

MAY 2024

# OUR CHARITY

## Introduction

Welcome to the fourth edition of OUR CHARITY newsletter.  
In this edition, we are covering:

1. How are we using your donations?
2. How to apply for a grant for your good cause
3. Beyond Food update
4. Our Members' Fundraising Stories
5. Why we need your contributions - Let's make a difference!
6. Future charity events
7. Have you joined the Company WhatsApp group?

### 1. HOW ARE WE USING YOUR DONATIONS?

Each year we aim to donate 90% of our surplus income (gross income less running costs) to good causes. In 2022/23 we made 44 donations totalling £175,000 including £75,000 to Beyond Food, our chosen charity. So far this year, we have made 29 donations totalling £73,250.

The split of the donations across the various categories is:

City Related Causes	9 donations	£15,250
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Military affiliations	2 donations	£6,000
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General good causes	18 donations	£52,000
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Of these applicants, 9 have been sponsored by members.

Examples of the types of causes we have supported include an application sponsored by John Cardnell for a charity called the Magical Taxi Tour.

The Magical Taxi Tour is a three-day trip to Disneyland in Paris for children with life threatening illnesses undertaken by the Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers. The families involved would not be able to undertake the trip on their own. It is only because we provide the medical support for all eventualities that they can come away and the children can forget all about their hours of treatment and therapy. This is the email I received from Phil Davies who is the charity's fundraiser:

*We would like to thank The Chartered Accountants Company for their support of the Magical Taxi Tour and generous donation towards this year's trip. We are just planning our twenty eighth event to Disneyland Paris, and it is by the support of the public and corporate sponsors that we can undertake such an event.*

*An invitation to the Big Breakfast send-off on 20th September will be sent nearer the time. From 200 children, their helpers and taxi drivers, thank you for helping it happen.*

I will definitely be at the Big Breakfast send off to meet these wonderful families and take a photo of 'our' taxi so watch this space.



### 2. HOW TO APPLY FOR A GRANT!

Did you know that any member can sponsor a grant application?

All we ask is that you are involved with the charity in some way either as a trustee or advisor and that you know the history of the charity and know the management team. That saves us having to do our own 'due diligence' on the charity since you have done it all for us.

The application form is very straightforward to complete. Its in word so can be completed online. To go alongside the grant application, we ask for the applicant's safeguarding policy and a link to their latest financial statements. Then submit these documents to us- online – together with your covering email and your request automatically goes forward for consideration at the next trustees meeting.

We like to give grants to specific projects rather than just pay money to help a charity's admin costs.

The next trustees meeting is September and the deadline for submitting applications is 5 September. You can apply for a grant from £250 up to £3,000.

We look especially favourably on requests for matched funds. If your sponsored charity is already fundraising for a specific cause, we will match fund the amount raised up to £3,000.

So what are you waiting for?  
Let's hear all about the charities you are involved with and let us help you help them.

PS – we don't actually give you cash! All transfers are via BACS!

### 3. UPDATE FROM THE MAJOR PROJECT AWARD RECIPIENT

## Beyond food



Several trustees and Livery Company members attended a hugely interesting evening at Beyond Food's base at Brigade Bar + Kitchen on 25th April.

In addition to an inspiring talk and update by the Founder and CEO of the charity, Simon Boyle, we were served a very tasty 3 course meal, served by trainees on the programme.

These trainees were individually introduced to us and each told us the story of their journey to train at Beyond Food, and how much being on the programme meant to them.

Beyond Food's purpose is to provide life-changing opportunities to individuals whose lives have unravelled. They support and inspire their beneficiaries to retain control of their lives regardless of circumstances.

Beyond Food has run three programmes since receiving CALC (Chartered Accountants Livery Charity) funding. There were 104 participants in total, of whom 70 completed the course. 30 Students have completed work experience with a further 12 expected to start on 15th April. They have also recently explored further development of their prison programme, which will support prisoners leaving prison to adjust in their transition back into community living.

Don't forget to visit [Brigade Bar + Kitchen](#) if you are looking for drink or a meal in the City!





### 4. OUR MEMBERS' FUNDRAISING STORIES

#### Olivia Carling Raised £800 for our Charity by running the London Marathon

The London Marathon is a legendary event. It is a unique opportunity to run uninterrupted through the iconic city of London, cheered on by 26.2 miles of joyful crowds offering encouragement, sweets and some brilliant signs. The experience is like no other and (after 8 years of putting my name in the ballot) this year it was finally my turn to put in the months of training and take on the challenge.

It was a day I will always remember - particular standouts were running alongside 'hardest geezer' Russ Cook, passing the gentleman from Wales who has run every year since the event began (what an achievement!), and seeing the WWF rhino getting Vaseline from the first aid team. The day was long, and it was tough both mentally and physically, but it was also a day of joy and celebration. I was fortunate to be supported on the day by my wonderful fiancé, my family and my friends; and the support of everyone in the lead up to the event was a huge boost. I have been extremely thankful for it all.

**This year London Marathon runners and their generous supporters raised a record breaking £67 million, and I am proud and delighted that £800 of this has been for the Chartered Accountants Livery Charity.**



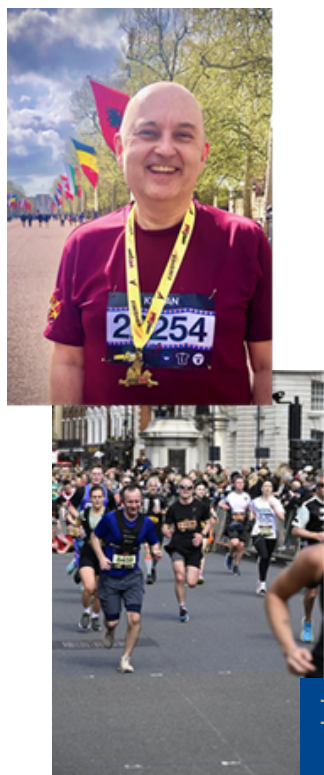
#### John Feltham, Kieran Johnson and Sally Orton Raised nearly £800 for our Charity by running the London Landmarks Half Marathon

We are so grateful to our three wonderful runners who took part in the London Landmarks Half Marathon on 7 April to raise money for the charity. Between them they raised nearly £800 for the charity for which the trustees say a huge THANK YOU.

Here's a photo of John enjoying a well-earned beer!

From Kieran - We all finished in under 2 1/2 hours with John and Sally clocking up very impressive times (1 hr 50 and 2 hr 3 respectively). The event was really well organised as always, with fabulous entertainment and support throughout the course.

**It was an honour to run for the Livery charity**



**Please consider the Livery Charity if you are taking part in any fundraising or sponsored events**

### 5. WHY WE NEED YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS - LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Our very generous members have so far donated £78,500 in the period 1 October 2023 to 30 April 2024 which has enable us to make our 29 donations totalling £73,250.

But we would love to be able to give even more away to good causes. So we ask you to look at what you are currently donating and see if you could donate a little more. We ask our members to consider making a donation equal to quarterage. Quarterage has increased in recent years so please do take a look at your charity donation.

We recognise that all members' financial circumstances are different and sometimes its just not possible to donate the same amount to the charity but to pinch a well-known slogan - **Every Little Helps!** (sorry Tesco!)

Here's how you can give:

- Set up a payment through GoCardless; [email the Almoner](#) for the link
- Use your credit card, or make a one off donation through [Kindlink](#)
- Bank transfer

The bank details are:

Account name	Chartered Accountants' Livery Charity
Sort code	16-00-15
Account number	2317 0690

And you can donate as flexibly as you would like – monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or annually – whatever suits you best.

Gift Aid - last year this amounted to **£26,000!**

New contributors are asked, if they are UK taxpayers, to complete a [Gift Aid declaration](#) as this means we can claim back an extra 25% on donations.

If you have already submitted a [form](#) that's great, this will cover all future donations.

If you wish to arrange a new payment, update your current payment details, or have any other donation questions, then please contact the Almoner on [almoner@accountantslivery.org](mailto:almoner@accountantslivery.org).



## 6. FUTURE CHARITY EVENTS

### Tower of London - Moats in Bloom Tuesday 18 June

In summer 2022, to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, the moat at the Tower of London transformed from a barren, flat lawn into a haven for bees, butterflies and other pollinators in the heart of the city. The moat was filled with wildflowers, grown from 20 million seeds. But Superbloom was not just for 2022, it is a permanent installation that continues to bloom. The project has had an amazing outreach, especially to schools across the country.



Pollinating London Together (PLT) has arranged a tour which will take about an hour, and will be guided by friends from Historic Royal Palaces who are one of PLT's Corporate members. After the tour we are arranging a light lunch at the Wine Library, close to Tower Hill Underground station so, if you want, you can continue discussions and/or make new contacts over lunch.

We can accommodate a group of 35. The cost of this, including lunch, is £50/head. The tour starts at 11:45 am.

To book your space please use the link below  
<https://buytickets.at/pollinatinglondontogether/1227382>



### St Paul's Orchestral Mass Sunday 30 June - 11.15am

Since 1973, Orchestral Masses had been a well-established annual feature of choral worship at St Paul's Cathedral. The Masses stopped during the lockdown and the lack of tourist income meant the Cathedral was not in a position to reintroduce them immediately. The Charity Trustees have made a donation to St Paul's for a couple of years now, which has enabled them to introduce Orchestral Masses to their regular programme again.

This year, members and guests are invited to attend the Mozart's Coronation Mass sung by The St Paul's Cathedral Choir and accompanied by the City of London Sinfonia, held under the Dome of St Paul's, as part of the Sunday morning Eucharist. After the Mass the team at St Paul's have invited representatives from the Company to join them for pre-lunchtime drinks in the Chapter House, so that they may express their gratitude for the Charity's support.

Book here: <https://accountantslivery.org/event/orchestral-mass-2024-st-pauls-cathedral/>

## 6. FUTURE CHARITY EVENTS CONT.



### Greenwich Peninsula Ecology Park Visit Wednesday 26 June - 5.30pm

Greenwich Peninsula Ecology Park was opened to the public 22 years ago as part of the massive redevelopment of the area starting in the 1990s. Many of you may be familiar with the O2 but possibly less familiar with this wider redevelopment.

The Conservation Volunteers have managed the park since its inception and have arranged a private viewing for us to learn about the biodiversity created on this former industrial site. They will show us their work including the wetland areas within the park as well as the ecological interest along the tidal Thames riverbank. They also manage an adjacent park which is an important green lung for the neighbourhood.

The Greenwich Peninsula Ecology Park is a 15-minute walk from the Jubilee Line's North Greenwich station, a pleasant walk along the Thames Path, walking south with great views across the river and towards the Thames Barrier.

We will meet at 17:30 pm for a briefing on the story of the development of the Peninsula, followed by guided tours of the park itself as well as the habitats along the Thames's tidal river edge. There will be a closing Q&A session.

The cost of this visit is £40/head and includes a donation to help the local community fund project in the park.

Please book via the link below:

<https://buytickets.at/pollinatinglondontogether/1227416>

After the park visit, we are planning a two-course meal at a local pub. Details on this, and booking will be separate to the park visit. Details to be confirmed.

Other future events in the planning stage include another visit to a vineyard in September – which will be a joint event with the Cork Club and Company – and an update on zoom from one of our major grant recipients in the Autumn.



## 7. COMMUNICATIONS

Are you in the WhatsApp group?!



You can also join here:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KbTvfxPt3k3v5I8Rvby0U>

This WhatsApp group is set up for members to receive updates about forthcoming events and initiatives within the Chartered Accountants' Livery Company and Charity.

Finally, to enable us to send updates and information, please ensure your contact details are up to date in the Member's Area of the website.

