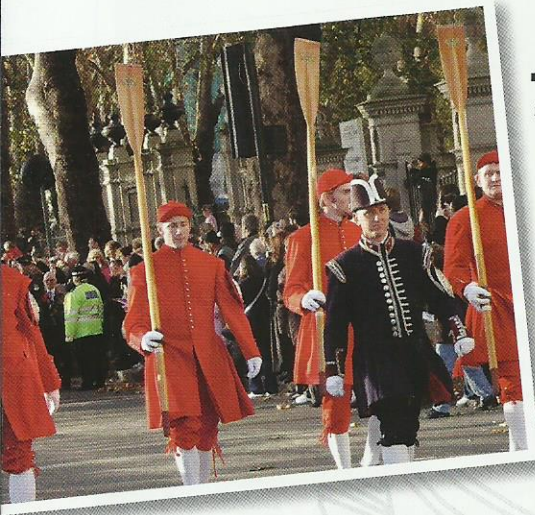




# Beyond the City

It is often said that the City of London Corporation represents the City in all its forms. Although it is strongly linked to business, the City Corporation is so much more



As the procession passes today, see how many different elements of the City you can spot: the pageantry and tradition, culture and creativity, finance and trade, education and community, national and international.

Just as varied is the organisation that serves the area. The City of London Corporation has a long history of providing what the City needs to thrive. (See more on its support of the arts, page 14.)

The City Corporation also

supplies services that benefit not just the City, but also London and the nation as a whole.

A perfect example is the Lord Mayor himself. He may be based in Mansion House and head the City of London Corporation at Guildhall, but he also spends around 90 days abroad each year in a programme of international visits aimed at promoting trade and investment. He also makes many visits to other major UK business centres so he can take account of their views when promoting the UK's interests.

## LOOKING AFTER LONDON'S GREEN SPACES

The City of London Corporation owns, maintains and runs more than 10,000 acres across and around the capital, including Hampstead Heath and Epping Forest. The latter is the biggest area of veteran trees in the UK and offers a rich habitat for rare animals and fungi.

Some green spaces have been linked to the City Corporation since 1870, to protect them from development and preserve them as a natural resource. Many have won coveted Green Flag awards or are sites of scientific interest. They also have dedicated users within

their local communities who often get involved in initiatives to improve them.

Even within the urban environment of the City there are a huge number of gardens tucked away in the nooks and crannies that provide a welcome respite from the hectic business activity.

All of these spaces contribute to maintaining the quality of life for people in the capital and are attractions in their own right. They often act as focal points for community projects or for local groups interested in green spaces and the various flora and fauna within.

