

The Worshipful Company of Horners

The Worshipful Company of Horners is one of most ancient of the Livery Companies of the City of London. It started as a guild to quality assure products made from horn, a natural polymer based on keratin, and the first written reference dates to the Company dates to 1284. Of course, the craft of the horner pre-dates this by a long way. The Company's current Royal Charter was issued by King Charles I in 1638.

The Company Today

As work in horn declined the Company's vision moved to adopt the modern-day equivalent, plastics, which in 1943 were in their infancy. The Company continues its charitable work to promote positive perceptions of polymers and support students and teachers in exploring this vital group of increasingly misunderstood materials

The Horners' Education Activities

The Company runs, sponsors or supports a vast number of activities designed to enhance, enrich and celebrate plastics education from primary level through to FE and HE. These initiatives include:

- Science Opens Doors for KS2
- BSA Crest Awards
- BEST for KS3 Science
- Salters' Horners' Advanced Physics
- Fantastic Plastic
- Polymer Study Tours
- Polymer Apprentice Awards
- Student award in jewellery design
- Student Design Innovation In Plastics competition