



# The Worshipful Company of Basketmakers

## 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](http://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 Prime Warden (currently Roger Harper), Upper Warden (currently Judy Tayler-Smith), and Under Warden (currently Lady Lauriston). 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 and is currently based at Saddlers’ Hall. Some events are organised at other locations.

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 Company quickly embraced the challenges of the covid lockdown and had a wide range of innovative online events. During lockdown a small group of members kept in touch with all the other members to enquire about their welfare and needs and offered help where required. The current programme of events has an emphasis of in-person events balanced with some online events during the winter months. The Court meetings will be in person but for the short term most of the committees will continue to meet on Zoom.

The Company is keen to embrace the use of 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.