

# HENSHAWS MEANS BUSINESS

Products and Services for Businesses



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society for blind people

## Welcome to Henshaws means Business, a range of products and services provided by Henshaws, for businesses...

Henshaws is a specialist charity providing expert care, advice and training to anyone affected by sight loss. We also work with people with other disabilities, and because sight loss and disability affects family, friends and colleagues, we work with them too.

Henshaws has designed a range of special products and services to support and benefit local businesses. By working with us you will not only be supporting your local charity, you will also be contributing towards your corporate social responsibility targets.

Social purpose is central to our ethos and Handmade at Henshaws is our exciting range of products and services made or grown here at Henshaws. All profits are reinvested back in to our centres.

**Read on to find out how we can contribute to your business...**

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



Henshaws has a range of varied services, all designed to support and develop businesses. Services range from disability awareness training, to a print service and specialist Braille service.

Businesses are surprised at how much we can offer...

### Meeting Room Hire

Why not have your next team meeting or training day at Henshaws College or our Arts & Crafts Centre? You can be sure of a warm welcome, great hospitality and a productive day.

Fully serviced, accessible, modern meeting rooms are available in both Starbeck and Knaresborough. Prices available on request.

### Henshaws Print Service

Items ranging from business cards and stationery, fliers and conference lanyards through to canvas wall art and posters produced from your own digital photos can all be produced at Henshaws.

Please call us to discuss your requirements. Prices are competitive and available on application.



**For more information on any of our products and services call 01423 814**



## Braille Service

Being able to provide information in accessible formats is a legal requirement and offering visually impaired people information in Braille can help set your business apart from the competition.

Henshaws provides a fast and efficient service to convert your documents, company literature and communications into Braille. Prices start from only £5.50 per A4 page.

## Disability Etiquette Training

Is it alright to say "I'll see you later" to a blind person? Is it alright to offer to help a wheelchair user to open a door?

This 1-hour practical seminar will give your staff the confidence, skills and knowledge to welcome customers with disabilities into your company.

This practical and fun workshop provides information about different eye conditions and their impact on daily life, and shows how the environment affects visually impaired people. Delegates will learn basic skills that can be used to assist a visually impaired person. Tips on how to meet and exceed the Equality Act are included.

**"Today's training has given me an insight into the issues a visually impaired person may face. Henshaws provided a very practical, hands-on session"**

Siama Butt, Unilever



## Specialist Training for the Care and Education Sector

We are able to offer bespoke training courses for those working in Care or Education. Our specialist professionals can develop customised professional development courses, delivered in our modern and accessible facilities, including a tactile training area, accessible learning environments and superb Information Communication Technology (ICT) facilities.



# CORPORATE VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES



Whether your team is looking for a one day project or for a longer term volunteering relationship, then Henshaws has something to suit you. We are able to offer a wide and varied range of opportunities in our College, Community Houses and Arts & Crafts Centre. Projects can vary from working in our sensory garden and decorating our community houses, to remodelling outside spaces. While each project may be different, you will know that they are all making a big difference to the lives of the visually impaired and disabled people we work with.

**“We feel it’s important to make a difference in our local communities and working in partnership with Henshaws is an opportunity to do this. It’s a privilege to be part of such a worthy project and a joy to interact with residents at one of Henshaws Community Houses while planting the garden”.**

Annalisa Jackson, Cargill



**“The volunteering work has been a great team building exercise that has given us a sense of achievement and fun. We hope to continue work here at the centre and commission or recycle a Henshaws sculpture for placement within the Learning Centre’s outdoor teaching garden.”**

Dean Peckett, Garden Manager, Harlow Carr



If your company would like to make a lasting difference to Henshaws and the people we work with then please get in touch with our Fundraising Team who can provide you with information of the range of volunteering opportunities currently on offer.

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# PRODUCTS

## Original Artwork

Brighten up your reception or work place with stunning pieces of original art created by our Henshaws art-makers.

Unique artwork, including paintings, drawings and textiles, is commissioned by both individuals and businesses. Prices for commissions are available on application.

**“I commissioned a piece of felt artwork depicting a residential street to hang in our Harrogate showroom. Lots of our customers comment on it and say how gorgeous it is. I love it!”**

Louise Cowen, Marketing Manager, Hunters Property Group

## Handmade Cards

Beautiful greetings cards, handmade at Henshaws College and our Arts & Crafts Centre, for that special personal touch.

Cards for every occasion, including birthdays, new baby and welcome to your new home, are delivered direct to your door on a sale-or-return basis, in an attractive display basket.

## Sweet Treats

Offer your staff, visitors and customers delicious, traditional sweets whilst raising valuable funds for Henshaws!

You will receive an attractive display basket stocked full of handy sized packets of sweets. Simply leave on your reception or in the staff room and the sweets will sell themselves.

Sweet Treats are packaged by students from Henshaws College and delivered to your door on a sale-or-return basis.

**“We have a regular order of Sweet Treats and are pleased to support Henshaws in this way”**

Sign-a-Rama







### Handmade Paper

Gorgeous paper, handmade by art makers at our Arts & Crafts Centre will help you differentiate your business from the competition.

The paper can be used in lots of different ways – from menus and signs on tables in restaurants, to signs in hotel bedrooms, personal notes and much more! We can also produce wedding invitations and personalised stationery.

Packs of paper for you to sell to staff, visitors and customers are also available and can be delivered to your door in a display basket on a sale or return basis.

### Eco-friendly Conference Bags

Bags with a difference! Beautiful handmade, reusable bags designed and produced by art makers at Henshaws Arts & Crafts Centre. Price available on request.



**“When we selected Henshaws as our chosen charity of the year for the 2010 and 2011 conventions we immediately decided to ask the art makers at their Arts & Crafts Centre to produce our delegate bags. The bags show just how talented the art makers at Henshaws are – and because they’re reusable, they are more environmentally friendly than our usual conference bags! Every bag is original so they represent great value for money.”**

Mike Firth, CEO, Yorkshire International Business Convention



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# WORK PLACEMENTS



Work placements in local businesses make a huge difference to students. The practical experience helps young people to develop employability skills for the future.

Usually scheduled for half a day per week, students attend their work placement with a job coach from Henshaws staff team who stays with them to support them throughout the work experience. The job coach will liaise with the employer and take care of all the paperwork.

Recent and current work placements include Harrogate Hospital Radio, The Cone Exchange, Berwins Solicitors, Horticap, Brookside Nurseries, Bebra Gardens, SCOPE, Julie's Café and our own purpose built Arts and Crafts Centre shop and cafe.



**“Going out to work has been great. I have learnt how to be a DJ and can now use all my new skills when I leave college. Having the help of my job coach (Mike) has been fantastic!”**

Matthew, on work placement at Harrogate Hospital Radio in Harrogate

**“When I go to the garden centre I do lots of planting and I have even laid a path. I love all the new people I get to meet and work with. When I leave college I am hoping to get a job in a garden centre.”**

Ben, working at Horticap



**“Henshaws provides a first rate service for their students and the work placement providers.”**

Comment from a work placement provider at a College ‘Thank You’ event.

**“We value the relationship we have with Henshaws”**

Transdev, Harrogate & District Travel

**We are always looking out for new work placement opportunities. If you think your business can help or if you would like more information, please call us on 01423 886451.**

As a “thank you” we offer one free place on a VIAT course for any company offering a work placement.

# DID YOU KNOW?

- Henshaws Society for Blind People was founded in 1837 from a £20,000 legacy donated by Thomas Henshaw, an Oldham business man
- Today, Henshaws employs over 300 people in the Harrogate and Knaresborough area
- Henshaws College has over 80 visually impaired and disabled residential and day students at its campus in Harrogate
- Henshaws has its very own sausage – sold exclusively in the café at the Arts & Crafts Centre!
- Handmade @ Henshaws, our social enterprise, provides vocational opportunities for students and art makers, and encompasses our beautiful handmade products grown or made on site at Henshaws College and the Arts & Crafts Centre
- Henshaws provides housing in the local Harrogate community for over 60 visually impaired and disabled people
- Over 25 local companies have provided work experience placements for Henshaws students over the last 5 years.

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