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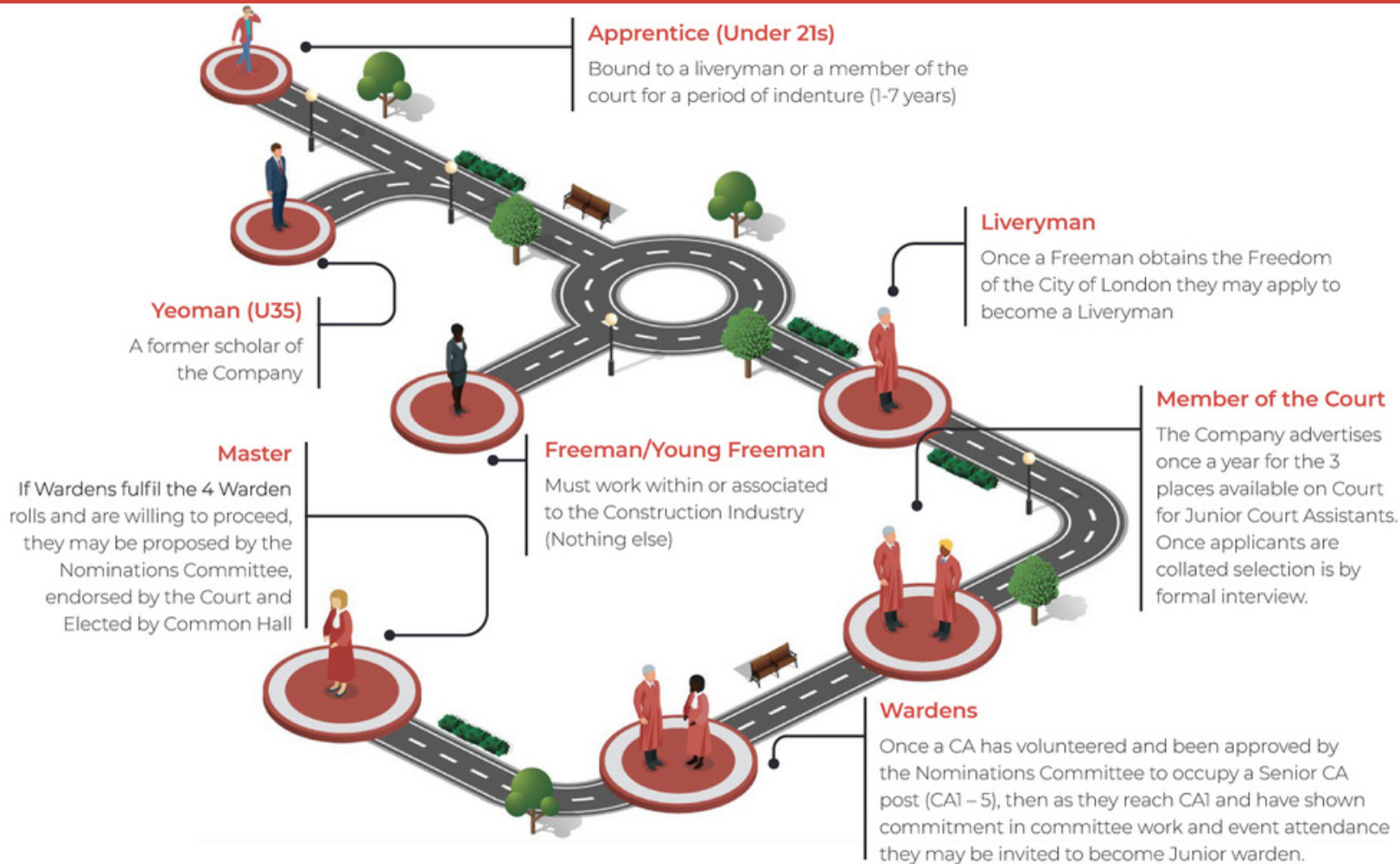
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Fellowship is a key aspect of the Company's activities. Each year there are three formal dinners and a programme of informal smaller events or activities. These provide an excellent opportunity to meet and entertain friends, colleagues, clients and family members in either one of the City's splendid livery halls or other suitable venues.

Those wishing to know more about the Company should view the Company website (constructorscompany.org.uk) or contact the Clerk.

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FROM THE EDITOR

I am honoured to witness the remarkable growth and flourishing success of our esteemed organisation over the past years. The diverse array of events throughout the year, ranging from grand formal gatherings to captivating historic site visits and engaged networking events, reflects the vibrant spirit and commitment of our members.

It is a testament to the dedication of individuals who strive to give their best in various capacities. The synergy of your talents and the collective efforts of our members have propelled The Worshipful Company of Constructors to new heights. As we continue to evolve and embrace the challenges and opportunities ahead,

our membership's dedication stands as a beacon guiding our path. Here's to another year of growth, collaboration, and the collective success of The Worshipful Company of Constructors.

Juna Margariti
Jn Court Assistant
Editor

A MESSAGE FROM THE MASTER



Wardens, Past Masters, Fellow Constructors, it is with great pleasure that I thank you for electing me as the 46th Master Constructor.

As I start my year, I would like to pay tribute and thank the outgoing Master, David Sheehan, truly one of the most amazing leaders this Company has had. The achievements of the past year will long mould the future of the Company. He has been ably and willingly supported throughout by his wife, Lindsey. I thank you both on behalf of the Constructors.

I would like to welcome Father James Titley, who performed my installation ceremony. I wish him a long term of office at St Lawrence Jewry, in which he will install many more Masters to come and become more involved in the Constructors' Company.



Installation dinner capture at Grocers' Hall - 12th October 2023

I would also note that due to the generosity of our members, our Charitable Trust has been able to donate the funds for a new set of vestments for James, plus a paschal candlestick.

Finally, I would like to thank, in advance, my wife Alison, for the support she will give to me over the next 12 months as Mistress Constructor.

So, what are the aims of my year?

We have a 5-year plan that I aim to further, with the help of the Wardens and the Committee Chairs. We welcomed 78 new members last year; we aim to repeat this.

Our Climate Action Committee is the envy of most Livery companies and contributes greatly to the COL Climate Action Group. We are the first and only Carbon Net Zero Livery.

Our Charitable Trust has doubled its giving over the last two years to £55,000. The Trust hopes to increase grant giving in the year ahead but as always this depends on continuing Members' Donations and the all-important Fund Raising.

We also monitor our Pro-Bono contribution to society. In the Past Master's year it was an astonishing £189,684.81 equivalent value. Well done and thank you all.





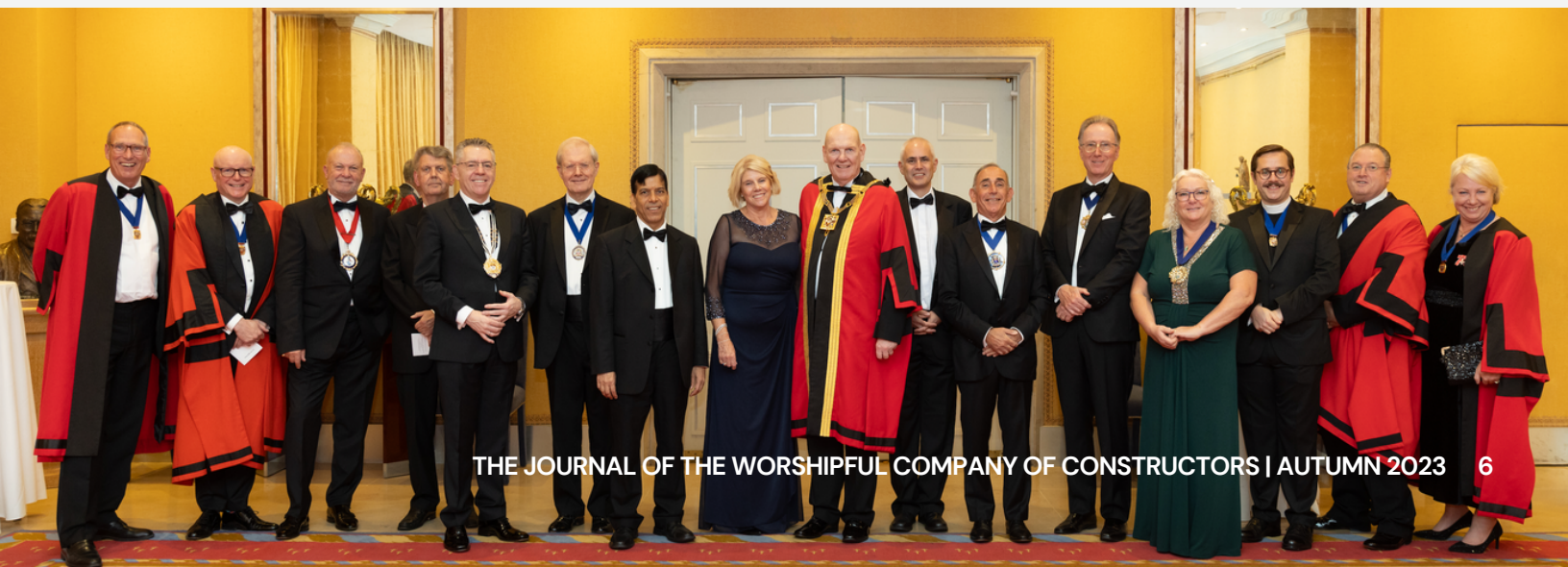
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So, two months in and what has it brought?

It has been a busy period but let me start by congratulating the Events Committee and especially Mike Threadgold and Juna Margariti for organising an amazing Lord Mayor's Show entry. Not only was the float populated with 50 members and guests but we had an amazing reception for around 70 afterwards. Such was the enthusiasm, that we have already sold over 85% of the sponsorship for 2024.

I have attended the Mansion House in the presence of Their Majesties to celebrate the Civic Associations' contribution to the Coronation.

We are the second biggest social media influence in the city, after the City of London Corporation. Recently passing 4,000 linkedin followers.





There was a private viewing of the Anointing Screen at Drapers' Hall where we had a behind the scenes view of the roles of all major participants and their efforts, from inception in mid-December to creation by mid-April.

I was honoured to have placed the Constructor's Cross in the Garden of Remembrance at St Paul's and to have attended the Remembrance Day Service, also at St Paul's, before being present at The Royal Exchange for a wreath laying ceremony.

I have been present at a couple of events hosted by the Lord Mayor, where he has highlighted his wishes for his year. We are waiting to hear what he wants from us.

David Jones of the fbe and I, have met to discuss how we can further our relationship and I have also attended the Black Professionals in Construction Awards, as a guest of their founder and Freeman Amos Simbos, with a view to furthering this relationship also.

I have spoken to PM Tony Ward regarding the Constructor's Livery Group and outlined what we would like to see happen, so that we can fully support their activities.

Our Carol Service featured a collection for our chosen charity, Crash and raised £655. The Mistress and I attended their annual awards and met our new Freeman and their CEO Francesca Roberts.

I have also been in discussion with the WCo Insurers regarding how we proceed with the paper, that was written following our joint venture in 2023, exploring how insurers and constructors can come together to reduce risk in new innovations.

Similarly we are in talks with The Water Conservators, The Information Technologists and C2Zero regarding collaborations on various topics.



Apart from that, I chaired the second meeting of what I call the most important members group. These comprise the Wardens, Committee Chairs and other members whose contributions reflect current activity within the Company, the Almoner and the Pro-bono recorder for example. There are 21 members of this Committee, and all but one was able to attend, a true expression of support for where this Company is and where it is going. In our business lives, it was not always fun; we have jobs to do and targets to achieve. In the Constructors' Company, we are all volunteers and everything we do should be fun.



It just gives me great pleasure to wish you and all of your loved ones a prosperous New Year.

For every Constructor who becomes an active Constructor we make a small difference. Just imagine 350 Constructors uniting, the world would be our oyster.

And we'll do it all with a smile on our faces!



Thank You

Terry Withers
Master

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THE YEAR 2022-23

Reflections from the Immediate Past Master

I would firstly like to thank all Company members for your trust and faith in allowing me to be the Master for the last year. It has been the most incredible privilege and one that I will never forget.

I would also like to thank the Wardens, Clerk, Beadle and all the Committee Chairs and others who have driven the Company forward.

I would like to give a special mention to Lindsey, my wife, who has given me her total support in the execution of my responsibilities as Master, and for the incredible lengths that she also went to, in order to represent the Company to the wider Livery movement and the City of London.

It has been my honour to represent the Company at so many events across the City of London and am proud of all the work that we do, which is recognised by others in many aspects of Livery and City life.





As a team, we have had a very positive year. We have worked hard to be “a better us”, whilst at the same time putting the plans in place to drive the Company forward for the future.

Along with many organisations, Covid and its associated implications had an impact on our Company both financially and in the events etc. that the Company would normally organise.

I was delighted, that as a result of our Membership Boost Group and our Committees (supported by our Events Committee) we welcomed 78 new Constructors to the Company and resurrected our events (both formal and informal) at nearly one a week. This excellent work has resulted in a new energy and drive in the Company.



You will recall that when Past Master Prof. Mike Parrett was Master we had two Away Days to develop a strategic plan for the Company.

With all the objectives achieved (except buying a new Hall!) it was time to create a new strategic plan.

After a wide consultation period, a 5 Year Strategy was approved by Court and is now being actively worked on.

The 5 Strategic Goals Of The 5 Year Plan:

1. To grow our membership to 500 members
2. To grow Corporate Membership
3. To be recognised as leaders in the Livery movement, The City of London and in the construction industry
4. Growing our charitable giving (including our pro bono work) and to be able to demonstrate the value that our donations have made
5. Broadening the appeal of membership through clear and demonstrable value to members

As over 40% of carbon emissions come from buildings and construction the Worshipful Company of Constructors has taken responsibility in this area both to improve our Company's impact and support and educate other Livery Companies on how to reduce their impacts.

Our members have also taken a lead in the City of London response through the Livery Climate Action Group (LCAG) with many in senior positions.

This work culminated earlier this year in the Constructors becoming a Net Zero Livery Company.

We are the first Livery Company to achieve this milestone and this has been celebrated widely in the City and beyond. I was very proud to lead the communication of this achievement and would like to thank all the members of our Climate Action Committee, especially Rob Beales and Paul Sheedy the joint Chairs.

WCOC NET-ZERO LOGO



We have been working hard to build relationships outside the Company with other Livery Companies and construction related bodies.

I was delighted to oversee our affiliation with the Forum For The Built Environment (fbe). Working with David Jones, the CEO and national Chair of the fbe, we have formalised our close relationship. It has been nearly 50 years since a group of fbe members got together and created 'The Company of Builders', which gained Livery Status as the Worshipful Company of Constructors. It was my privilege to present David Jones with Honorary Membership of the Constructors at my installation dinner. I would like to thank Andy Hastie for all his efforts to make this affiliation a reality.



We have also been working on collaboration events with other Livery Companies. Some examples of this are the evening event with the Insurers Livery Company exploring how the insurance and construction industries can work together to support sustainable buildings.

We participated in a joint event with the Glaziers looking at art in historic buildings and as I write, a collaboration is being organised with the Information Technologists, looking at how technology can positively impact the construction industry and drive sustainability performance.

We have also been supporting the Architects' Livery Company with their Paternoster Pavilion Project...





Martin Gettings offering his support on the judging panel and wider support being offered by our Climate Action Committee.

You may know, Past Master Tony Ward is the Chair of the Construction Livery Group (CLG), an umbrella organisation that represents all the 18 construction related Livery Companies. During the last year, in support of Tony, we have been working hard to look at the work of the CLG, its aims and objectives and how it can further grow its impact, in addition to the fantastic work it already achieves. I am very excited to see what transpires from this work in the year ahead.

I have been so impressed with the works of our committees and would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who has contributed over the last year. Our committees really are the “engine room” of our Company and there are so many unsung heroes driving the Company forward on behalf of us all.

I was delighted to see the evolution of our Diversity and Inclusion Committee to a committee in its own right (it was previously a sub group of our Membership Committee).

I congratulate Diana Crouch OBE who has championed the committee as the chair and to Vicky Russell who has kindly agreed to be the Overseeing Officer. We cheer this committee on and look forward to seeing their plans as they develop.

I would like to thank the Trustees of our Charitable Trust (CT) for all their excellent works over the last year.

I have been made so welcome at all the Trustees meetings and can say how much I have appreciated the very close relationship that has developed and

their determination to do their best with your gratefully received donations, under the chair Paul Shepherd CBE DL.

As a result of a very welcome strategic change by the CT, the increased donations of our existing members, the additional donations of our new members (as mentioned earlier) and our fundraising, the CT were able to donate £55k in the year, which is two and a half times more than two years ago. You will have seen the Charitable Trust Report and noticed all the wonderful causes they have supported on your behalf.

We have had a very active year supporting our Military Affiliates. Our presentations to our affiliates at the Livery and Awards dinner are always appreciated. This year saw the reforming of our affiliation with the 14 Company (Croydon) Army Cadet Force, who the Charitable Trust supported in the purchase of very much needed training equipment and with many activities they run for their cadets.

I would also like to thank our Royal Navy affiliate HMS Lancaster for their support of the Masters Weekend. With HMS Lancaster currently based in the Middle East, their ‘off duty’ ship’s complement very kindly arranged a memorable visit to the HMS Queen Elizabeth Aircraft Carrier, as part of our visit to Portsmouth.

To conclude, as a result of the enormous endeavour by so many of our members, we find ourselves in a fantastic position and have clear plans for the future.

I know that under the leadership of the new Master, Terry Withers and his team, we will continue to have a Livery Company of which we can all be proud to belong to.

DAVID SHEEHAN
IMMEDIATE PAST MASTER



ASSOCIATIONS

CONSTRUCTOR'S LIVERY GROUP

In 2017, during my Master's year, I initiated a significant moment for the Constructors' Livery Group (CLG) by introducing the very first 'Apprentice' to be honored with the Certificate of Achievement under the esteemed Master Certificate Scheme. Christian Sullivan, an Apprentice Stonemason at Salisbury Cathedral, received this prestigious recognition.

Since then, the CLG has been consistently nominating candidates for this recognition, a list that includes members of our Livery Company such as Anjali Pindoria, Anna Koukoullis, and Martin Gettings, as well as outstanding Apprentices from the broader industry.

In 2019, I was elected as the Chairman of the CLG, a responsibility I continue to fulfil today. As one of the largest and most dynamic Livery Groups, consisting of 18 members, we actively contribute to our field; alongside other influential groups like the 'Great 12', the Wood Group, the Financial Services Group, the Food Group, the Textiles Group, the 'Wet Ten', the Leather Group, the Casks, the Metal Group' and the Warriors, our objectives, initially formulated in 1988, remain relevant.

Currently, we are engaged in a comprehensive review of our mission and direction, ensuring our continued effectiveness into the future.

For further details about our pro-bono work and our profile, please visit our dedicated web page.

Tony Ward
Past Master Constructor
Chairman of the CLG



THE CITY AND CROWN

DINNER TO MARK THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE CIVIC INSTITUTIONS OF THE CITY OF LONDON TO THE CORONATION OF THEIR MAJESTIES

It was a privilege to participate in the distinguished Mansion House dinner on October 18, 2023, hosted by the Lord Mayor, Alderman Nicholas Lyons. The event was graced by the presence of their Majesties, where King Charles III delivered a memorable speech that left a profound impact.

His Majesty eloquently acknowledged the diverse initiatives undertaken by the City of London Corporation, specifically commending individuals for their invaluable contributions to climate action within the City.

King Charles III's words resonated deeply, emphasizing the collective

strength of the United Kingdom as a "community of communities." He underscored shared values that bind us together, highlighting unity over division.

"I have often described the United Kingdom as a "community of communities"; an island nation in which our shared values are the force which holds us together."

The King's recognition of the progress made in climate action initiatives, actively supporting the cause, is a testament to our collective achievements.

His belief in society's potential to address contemporary challenges, notably climate change, serves as a resounding endorsement of our ongoing efforts.

In his inspiring address, King Charles III reminded us of the societal strengths, shared values, and wellsprings of inspiration that are crucial in shaping a brighter future.

We express our sincere gratitude to King Charles III, Queen Camilla, the Lord Mayor, and the City of London Corporation for their warm welcome and unwavering support for our cause.





Representing our Company at the dinner were Master Terry Withers, Common Councillor Paul Singh, and Livery Climate Action Group (LCAG) member Juna Margariti.

Their presence underscored our commitment to advancing meaningful change and contributing to a sustainable and harmonious future.



THE COMPANY

THE ALMONER

The role of Almoner goes back to the original role of the livery companies in providing support for the welfare of members.

Many of the older companies continue to fulfil this support through the provision of almshouses – perhaps a future ambition for the constructors!

The Almoner works closely with The Master, Clerk, Chair of Membership and the Charitable Trust

To assist our members I am strengthening our links with organisations such as RICS Lionheart and CIOB Assist. These organisations have shifted their focus in recent years to support their members and this is best summed up by Lionheart.

I am building relationships with other livery Almoners – particularly those with links to the construction industry and hope to report back to the Master with ideas and suggestions as to how we can assist the membership going forward.

Any request to the Almoner is always dealt with in strict confidence. Information is only shared with the Master (and any relevant senior officials with permission)

‘to be there for members whenever life throws them a curve ball, from the very beginning of their career as an APC candidate or apprentice, right through to retirement’

Vicky Parker



THE COMPANY

LIAISON OFFICER

The City of London Liaison Officer or CoLLO is a brand new single person role who communicates and coordinates activities between the WCC and the City of London for the purpose of enhancing relationships and presence; improving services/offering; and promoting a positive image.

Our first CoLLO Newsletter was issued earlier this year and we had our first two events with a tour of Guildhall, its impressive architecture followed by a drinks reception as well as and an invite for members to the Remembrance Sunday Service at St Paul's Cathedral followed by the Wreath Laying Ceremony at The Royal Exchange.

On top of connecting members with various City individuals and organisations, such as the Small Business Research Enterprise Centre, Heart of the City and City politicians this year, the CoLLO also helped facilitate the application process and played a part in the Freedom of the City ceremony with a number of members including Diana Chrouh, Martin Gettings and Steffan Raw-Rees.

Alderman Prem Goyal, also Chairman of the City of London Chamber of Commerce and Industry was made an honorary Freeman of the Company following a recommendation to the Court by the CoLLO, towards the latter part of the year however the greatest achievement in 2023 has to be us becoming the first ever 'Livery member' of the City of London Chamber of Commerce.

Looking to 2024, the CoLLO will be attempting to integrate the WCC into the new Lord Mayor's 'Connect to Prosper' programme, so that our industry can finally take centre stage in the City.

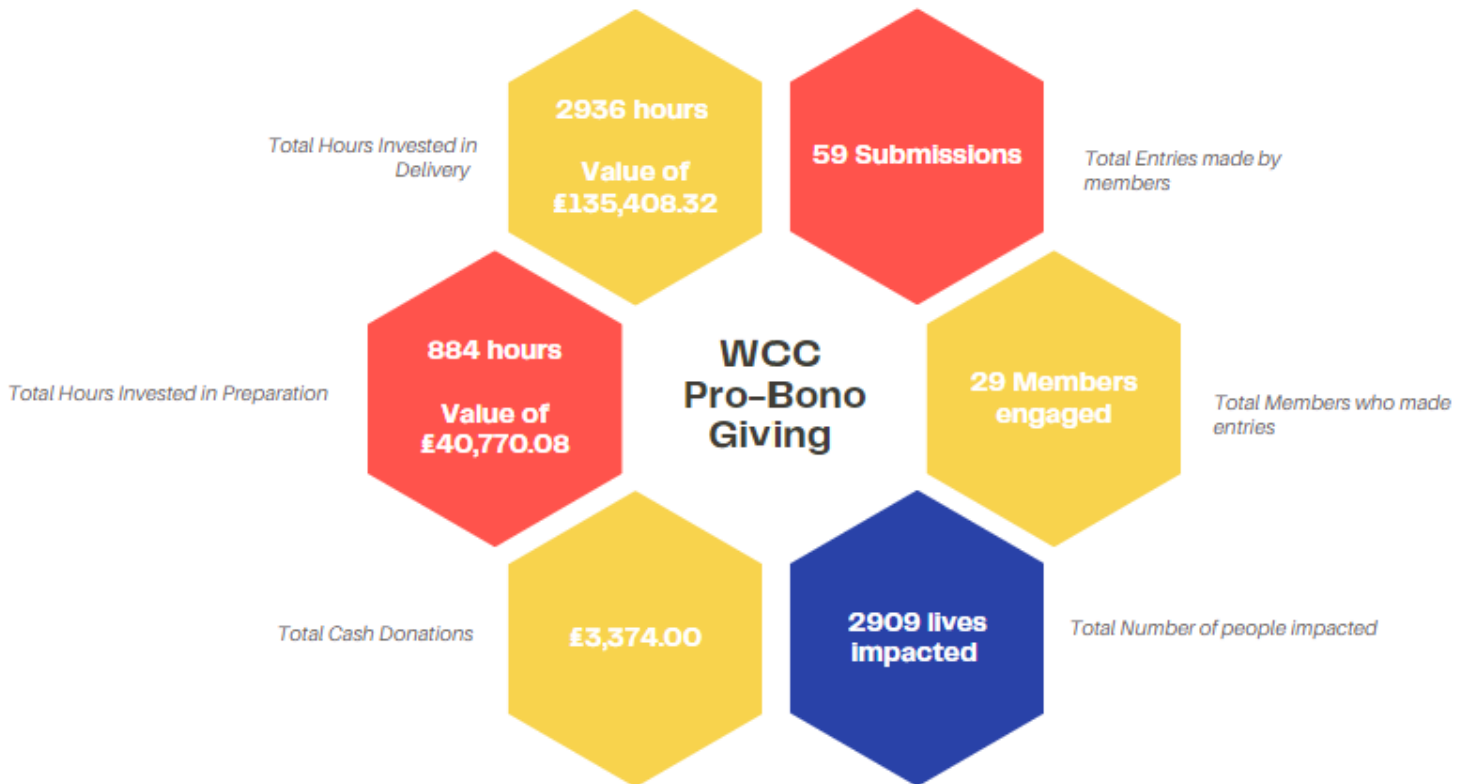


This collaboration is a remarkable development for both our organisations. It signifies our shared commitment to facilitating fellowship and creating opportunities for our members. Together, we will work towards a vibrant and thriving business environment in the heart of London.

PAUL SINGH
WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CONSTRUCTORS

THE COMPANY

PRO-BONO



IN THE IMMEDIATE PAST MASTER'S YEAR WE RECORDED THESE DATA HIGHLIGHTS:

- Total Hours invested in delivery: 2936
- Value of the investment: £135,408.32
- Total Hours invested in preparation: 884
- Value of the investment: £40,770.08
- Total number of people interacted with: 2909
- Total Cash donations made: £3,374.0

SUPPORT CAN BE PROVIDED VIA
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OR DIRECT TO JOHN SAYERS

WHAT IS PRO-BONO?

The Company has invited you to record your volunteering over the course of a Master's year

This is to determine the real value to the wider community by all Members – it can be simply recorded through the Members Area/Capture Your Impact on the WCC website and using the questionnaire provided to contribute name, hours spent (preparation and delivery), type of work and name of beneficiary/charity and date.

More information is provided there for you to understand more. We are working on an ever simpler method of recording, to improve on the QR code access option from your mobile phone.

The Pan Livery Initiative's Philanthropic surveys asked for all pro bono time to be recorded, whether by charity trustees or others, without any distinction as to how that time was spent.

That's an amazing grand total of £179,552 from about just 15% of the membership. The Master and Wardens invite you to repeat and expand this exercise in 2024.

We are one of the leading Livery Companies in the City, taking forward this initiative and prompted our former Lord Mayor, Sir Charles Bowman, to comment:

"Well done to you and well done to the Constructors - your innovation around pro-bono activity is impressive and I hope you will continue to share it across the Livery. Congratulations... and Floreat the Constructors! I hope this example can, through the support of the Pan Livery Group, inspire a number of other companies to follow..."

John Sayers



ARMY AFFILIATES

101 REGIMENT ROYAL ENGINEERS

2023 has been a busy year for the Regt. The new Army Future Soldier programme has seen the Regt. take up new capabilities, growing and expanding our Knowledge Skills & Experience; developing a bespoke Army Reserve Explosive Ordnance Disposal Course and taking on capabilities in the Counter-CBRN* field. The ask for the Army Reserve to support the regular Army is growing, illustrated by elements of the Regiment deploying on the UN Peacekeeping mission Op TOSCA to Cyprus. On top of this we have held numerous exercises and training weekends, culminating in our 2-week Annual Deployment Exercise (ADE)

Ex BLACKCAT CHARGE,
8-24 Sept 22

Conducted in Yoxter camp in the South West and nearby training areas. Troops completed a package of standardised mandatory training, ranges and advance Chemical Biological Radiological & Nuclear* courses before moving onto a series of challenging Search and demolitions tasks held at Broadmead Range utilising helicopter support provided by the RAF. The ADE also included an Annual Training package in Cheddar Gorge and the surrounding areas as well as a Regimental Dinner night.

Ex RAVEN SUBMERGE
1-2 July 23

Was led by 217 Field Sqn. - a multi-agency Search Exercise carried out at Woolwich Ferry Port London. The Exercise exposed our personnel to new skills required to carry out Vessel Search whilst utilising emergency services, military working dogs and experts from 11 EOD. The exercise also provided an opportunity to work with external units within 29 Group, highlighting how Reserve and Regular Troops work in conjunction with each other.





Lord Mayors Show

As always 101 provided personnel to support the annual Lord Mayors Show, led by members of 221 Field Squadron based out of Catford.

Op TOSCA Oct 23 – April 24

Op TOSCA is the UN's enduring peacekeeping mission to Cyprus. This iteration of the Op was entirely Army Reserve led and staffed. 71 Engr Regt took the lead with 30 personnel being deployed from 101 for the duration of the 6 month tour.

Ex HUDSON MALTA 23-27 November 23

A Battlefield Study conducted in Malta, undertaken by 20 members of 221 Sqn (EOD&Search). Over the course of the Battlefield Study personnel learned about the vital role the island of Malta played in WW2, specifically looking at the importance of EOD and its impact on operations.

Ex BLACKCAT CHARD 9-11 June 23

Ex BLACKCAT CHARD was a 101 Engineer Regiment (EOD&S) EOD and Search skills exercise carried out at DEMS Bicester over the period of 9 - 11 June 23. The exercise offered & delivered special to role training including search and MT training utilising the unique training estate available at Bicester.

In addition to all the above activity, we are proud to inform you that individuals from within the Regiment have also received a number of honours and awards in 2022 including:

Long Service and Good Conduct
WO1 Mr Desmond Nicholson was awarded his second clasp for the LSGC for 37 years of distinguished service.

Notable new appointments into the Regiment include a new Executive Officer – Maj Mike Williams, a new Adjutant – Capt Tim Griffin, and a new Regimental Operations Officer – Capt Richard Seaton.

The Regiment will also be saying goodbye to our Adjutant Capt Laurence Sutton who is leaving the Army.



AIRFORCE AFFILIATES

5001 SQN RAF



5001 Squadron maintain over 55 aircraft shelters in 9 countries around the globe in support of Air Operations. Some significant tasking this year included support to the Land component for construction of a Technical Working Environment in Brunei and support to Aldergrove with the dismantling of a 25m Rapid Erection Shelter.

5001 Squadron also continue to deliver on operations both at home and overseas, most notably supporting Op INTERLINK where Mobile Engineering Support Flight's contribution was to perform Rapid Intervention Vehicle Inspections to ensure their roadworthiness ahead of donation to Ukraine.

A total of 17 vehicle inspections took place over a 3-week period and attracted the interest of National Media. The inspections carried out on each vehicle were in accordance with the Equipment Standards Regulatory Schedule and the Standards and Inspection Manual 03.

5001 Sqn have an affiliation with the Worshipful Company of Constructors and annually nominate a member of Expeditionary Airfield Facilities Flight for the Air Commodore Dow Trophy. This award is given annually to the member of the Flight who has contributed most to Op output.

The winner was Cpl Adam Moore and his impact to deployed operations had been significant. Firstly by providing SME knowledge in support of OP BILOXI as the single deployed General Engineering tradesperson, through to dismantling 3 Rapid Erection Shelters whilst providing assistance to other NATO partners, in particular the French in how to dismantle these assets safely.

NAVAL AFFILIATES

ROYAL NAVY

HMS Lancaster, the Royal Navy's forward deployed presence in the Middle East, known as the KIPION JOA, is actively engaged in a range of missions. Recently, the ship escorted the UK Mine-Countermeasure force through the strategic Strait of Hormuz and joined a US Task-group for another transit. The ship's helicopter, "PYRO 14," operated by the Inferno Flight, achieved 1000 hours of successful flying.

In September, HMS Lancaster visited Karachi, Pakistan, engaging with the local community and hosting a WWII veteran. The ship participated in ceremonial events, providing an honor guard at the reception for the new British High Commissioner.



Amidst its varied activities, HMS Lancaster conducted a successful drug bust, seizing 260kg of Heroin and 200kg of Hashish with a street value of nearly £3 million. This adds to the total drugs seized this year, reaching nearly £15 million.





THE COMPANY

NEW MEMBERS

CRASH: The UK construction industry's charity since 1996

Helping homelessness charities and hospices with vital construction projects.

Creating places that care for people.

As CEO of the construction industry's charity CRASH, I've known about the work of the livery companies for some time. I decided to become a Freeman of the WCC because I was impressed by their genuine commitment to being an inclusive and diverse Livery Company.

While the history of the Livery Companies is fascinating and important, to continue and flourish they must be forward thinking and as rooted in the challenges of today as they are proud of their history and traditions. The WCC has embraced this and is putting it into action, and I am grateful to David Sheehan for encouraging me to become a Freeman.

The WCC welcomes people from across the construction industry and that breadth of knowledge and experience makes for a rich and diverse group of people to get to know and learn from. I am also interested in what the WCC and its members put back into society through their charitable trust.

I know from leading the industry's charity for 16 years to support construction projects for homelessness and hospice charities, how much can be achieved when the expertise, products and generosity of our industry comes together and is focussed to help people. I'm looking forward to learning more about the Company, getting to know many more of the members and importantly giving something back by being involved.



Francesca Roberts
Chief Executive



THE COMPANY

NEW MEMBERS

Dave Forde: Chartered Construction Manager and property developer
Advocate for improving safety standards in construction
Construction expert on Sky TV

My introduction to WCoC began through their engaging posts on LinkedIn. The prospect of joining a network, comprising industry leaders capable of driving change, immediately caught my interest. Equally appealing was the allure of participating in the ceremonial aspects of a dynamic company and attending events set against the backdrop of historic locations in the City of London.

Having been a member for approximately five months, I can confidently say that my experience has been immensely gratifying. The quality of individuals within the network is unparalleled. The warmth and openness I've encountered from everyone has made the networking events truly enjoyable. In this brief period, I've received numerous invitations to events and encountered several promising business opportunities.

Looking ahead, I am eager to deepen my involvement with the company. I plan to engage with various committees and contribute meaningfully. As a property developer, I am particularly passionate about shedding light on safety issues in the construction industry, an often overlooked aspect. I have committed myself to raising awareness on CDM 2015 Regulations and individuals' legal obligations, advocating for safe and compliant practices in all projects, regardless of size.

In addition to my involvement with WCoC, I am a regular on Sky TV as a construction expert. My contributions on the television platform are dedicated to providing valuable insights for individuals new to the industry, with a special focus on fellow property developers. My aim is to articulate the importance of setting up projects correctly, mitigating risks, and ensuring the protection of all involved parties through the use of appropriate contracts.

Above all, my message emphasises the paramount importance of ensuring that everyone involved returns home safely every day.



Dave Forde

Chief Executive Officer

Dave Forde Consulting

THE COMPANY

LORD MAYOR'S SHOW

On Saturday 11th November 2023 we celebrated the installation of the new Lord Mayor of the City of London Michael Mainelli in a pageant that stretches back to 13th Century and the pageant has some interesting facts as well:

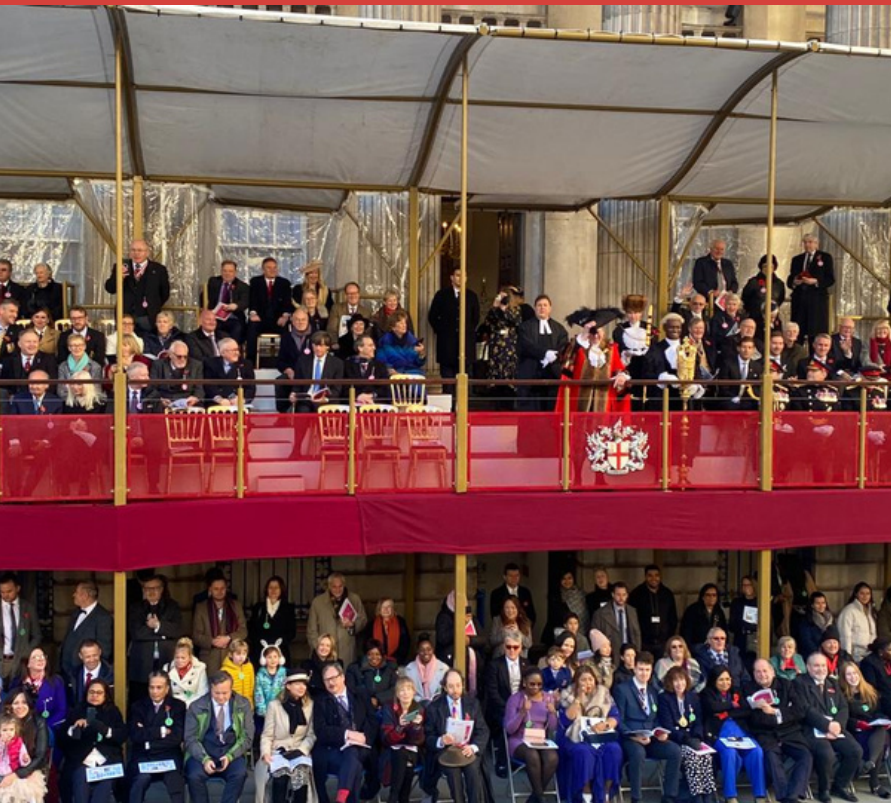
- The longest unrehearsed parade in the world
- The longest running annual BBC show ever.
- Each year run on the second Saturday of November.
- 150 floats take part each year.
- 250 horses take part.
- Three-mile-long parade
- 250,000 people line the route.
- Over 7,500 packed lunches were provided for participants.

Picture taken minutes before the Lord Mayor's Show



Our Master Terry Withers, Chairman of the Admiral Scaffolding Group and his Company, which provided our float, together with 17 sponsoring Companies who are either on the float or walking alongside it.

The float design is the work of Juna Margariti MD of Zetta Scope Interiors, a Court Assistant to the Company; it sets out to represent the Company and its sponsors along with our Net Zero journey.



The event was an outstanding example of how the company can work to develop its exposure and have some fun at the same time. On the day we were joined by the Master, Past Masters, Warden's, and Court assistants as well as members and their families and let's not forget 'Bob the Builder' who was a resounding success with the children,

In the words of the Master:

"What a wonderful action-packed weekend in the City of London. On Saturday Morning I was out with the Worshipful Company of Constructors float in the Lord Mayors Show -Congratulations to the New Mayor Michael Mainelli wishing you a great year.

With the weather celebrating with us, it was a joy all-round as the great crowd cheered us on. It was particularly pleasing to walk part of the route hand-in-hand with my granddaughter".



THE COMPANY

LORD MAYOR'S SHOW

Stewart Owen Chairman of Events sub-committee said “This was such a good day. Splendid weather and a marvelous pageant; delighted to be one of the super group of sponsors with the Worshipful Company of Constructors a great modern Livery Company”

Martin Evens of Ambit Said “Such an honor to be part of the Lord Mayors Show. Great to be on the Worshipful Company of Constructors float and to enjoy the city from a different prospective[sic]”.

For only the second occasion in the history of the Worshipful Company of Constructors, the Company had its own float in the 2023 Lord Mayor's Show. I must say it was a great success lead by the Master Terry Withers and his family, alongside members and their families.

We also saw Bob the Builder join us on the day which was a great success with the children lining the route.



A big thank to the organising team: Master Terry Withers, Michael Threadgold, Juna Margariti and Stewart Owen. They worked as a very proactive ‘multi-disciplinary’ team to make this event successful.

Following the show, the organisers, participants and sponsors met up at the Lord Raglan for much needed refreshment, where the Master thanked all for their support and undertakings, saying “We have set the stage for future years”.

Thanks to our sponsors without whom we could not have arranged or built our float:



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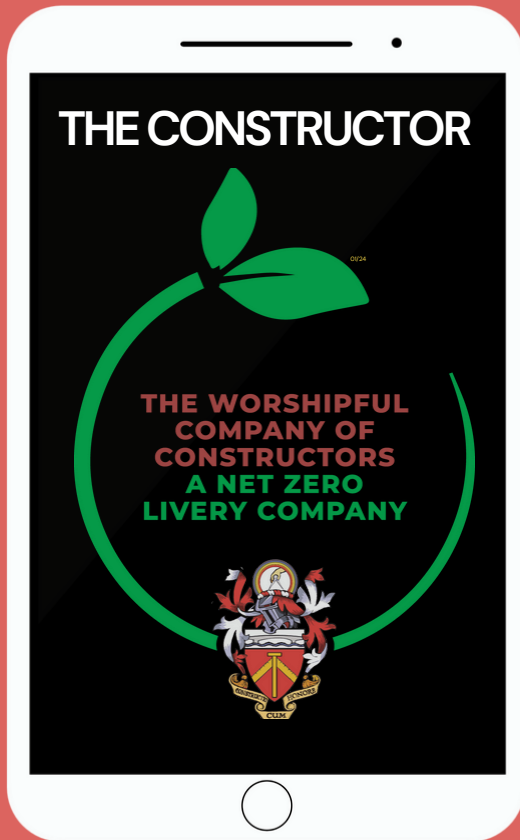
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