



The **Winner of the 2025 Root & Branch Award** is **Mrs Jo MABBUTT**, a Liveryman of the **Worshipful Company of Painter-Stainers**, for her contribution to the Livery Companies Skills Council and the Livery Companies Apprenticeship Scheme and specifically her personal leadership in the development and delivery of the Apprenticeship Scheme, and her stewardship of the Master Certificate Scheme, which this year extended to 19 Livery Companies awarding 66 certificates of excellence presented by the Lord Mayor at a ceremony at Mansion House.

Jo, who is well known across the Civic City, has had a long interest in supporting various craft training and education, which is key to maintaining the relevance of many Craft Livery Companies in today's society.

The panel have also awarded a **Lifetime Achievement Award** to **Mr David BARRETT** of the **Worshipful Company of Coachmakers** for his contribution to the City Civic over many years, in particular his contribution as Secretary to the Fellowship of Clerks between 2016 and 2023, during which time he introduced many new initiatives including mentoring workshops and an electronic monthly newsletter. During the same period, he served on the Livery Committee and was instrumental in the Committee taking responsibility for the annual Garden of Remembrance Service after the withdrawal of the Royal British Legion. For the past 10 years, David has also supported the annual "Trial & Error" performances at the Old Bailey, which have raised over £310,000 for the Sheriffs' & Recorder's Fund. David has played a crucial role as Box Office Manager as well as other key supportive roles.

The Awards will be presented at City Livery Club's [Civic Banquet at Lincoln's Inn](#), in the presence of the Lord Mayor, on Monday, 14th July.

Nominations for the 2026 Root & Branch Award will be invited from 1st November 2025.