



The Worshipful  
Company of  
Cordwainers

PHILANTHROPY:  
**DOING  
GOOD  
AND  
HAVING  
FUN**



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

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

Cordwainer members repeatedly and wholeheartedly embrace the Company's ethos of 'doing good and having fun'. They support a wide range of fundraising activities which are fundamental to the Company's philanthropic work. From jumping out of planes, to taking part in obstacle courses, cycling from Cordoba to the City of London, to completing marathons and triathlons, swimming in the Serpentine and rowing the Thames, to the (slightly more sedate) sponsored walks, pub quizzes, carol singing, wine tastings and fellowship days – Cordwainers always put their best foot forward in support of the Company's good causes.



## THE CORDWAINER CHARITIES

The Cordwainers' Company is responsible for six registered charities, which fund a wide variety of charitable causes. All the Cordwainer charities are funded either by rental income from properties, returns from investments and/or donations from our members. The 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.



***Thank you for your very generous gift...  
it came as a wonderful surprise and means that  
there will be less anxiety about  
energy prices this winter.***

Clergy Support Trust  
grant recipient

## CORDWAINERS CHARITABLE TRUSTS

The majority of the Company's grants are distributed by the Cordwainers Charitable Trusts, which is comprised of Minge's Gift, the Common Investment Fund and the Emily Jackson Bequest.

Primarily support is given to footwear education, including the annual Cordwainers Footwear Awards, and the British footwear industry. Grants are also given in the fields of medicine, military, music, and to assist people in financial hardship or with welfare needs.

Support is given to various charitable activities in the City of London, churches with which the Cordwainers have an historic connection, and there are a set of Cordwainer almshouses in Shorne, Kent.

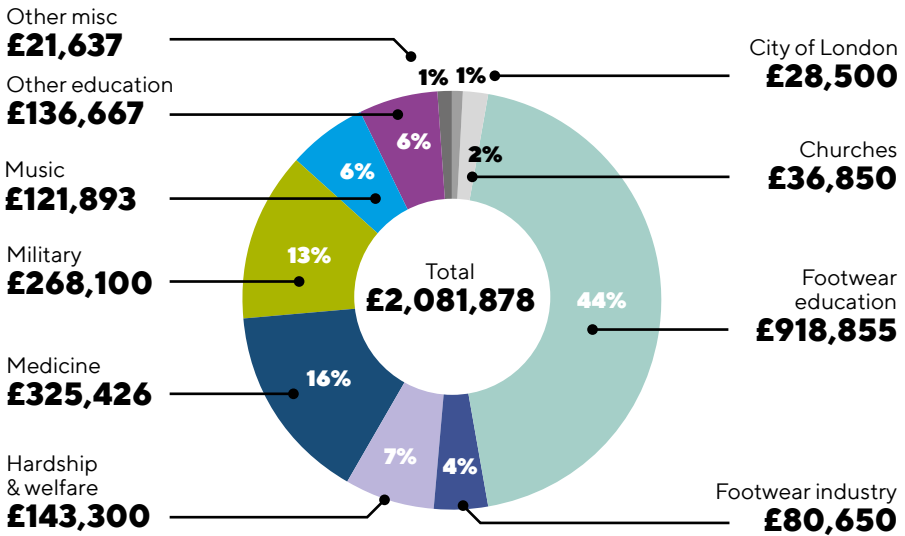
In addition to the grants awarded, each year one charity is the nominated Cordwainer Charity of the Year and members take part in fundraising activities to provide addition support for this specific charity.



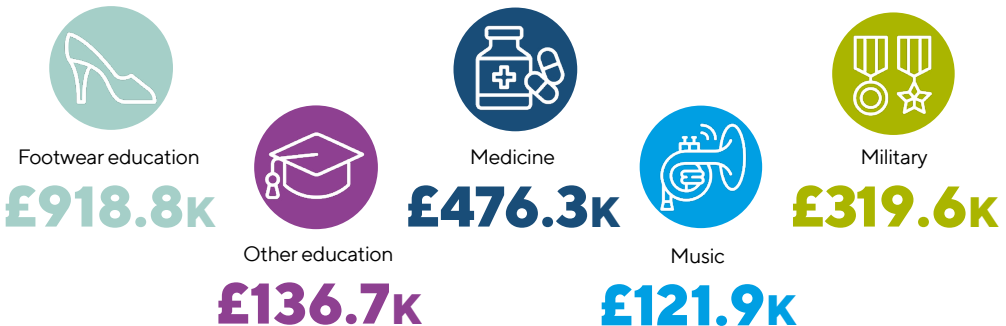
# GRANT GIVING

The Cordwainers' Company has a history of over 750 years of philanthropic giving. To give a small snapshot of this giving, in the 10 years from 2014 to 2024, the Company's charities awarded over £2.08million in grants. In addition to these grants, in the same 10 years, our members raised over £395,500 for our Charities of the Year through their fundraising activities.

## GRANT ALLOCATION ACROSS ALL SIX CHARITIES 2014 TO 2024



## COMBINED CORDWAINER GRANT GIVING

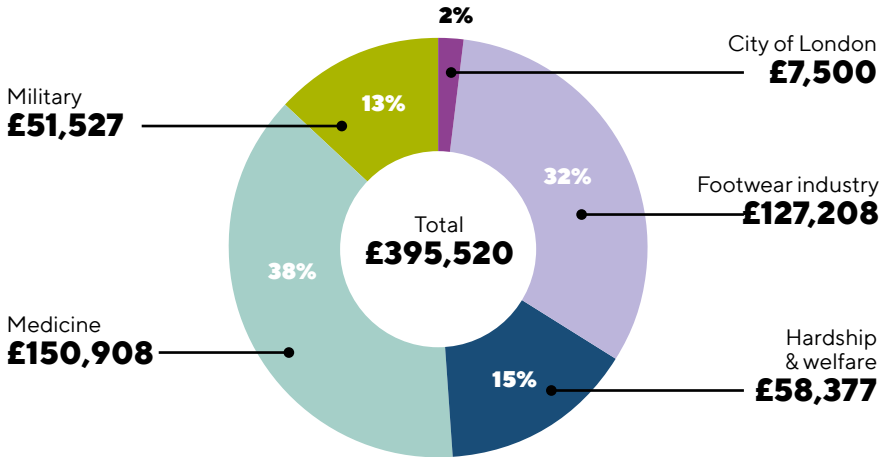




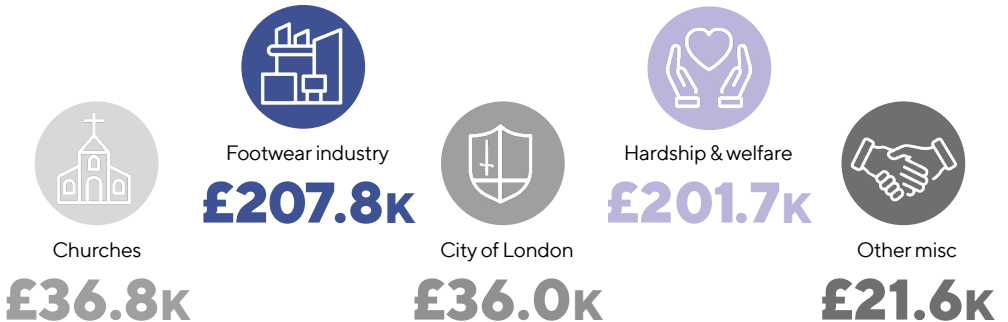
***This apprenticeship was something I was hoping and dreaming for, so this opportunity provided by the Cordwainers is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity... it's a platform that I can use to reach the goals that I've always aspired to.***

Olu Fadaio, QEST Cordwainers' Company Apprentice

## MEMBER FUNDRAISING 2014 TO 2024



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# THE ROYAL FREE LONDON NURSES AND MIDWIVES TRUST

This charity is overseen by the Cordwainers' Company and staff from the Royal Free Hospital. The Cordwainer connection to the hospital is through William Marsden who founded the hospital in 1828 and was Master Cordwainer in 1849.

The Trust was established in 1964 and originally provided a home of rest for the nurses and ex-nurses of the Royal Free Hospital. In recent years, the focus of the charity has developed with the trustees concentrating on the provision of resources for and financial support of nurses and midwives' educational needs.



***Without the scholarship I would not have been able to finish my degree... I feel very privileged, it has enabled me to become more confident and knowledgeable as a nurse specialist. I feel I am now able to give my patients a first-class service.***

Jodie King, Prostate Nurse Specialist and Richard Stillwell  
Scholarship recipient



## THE HARBEN ARMOURY FUND (HAF)

The HAF is a charity managed by the Cordwainers' Company alongside members of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. The Fund has supported cadets through the provision of minibuses, boots and summer camp costs, adventure training and vehicle leasing funds, as well as other training and recreational expenses such as overseas trips and First Aid courses.

***May I thank the Cordwainers Company for its most generous donations which enabled the cadets to take part in such a challenging exercise. Without your help we would not have managed to achieve so much.***

Captain (Ret'd) Tim Rayson, Exercise Leader

# THE CORDWAINERS EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING CHARITABLE TRUST COMPANY (CET)

The CET was established for the promotion of education and currently does so through the provision of student accommodation for individuals undergoing vocational and educational training, and the creation of scholarships, bursaries, prizes, grants and awards.

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***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***

Marija Vrljica, LCF student



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***It's a dream come true to have won this award... The Cordwainers Footwear Awards is the pinnacle, and you know you've reached it when you win!***

Barbara Fiedler Weirszewska,  
Cordwainers Footwear Awards winner





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