefactors, those related to our trade and those with which we have historic connections.

The Cordwainers Charitable Trusts also supports various charitable activities in the City of London, churches which have an historic connection to the Company and are used for Company services, as well as managing almshouses in Buckinghamshire and Kent.

In addition to the Cordwainers Charitable Trusts, the Company is associated with three other charitable funds: the Cordwainers Educational and Training Charitable Trust Company (CET) (registered charity number: 1050213); the Harben Armoury Trust (HAT) (registered charity number: 241498); and the Royal Free London Nurses and Midwives Trust (registered charity number 234902).

All of the Company's charities are funded by rental income from Company properties, returns from investments and donations from our members. The increasing contributions made by our members, both financially and in terms of participating in and supporting our fundraising events, are fundamental to the Company's philanthropic work.

2018-19 was another highly successful year with members raising funds for the Alzheimer's Society's Side-by-Side programme which links people living with dementia to volunteers so they can keep doing the things they love. Members and their family and friends participated in and supported a wide range of activities including: the Master's Livery Halls Walk, the Serpentine Swim, the Alzheimer's Society's Memory Walk, Christmas carol singing at Paddington Underground Station, a pub quiz, a special performance of the Messiah, a guided City Walk, the Coast to Coast cycle challenge and the London Marathon. The fundraising target for the year was initially £25,000 but this was surpassed with an impressive total of £47,500 raised. Thank you to everyone who contributed to an amazing year.



CORDWAINERS BENEFICIARIES' RECEPTION

Our inaugural Beneficiaries' Reception was held in October 2018 to give our members the opportunity to meet with beneficiaries and staff from the charities and organisations the Company supports.

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It was a hugely beneficial evening through which we were able to raise awareness about our work and the support we have generously received. It also allowed us to have some fantastic networking opportunities with all the other charities present.

Christopher Niesyto, Blind Veterans UK

At the reception, our members learnt more about the work of the various charities and organisations helped by the Cordwainers Charitable Trusts. The event also enabled our beneficiaries to enhance existing relationships with our members and to establish links with other charities.

The event was a great success with 17 of the charities and organisations which receive grants from the Cordwainers' Company represented.



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It was lovely to meet so many members who have been fundraising for us over the last few years. We really enjoyed talking to members and sharing how the Company has helped us to support our research and improve the lives of our patients.

Nick Irving, Royal Marsden Cancer Charity





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org.uk

I thought it was a great idea - not only good to enable Cordwainers to see the scope of the work and support of beneficiaries but also for the beneficiaries to see real interest from the Company.

Past Master Cordwainer Charles Fairweather



It is heart-warming to see all the charities in one place and really get an understanding of the wider picture of all the charities that are supported by our marvellous company.

Liveryman Sarah Day

BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED PEOPLE

The Cordwainers have supported charities for blind and partially sighted people for centuries, strongly believing that visual impairment should not be a barrier to personal fulfilment.

£13k
Total

Blind in Business

blindinbusiness.org.uk

BLINDINBUSINESS

Helping Blind & Partially Sighted People Into Work

Blind in Business was launched in 1992 to help blind and partially sighted students to compete equally with sighted candidates for jobs, by providing help, support and training. In 2018-19, our support of the Future Focus project continued with a £1,000 grant enabling employment training for 98 blind and visually impaired young people. Participants were introduced to blind people working in the City in careers such as law, IT and teaching. The workshops have shown blind young people they can think seriously about finding work and, with support, succeed in their professional lives.



Meeting blind people in work, that was the best part, I now know I can be a teacher with no sight, this has changed my life.

Sarah, Blind in Business beneficiary

Blind Veterans UK

blindveterans.org.uk



Rebuilding lives after sight loss

Blind Veterans UK supports over 4,700 veterans who have lost their sight due to either active service or ill-health later in life. In 2018-19, the Cordwainers gave a grant of £2,000 to support the IT in the Community project. Blind Veterans UK has provided access to specialist IT equipment for many years, but there is a substantial waiting list for IT training to use this equipment. The IT in the Community project provides a team of IT helpline staff and six specialist regionally based IT experts who can deliver support to veterans in their own homes. During 2018-19, the project provided £700,000 worth of specialist IT equipment, delivered 250 regional training sessions and the IT helpline answered 18,000 calls.



The home training sessions are excellent. I feel that I have been able to regain my independence and I have been able to manage my gas bills online myself.

Mike, Blind Veterans UK beneficiary





I have made lots of new friends in a short time and can't wait to make my own music.

Shaun, RSBC beneficiary



Royal Society for Blind Children (RSBC)

rsbc.org.uk

The Cordwainers have continued their long-term support of the RSBC's Music Group with a grant of £10,000 in 2018-19. During the year, 68 young people participated in the group, exceeding the initial target and demonstrating the popularity of the activities with blind and partially sighted young people.



The fact that these children, who face more challenges than most of us in daily life, embraced the task of performing and writing some very touching songs is hugely impressive!

M&G staff member

Over the course of 2018-19, the group improved their confidence in performing together and as soloists. They continued to compose their own songs and develop their musical skills and understanding, with a further 24 young people receiving AQA accreditations in topics related to music including singing techniques, recognising musical instruments, choir performance and performing in a band.

Highlights in 2018-19 included: performing at the RSBC's annual AQA awards ceremony where the group performed two of their own songs; performing three carols, including one of their own composition, at the RSBC's 2018 Christmas concert; taking part in music development sessions with

the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, culminating in a performance at M&G Investments; attending song-writing workshops, producing six songs about the challenges they face because of vision impairment; and learning how to use the recording studio at Bollo Brook Youth Centre in West London, learning the basics of sound engineering and recording two of their own tracks.

In 2018-19, the RSBC also began the process of extending the Music Group outside of London. Partnerships were established with Henshaws, the Albion Foundation and the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Manchester to offer Music Group activities to blind and partially sighted young people in Manchester and Birmingham.

FOOTWEAR EDUCATION

The Cordwainers' Company provides scholarships, bursaries and prizes to students of footwear and leather goods courses at Capel Manor College, De Montfort University and the University of Northampton. In addition, the Company also supports students of The Urswick School in Hackney and celebrates the work of footwear students through the Cordwainers National Footwear Student of the Year Awards.

Capel Manor College

Capel Manor College

capel.ac.uk

The Cordwainers have supported the students taking the saddlery and leatherwork course at the Capel Manor College site in Enfield since the transfer of the course from the former Cordwainers College at Mare Street in 2000. The Cordwainers began supporting the students on a new shoemaking advanced diploma at the college in 2017.

In 2018-19, the Cordwainers gave a grant of £14,800 for bursaries for the top students in Year 1 and Year 2 of the saddlery course and the top student and the most improved student on the shoemaking course; a materials and tools fund; a student travel and subsistence fund for competitions; a shoemaking machinery fund; and a student hardship fund.



De Montfort University (DMU)

dmu.ac.uk



The Cordwainers have supported DMU students on the footwear design course since 2009 and in 2018-19 awarded a grant of £35,450 for prizes for the most improved first and second year students; a design innovation award for third year students; student travel costs for industry visits including Lineapelle and the Modartech Institute in Italy, Cheaney's in Northampton and the Elda Inescop Footwear Research Facility in Spain; two summer internships at the New Balance factory in Flimby; an Employability Development Fund which allowed two students to attend placements at TOMs in Los Angeles; and a student hardship fund.

£97k⁺

Total

N Northampton
Museum &
Art Gallery

Northampton Museum

northampton.gov.uk/museums

Northampton Museum and Art Gallery is undergoing a major expansion and renovation project. A new shoe gallery and exhibition space including a space for national and international touring shoe exhibitions will be created. In addition, a shoe resources centre will be developed which will be a physical and virtual hub for collection-focused research into shoes and shoe heritage.

The Northampton Museum shoe collection is one of the largest in the world consisting of over 60,000 objects. Along with 15,000 pairs of shoes, the shoe related collection contains accessories; shoe care products; shoemaking tools and components; objects associated with the retail of shoes; paintings and prints; shoe shaped trinkets; index of shoemakers and shoemaking firms; index of concealed shoes; and oral history testimonies by past and present shoemakers.

In 2018-19, the Cordwainers awarded a grant of £3,000 for two projects connected to the new shoe gallery. The first involved the commissioning of reproduction shoemaker Andy Burke to make a pair of Venetian chopines for display. Chopines are platform shoes which were worn by noble women and courtesans in the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries. As part of the grant, Andy Burke also shared his shoemaking skills and experience with shoemaking apprentices from Northampton College.

Secondly, as part of the footwear archive, oral history interviews took place with 2014 Cordwainers National Footwear Student of the Year winner, Helen Kirkum, and 2019 winner, Meta Cunder, and examples of their work were purchased or donated to the museum. It is hoped to replicate this process on an annual basis in order to create a Cordwainers National Footwear Student of the Year Archive Collection.

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It feels incredible to win this award! It means the absolute world to me, as it will allow me to kickstart my career and help me to set up my own brand.

Meta Cunder, London College of Fashion



Cordwainers National Footwear Student of the Year Awards

Since 2014, the Cordwainers National Footwear Student of the Year Awards have celebrated the best in student footwear design and forged links between footwear education and the footwear industry. The awards aim to support the future of the shoe industry and to celebrate and encourage young footwear talent. Previous winners are making their mark in industry and have used their prize money to fund further education in footwear design or to start their own footwear design businesses. In 2018-19, the Cordwainers Charitable Trusts supported the awards with a grant of £11,800.

The 2019 awards were held at Clothworkers' Hall in London and were attended by 200 guests including footwear students, industry influencers and Cordwainers' members. The evening included an inspirational keynote speech from previous award winner Helen Kirkum.

Applications were invited from the footwear students at the three universities that specialise in footwear design: De Montfort University, the London College of Fashion and the University of Northampton. The students submitted portfolios of their design for a pair of shoes and, after an initial selection by the universities, the work of 15 finalists was presented to the judging panel which in 2019 was made up of: Atalanta Weller (Liveryman and shoe designer), Joachim Sedelmeier (Freeman and Head of Design - Shoes at Paul Smith), Katie Greenyer (Liveryman and Creative Director of Pentland Brands) along with previous winner Helen Kirkum.

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We believe that recognising and supporting the next generation of footwear talent is an important part of helping Britain to maintain its position as a world leader in the design and manufacture of footwear.

Penny Graham, Clerk to the Cordwainers

The 2019 winners were:

• 1st Prize	Meta Cunder	London College of Fashion
• 2nd Prize	Dimitri Gabellier	De Montfort University
• 3rd Prize	Emily Hill	London College of Fashion
• 1st Commendation	Monica Bateman	University of Northampton
• 2nd Commendation	Sara McMullan	London College of Fashion



The Cordwainers have been nurturing and encouraging emerging talent in the footwear trade for nearly 750 years. Our position as the largest provider of scholarships and bursaries in footwear education is part of our ongoing commitment to raise the profile of the footwear industry in the UK.

Jonathan Hooper, Master Cordwainer 2018-19





University of Northampton

northampton.ac.uk

In 2018-19, the Cordwainers awarded the University of Northampton a grant of £22,000 which funded awards to the top BA Footwear and Accessories students in all three years as well as four internship awards; an innovation fund; a guest speaker programme (including lectures from Kathrin Lodes, former Senior Designer at Vivienne Westwood; Dr Thomas Turner, sports shoe historian; and Helen Kirkum, shoe designer); a trade fair attendance fund; a student portfolio development fund; and a student hardship fund. In addition, the Cordwainers grant enabled four students to attend the Modartech summer school in Italy, an intensive two-week course on footwear illustration, Italian pattern cutting and Computer Aided Design (CAD), visits to a factory, a design workshop, a tannery and course-related museums.

“Over the whole three years at university, awards from the Cordwainers helped me achieve my degree! I wouldn’t have been able to buy the materials I wanted or visit the places I needed for inspiration, so I am eternally grateful.”

Monica Bateman, University of Northampton student



The Urswick School

theurswickschool.co.uk

The Urswick School’s Sedgwick Awards Service is Hackney’s oldest school awards, dating back to 1820. Every year, 15 students from Year 11, aged 15 to 16, are presented with a Sedgwick medal. This tradition started after Harry Sedgwick, a church warden, left £500 to the school in his will, to be used to buy silver medals for eight girls and seven boys. This service has been supported by the Cordwainers since 2009 and was awarded a grant of £10,000 in 2018-19, reflecting the need to move the service to an alternative venue for one year whilst St John at Hackney Church was undergoing renovation. The Cordwainers also support a joint project between The Urswick School and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama which produces an original musical performance at the Sedgwick Service.



FOOTWEAR AND LEATHER INDUSTRY

£18k⁺

Total

The Cordwainers' Company is very proud of the strength of its ongoing relationships with the British footwear industry. Our charitable support of organisations helping those working in the shoemaking industries go hand-in-hand with the Company's efforts to nurture young talent in these fields.



Footwear Friends

footwearfriends.org.uk



The Cordwainers' Company has been supporting Footwear Friends (formerly the Footwear Benevolence Society) since 1845. In 2018-19 Ruth Emily Davey of RED Shoes was awarded a £5,000 bursary from the Company aimed at developing a new designer's business. The award included a 12-month mentoring programme by industry experts. The Cordwainers also provided a grant of £3,000 for the Footwear Friends Christmas hardship grants.

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The award has been such a fantastic accolade for my business... I feel very honoured to have been given the opportunity to take my business forward and hope to provide more jobs in the local area whilst making a product that is designed to last.

Ruth Emily Davey, RED Shoes

British Footwear Association (BFA)

Britishfootwearassociation.co.uk



The Cordwainers' Company works closely with the BFA to improve the training, ongoing support and guidance for those working in the British footwear industry as well as increasing the profile and promoting the work of British footwear designers and manufacturers.

In 2018-19 the Cordwainers awarded a grant of £10,050 to the BFA for the creation of an end point test for the Level 2 Footwear Manufacturing Apprenticeship and industry workshops about the development of a Shoemaker Higher Level Apprenticeship. The grant also supported the scoping of a solution to the technologist training issue, and a research project to investigate the current position of the British footwear industry economically, structurally and identifying key influencing factors.



MILITARY

£7k
Total



First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (Princess Royal's Volunteer Corps)

fany.org.uk

The First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (Princess Royal's Volunteer Corps) or FANY, founded in 1907, is an all-female voluntary organisation which deploys multi-faceted rapid response teams to support civil and military authorities in times of crisis. Today, FANY continues to help others and members learn new skills as diverse as advanced first aid, radio communication and information management. In 2018-19 the Cordwainers awarded FANY a grant of £1,000 for members to attend loggist training, to enable members to confidently and effectively record relevant information during a crisis situation.

Like many livery companies, the Cordwainers are proud to support the Armed Forces and organisations which help their members and families. In particular, the Company is honoured to have a long-standing relationship of over 60 years with the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers.



Royal British Legion (RBL)

britishlegion.org.uk

For nearly 100 years, the RBL has been fighting on behalf of the Armed Forces community and believes that no-one who has served to protect our freedom should be disadvantaged because of the sacrifices they have made. In 2018-19 the Cordwainers awarded a grant of £1,000 to the RBL Handy Vans Scheme which provides essential and critical support to people in their own homes, with experienced fitters carrying out low level household maintenance and minor adaptations. The fitters are also trained to identify, highlight and report any other welfare needs they discover to other departments within the RBL.



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From all at SSAFA the Armed Forces charity, and especially those at Norton House who see first-hand the difference we make to our beneficiaries, we would like to thank you for your incredible generosity

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Lifelong support for our Forces and their families

SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity

ssafa.org.uk

SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity has been providing lifelong support to serving personnel, veterans and their families since 1885. Every year, its staff and volunteers help more than 73,000 people, from Second World War veterans to those who have served in more recent conflicts.



The Cordwainers 2018-19 grant of £5,000 supported the first stage of the adaptation of the garden at SSAFA's Norton House. Norton House provides free, safe and supportive home-from-home accommodation to Armed Forces families, while their loved ones are treated at the Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre. Over 100 children stay at Norton House per year, and families love being in the garden because it is backed by fields with horses and sheep, but it was sparse, and areas were out of bounds due to safety concerns.

The Cordwainers grant contributed to the initial consultation and

commissioning of scale drawings from the garden designers, Catfoot Designs, and the first stage of clearing the overgrown areas and the structural landscaping. This included the removal of a large tree, levelling the site to allow for the installation of a children's play area, and the fitting of timber retainers to stabilise the varying levels of the ground. An erection of a picket fence around the boundary of the property, raised planters, and the installation of steps and gate to allow access to the bottom field, perfect for ball games. Eventually the garden will also include a safe play area for children and a separate quiet space for contemplation.

MEDICINE

The Cordwainers support medical related causes with a connection to the Company.



University College London (UCL) and the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust

royalfree.nhs.uk



Royal Free London
NHS Foundation Trust

The Cordwainers' Company supports the education of medical students from the Royal Free Hospital who are part of the UCL medical school. The Cordwainer connection with the Royal Marsden is Dr William Marsden who founded the hospital in 1828. Dr Marsden was a member of the Cordwainers' Company and served as Master Cordwainer in 1849. In 2018-19, the Cordwainers provided a grant of £5,500 which funded scholarships for one student in five of the six year groups as well as an award for the Best MBPhD Thesis and two runners-up prizes.

Royal Marsden Cancer Charity

royalmarsden.org



The Cordwainer connection with the Royal Marsden is again through Dr William Marsden who founded the Free Cancer Hospital in 1851, which was renamed in Marsden's honour in 1954.

The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity helps thousands of people and their families cope with the ordeal of fighting cancer every year. The funds raised by the charity support important medical research, implement ground-breaking technology as well as provide patients with the very best in cancer diagnosis, treatment and care at the hospital's sites in Chelsea and Sutton.

The Cordwainers 2018-19 grant of £5,000 enabled the Royal Marsden to purchase a Sherlock 3CG Tip Confirmation System, bringing quicker and more effective care to hundreds of patients. This equipment enables the placement of a catheter used throughout a patient's treatment to deliver chemotherapy and other medicine. This allows patients the flexibility of being able to receive their treatment at home using CADD Solsis VIP pumps, which were purchased using the Cordwainers 2016-17 grant. Having this catheter in place also helps to alleviate pain for patients with weak or difficult to find veins, allowing them to receive an intensive course of treatment without being cannulated repeatedly.



MUSIC



City University of London

city.ac.uk

The Cordwainers have provided long-term support to City University in recognising and rewarding academic excellence in the Department of Music. The Company funds bursaries for two music students each year. These students become Cordwainer Music Scholars and are invited to perform at various Cordwainer events. The 2018-19 grant of £4,000 provided bursaries to support the studies of clarinettist Michael Cutajar and organist Jacob Collins.

£16k⁺
Total



I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Cordwainers for generously donating this bursary which has helped to ease the financial burden of studying in London. However, I think that its greatest benefit has been motivational, as it has pushed me to repay this act of kindness by working harder, giving my utmost and making excellent use of my time.

Michael Cutajar, City University student



Guildhall School of Music and Drama (GSMD)

gsmd.ac.uk



Since 2013, the Cordwainers have supported the Leadership Pathway project at GSMD through two music outreach projects: one at the Royal Free Hospital for patients with dementia and the second at The Urswick School, producing an original piece of music for the school's Sedgwick Service. The Cordwainers also provide a scholarship for one music student each year and this Cordwainer Music Scholar is invited to perform at various Cordwainer events.

The Cordwainers continued our support of these GSMD projects in 2018-19 with a grant of £12,500 towards the outreach projects at the Royal Free Hospital and The Urswick School as well as a scholarship for soprano Eline Vandenheede for the second year running.

Chesham, Buckinghamshire

In Chesham, near Amersham, the Francis Cottages are four terraced houses built in 1895 by John Dunkin Francis for the 'poor and working classes' of the town on land given by William Lownder. In the 1970s, the Company took on the responsibility for the cottages and continues to manage and maintain the properties and support the residents.



ALMSHOUSES

The Cordwainers own almshouses in Chesham in Buckinghamshire and Shorne in Kent. The almshouses are occupied by members of the local community who are in need.



Shorne, Kent

Hayes Terrace is a row of five Victorian terraced cottages in the village of Shorne near Gravesend, Kent. The five houses were built in 1882 and left to the Company in 1884 as part of 'Leveridge's Gift' with the instruction that they were to house poor widows or unmarried women, who were members of the Church of England and not less than 60 years of age. In 1899, the Company received the additional 'William Leveridge's Gift' for the upkeep of the cottages and the support of the residents. The criteria for the almshouse residents are still followed to the present day and the Company continues to maintain the cottages and support the residents.

THE ROYAL FREE LONDON NURSES AND MIDWIVES TRUST



The Royal Free London Nurses and Midwives Trust is a charity overseen by the Cordwainers' Company and staff from the Royal Free Hospital. The Cordwainer connection to the hospital is through Dr William Marsden who was Master of the Company in 1849 and founded the Royal Free Hospital in 1828.



The Trust was established in 1964 and originally provided a home of rest for the nurses and ex-nurses of the Royal Free Hospital. The home of rest was sold in 1979 and the Charity Commission approved the use of the income from the sale to benefit the nurses and ex-nurses' educational needs, recuperative holidays and for those in need. The focus of the charity has developed further with the Trustees concentrating on the provision of resources for and financial support of nurses' educational needs.

In recent years, the Royal Free Hospital has expanded to include the Barnet Hospital and the Chase Farm Hospital with these institutions jointly known as the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust. As a result of this expansion, there are some 4,000 nurses working across the three hospital sites.

In 2018-19, the Royal Free London Nurses and Midwives Trust provided grants totalling £29,650 which supported: a Montague Stanton Research Scholarship, for research activities into improvements in patient care; a Rachel Cox-Davies Scholarship, for the development of nurses and midwives who aspire the senior leadership roles; and six Richard Stillwell scholarships, to assist existing registered nurses to undertake a top-up degree in nursing.



THE CORDWAINERS EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING CHARITABLE TRUST COMPANY (CET)



The CET was established for the provision of accommodation for individuals undergoing vocational and educational training, and for the creation of scholarships, bursaries, prizes, grants and awards.

The charity owns Cordwainers Court, a 103-room student hall of residence in Hackney, and supports students at the University of the Arts, London. The original Cordwainers Court was completed in 1996 with Gifford House, a new block with an additional 15 rooms, added in 2013.

The CET reinvests the rental income generated from Cordwainers Court and member donations into the students at the University of the Arts, London, whilst ensuring that the accommodation at Cordwainers Court remains affordable.

£48k⁺

Total

Accommodation Department - University of the Arts, London

In 2018-19, the CET provided a grant of £10,000 to the Accommodation Department of the University of the Arts, London to support their Student Welfare Mentor Scheme and a hardship fund for those students living at Cordwainers Court (who are not necessarily enrolled on the footwear and accessories courses at the London College of Fashion).



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London College of Fashion (LCF) – University of the Arts, London

arts.ac.uk/fashion

Cordwainers at LCF originated as an independent trade school. Founded in Bethnal Green in 1887, it was a joint project between the Worshipful Companies of Cordwainers and Leathersellers, the City and Guilds of London Institute and the Boot and Shoe Manufacturers' Association. It became Cordwainers Technical College in 1913 and in 2000 merged with LCF, moving from Mare Street in Hackney to Golden Lane near the Barbican.

For the 2018-19 academic year, the CET gave grants totalling £38,550 for student prizes, bursaries and scholarships and a hardship fund. In addition, we supported the LCF Footwear Symposium which delivered a series of workshops during Craft Week in May 2019 followed by a three-day event in June 2019 to showcase the creativity and craftsmanship of the MA and BA Footwear students to UK and international audiences.

The series of workshops and seminars explored themes of sustainable and ethical design and the role of new technologies in future footwear development. Speakers included: footwear designer Stuart Weitzman; trend consultant and brand scout Orietta Pelizzar; Catherine Willems of the Future Footwear Foundation; designer Pauline Van Dongen; José Teunissen, leader of the Education4fashion-Tech partnership; and Dr Camille Baker, founding partner of WEAR sustain.

The Schools Design Day saw 70 school children from Year 9 visit LCF to learn more about shoe making and design their own 3D shoe using vacuum forms.

The London Craft Week workshops included constructing leather handles and kitbags with Neil Macgregor and Valerie Michael and hand stitching workshops from Deborah Carré of Carréducker.



I am incredibly honoured to have received the Cordwainers Dato' Jimmy Choo Award...It was one of the greatest gifts to receive credit for my creative vision...I am excited and curious about my future career and I am sure having this award as part of my applications will be helpful.

Marija Vrljja, LCF student

THE HARBEN ARMOURY TRUST (HAT)



£12k⁺

Total

The HAT is a charity managed by the Cordwainers alongside members of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. The HAT supports London-based Fusilier detachments within Army cadet sectors through the provision of minibuses, boots and camp costs as well as other training and recreational expenses. In 2018-19, the HAT provided over £12,000 in grants and purchased a minibus for the Greater London and South West Sector ACF, ensuring that all four London sectors have a Cordwainer minibus.





22 Detachment wish to thank the HAT for providing such a valuable asset entrusted to the care of the detachment. Throughout the year, the minibus has been used not only to support 22 Detachment, but also the wider sector events.

City of London and North East Sector ACF

Throughout 2018-19, the financial support and minibuses provided by the HAT have enabled the cadets to take part in a wide range of activities and training which not only improve their skills and qualifications but also provide opportunities to experience different places and communities in London, the UK and overseas:

- Skills at Arms (SAA) training to attain SAA Star Level qualifications
- International exchanges to Hong Kong (Exercise Cockney Dragon) and Italy (Exercise Italian Job 3)
- Craft field training on Hackney Marshes
- Cadet Signaller course at Blandford, home of the Royal Signals Corps
- Clay pigeon shooting in Bedfordshire
- APC and St John's First Aid courses
- Junior Cadet Instructors' Cadre
- BTEC Level 1 and Level 2 qualifications within the Army Cadets framework
- Senior Cadet Instructors' Cadre at Longmoor, training with the 11th Infantry Brigade
- Cadet Force Music Camp
- Sergeants' Cadre in Blackheath
- Skydiving and other adventure training pursuits
- Winter, Easter and summer camps
- D-Day commemorations in France, visiting the four beaches which were the backdrop to the advancement as well as iconic locations such as Pont Du Hoc and Pegasus Bridge
- Master Cadet course at Frimley Park, the national cadet training centre, which only hosts the top 2% of Army cadets nationally
- Supporting local communities, e.g. providing a guard of honour at a local Royal British Legion dinner, collecting 129 Easter eggs for the charity Smiles and attending local fetes
- Visiting the Fusiliers RHQ at the Tower of London
- Receiving prizes and accolades at various award ceremonies, including the RFCA Deputy Lord Lieutenants awards
- Local, regional and national sports meetings



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