

Company information

The Worshipful Company of Basketmakers (“the Company”) was founded in 1569 and is an active City Livery Company operating pursuant to a Royal Charter. It is involved in modern day basketmaking, City of London ceremonial and a multitude of social events. There is a separate Basketmakers Charitable Trust which is supported by, but operates independently from, the Company. Further details about the Company can be found at www.basketmakersco.org

Currently the Company has approximately 250 members consisting of Freemen of the City of London, Liverymen, Apprentices and Yeomen (who are practising Basketmakers) and Forces Affiliate Membership from the armed services. The Company is run by a Court comprising the Wardens, past Prime Wardens and Court Assistants. There are three Wardens. The Wardens are elected annually by the Court and their term of office is usually one year. The Company does not have its own hall, but has storage based at Saddlers’ Hall. Events are organised at locations across the City.

The Company has four key objectives (often referred to as the ‘Four Pillars’). These are:

- to support the trade of basketmaking
- to support the Lord / Lady Mayor and the City of London
- to support charity including support for its Guild Church of St Margaret Pattens
- to provide fellowship.

The Company is a modern, forward thinking, and very friendly Company. Its motto is “Let us love one another”. The Company has a very active schedule of dinners and events. The current programme of events has an emphasis of in-person events balanced with occasional online events during the winter months. The majority of Court meetings will be in person, but many committee meetings take place on Zoom.

The Company is active on social media.

At the heart of the Company is the role of its Clerk, who is equivalent to a Chief Operating Officer, as the Court decides policy. The Clerk is the Company’s sole full-time employee (four days a week).