



## **Report from the Educational and Technical committee meeting on Tuesday 3rd December 2024.**

**Members Attending:** Asst. Julie Spinks (Chair), Charles Brooks (The Master), Sandra Raine (Upper Warden), Janet Rivers (Renter Warden), Asst. Kevin Wellman and Liverymen Kevin McCallister and Jerry Whiteley (part meeting).

In attendance: The Acting Clerk Debbie Abergil, the former Clerk Adrian Mumford and Lvy Richard Soper

### **Item 1. Annual Lectures:**

- **2025 Annual Lecture – 12 May.** The Master reported that the subject will be ‘Tales from the Riverbank’ with a focus on English rivers and water quality.
- For the first time non-livery members will be able to book and pay online through CIPHE events. Attendees will also have an option for two course meal at a local restaurants.
- **2026 Annual lecture – TBA.** The Renter Warden had proposed to hold the event in Birmingham at the time of the Installer Show and planned in conjunction with the major WPC event. This would necessitate the need to change the lecture date to 23-25 June 2026.

### **Item 2. Awards and Bursaries:**

- **Silver and Gold Medal** - In 2025, it is hoped a silver medal winner will be awarded to bursary winner. The next gold medal will be 2026.
- **Bursaries 2025** –Applications are open and 68 applications have already been received. Winners will be announced on World Plumbing Day.
- **Certificates of excellence** – There will be at least three awards in 2025 for winners from PlumbSkill, HIP Learner of the Year and the HIP Female Skills competitions.

### **Item 3 Inter-Livery Group Reports:**

- **Livery Climate Action Group (LCAG)** – it was agreed to have a in depth discussion at the next meeting to consider how the plan could deliver a positive external impact and not just improve the internal approach.
- **Construction Liveries Group (CLG)** – The Upper Warden and Renter Warden attended a meeting of CLG as incoming wardens.

### **Item 4 Apprenticeships/Tailblazers:**

- Lvy McCallister reported that the current English trailblazer had been revised and implementation started in September.

### **Item 5 Licence to practice:**

- Lvy Wellman reported on regular dialogue with DEFRA's working groups, including seeking to encourage licencing.

### **Item 6 Industry Facilitation:**

- **Installer Show, NEC Birmingham.** The Company is booked to take a stand at the next Installer Show which takes place from 24 to 26 June 2025.



- **HIP competitions.** The Plumbers Company will sponsor the Learner of the Year and Females Skills Competitions in 2025 and there are hopes to award the winners lead Company crest produced by Amberley.

**Julie Spinks**

**Chair**

**19<sup>th</sup> December 2024**