



Cordwainer

COVID recovery grant initiative

Following the City's Court of Common Council approval this March of a proposal to create a £50m City of London Covid Business Recovery Fund to alleviate some of the worst effects of the pandemic, many local ward businesses have since been able to take advantage of this scheme. The closing date was extended until 30 June giving vital extra time for Ward businesses to complete their applications.

Sir Michael Snyder, Alex Barr and Tracey Graham have been pleased to see the positive impact that this has had on many local businesses, having proposed and supported the original initiative.

Following on from their ward visits throughout this summer, and in the vanguard of the broader City return to work, Sir Michael commented "Alex, Tracey and I have been delighted that many of our smaller businesses, so vital to the broader City economy, and of course the local Cordwainer environment, have sought and received support from this recovery fund. By necessity we have been at arm's length from the application process but it's been great to have heard on our regular ward walks so many instances where this money has really been able to help. Equally, we know that not every business was able to satisfy the grant criteria and we are, as ever, on hand to offer continuing guidance and advice to businesses".

Jazz in the Churchyard



Alex Barr and Sir Michael Snyder sharing a post lockdown light-hearted moment!

also present and enjoyed the excellent bar service offered by Anthony Middleton's Café Below. This is very much an annual fixture in the Cordwainer calendar, and its presence was particularly welcome this year as one of the first 'post-lockdown' events bringing a welcome early return of confidence to the Ward.

On 29 June Sir Michael Snyder and Alex Barr were lucky enough to be able to attend a jazz performance by the Vaux Quintet. This was part of LIVE - a week long community music festival offered by St Mary-le-Bow, organised by staff and volunteers, and generously sponsored by the Cheapside Business Alliance.

Many members of the Cordwainer Ward Club were

Bow Lane Street party

Ward businesses, residents and visitors were offered a glimpse of what a more permanent return of City life might look like with the first ever Bow Lane Street party on 24 June. James Goolnik, the Chairman of the Bow Bells Association, and practice founder of Bow Lane Dental, organised the wonderful array of local shops and businesses in Bow Lane, Watling Street and Well Court.

The event was supported by Claire Dumontier-Marriage from the Cheapside Business Alliance. The streets were decorated with bunting and there was live music, food, raffles and plenty of socially distanced smiles.

Alex Barr attended from your civic team, and the event was opened by Chris Hayward, one of the City's two Sheriffs.



Bow Lane resplendent and decked out in bunting



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Ward Club News

On 9 September the Ward Club chairman, Carmen Hart, arranged a walk around the Ward. This was led by Andy Catto, a Blue Badge City guide and supported the Club's aim of supporting the Ward and its immediate economy. The event was also attended by Tracey Graham from your civic team.

As Cordwainer Ward is one of the smaller City Wards, the journey was compact, and focused around our significant local history. The tour was inspiring from the start, with the two churches of St. Mary-le-Bow and St. Mary Aldermary featuring prominently. The tour group admired the bronze Cordwainer Statue that sits in Watling Street adjacent to St Mary Aldermary, and commissioned to celebrate the centenary of the Cordwainer Ward Club. The tour moved on to Bloomberg's European Headquarters, a building rightly recognised with landmark architectural and ergonomic awards. The group then paused outside the London Mithraeum, one of the UK's most significant archaeological sites and housed beneath the Bloomberg building.

Following a short stroll along Cheapside, the Club then dined at the Place Below, which is in the crypt of St. Mary-le-Bow.

Details of all future events, along with details of how to join, can all be found on the club website, www.cordwainer.co.uk.



Ward Club members outside Bloomberg's iconic European headquarters' building