

City Livery Club

30 June 2022

As President of the City Livery Club, I am delighted to announce, that the panel constituted to judge the nominations for the Root and Branch Award have concluded their deliberations, and the results are as follows:

The overall **Winner of the 2022 Root and Branch Award** is the **Livery Kitchen Initiative**. The panel were extremely impressed by the collaboration of five kitchens, four from Livery Companies, and the support generated across the Livery to deliver one hundred and seventy-four thousand meals to four hospitals, and sixteen East London communities, during the recent Covid-19 pandemic. What is particularly impressive is that the collaboration between the Grocers, Drapers, Fishmongers, Merchant Tailors, and Party Ingredients, ably supported by the Hackney Carriage Drivers delivering meals and staff and the Fruiterers who matched almost every meal with a piece of fruit, has led to a collaboration that is ongoing, and a lasting legacy.

The panel have also awarded a **Lifetime Achievement Award** to **Richard Humphries MBE**, a Liveryman and Past Upper Bailiff of the Weavers' Company, for his support over his thirty-five years' Livery membership, in engaging with the craft, training the next generation, charitable efforts, and ensuring the Livery movement's relevance to the industry today.

A **Highly Commended Certificate** was also awarded to **Paul Rochford**, a Liveryman and Past Master of the Gardeners' Company, for his charitable support, in particular to the Red Cross Fair and most recently, several years supporting the creation of gardens in Guildhall Yard, as a precursor to the annual Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch.

These awards will be presented at City Livery Club's Civic Banquet at Mansion House in the presence of The Lord Mayor Vincent Thomas Keaveny on Friday 22nd July, 2022.

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