Sam Lilley wins Cordwainers' 2022 footwear award

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Student Sam Lilley from De Montfort University is the winner of the 2022 Cordwainers Footwear Award, picking up the trophy and the £12,000 prize at the organisation's annual ceremony at the Clothworkers' Hall in London.

Three students from the London College of Fashion scooped the other awards with second prize going to Dora Aradi, the Sustainability award presented to Jasmin Lancaster, and the Commendation award going to Swann Phelippeau.

Lilley said: “Winning the Cordwainers Footwear Awards is incredible. Whilst the prize money is phenomenal, the exposure and association with the Cordwainers is fantastic, as it’s by far the top award.”
The event's keynote speech was presented by Scott Emerson, Head of Footwear design at Alfred Dunhill, who told an audience of over 200 guests, including footwear students, industry influencers and Cordwainer members: "We have such a fine tradition of producing world class footwear here in the UK and it's up to you, to take this forward with the same skills, into the future."

Another highlight of the evening was a video message for this year's finalists from Honorary Liveryman Datuk Proffessor Jimmy Choo.

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