

Jerpoint Glass



Stoneyford, Co. Kilkenny, R95 WN67

Originally founded in 1979 Jerpoint Glass is a family owned glassblowing business which makes handcrafted glassware at their glassblowing facility in Stoneyford, Co. Kilkenny, where the business also has a retail shop, a gallery and a studio for visitors to view glassblowing demonstrations and purchase finished items.

Over the years Jerpoint Glass became synonymous with high quality handmade crafted glassware in Ireland, The U.K., and the U.S.A. The business continues to supply leading craft retail stores across those locations on a wholesale basis.

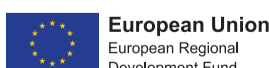
Each item is uniquely crafted by hand, using 2000 year old methods to blow, balance and manipulate molten glass into beautifully crafted individual items such as wineglasses, stemware, candles bowls, jugs and vases. Over the last 30 years Jerpoint has built up a strong brand and an established client base, however, the business owners, the Leadbetters, realised that an increased turnover in direct sales could be achieved through the improved use of internet technology

and social media and an investment in cost effective equipment to reduce production costs.

The promoters believe in the endurance and potential of the brand they have created and realised that further investment would strengthen the brand and preserve local employment and the tradition of crafts in Ireland. With this in mind and financial assistance from the Local Enterprise Office Kilkenny the Leadbetters' purchased a micromelt furnace, which is a more compact fuel efficient furnace, to replace their existing furnace, which would help them to decrease their fuel bill and other associated costs.

Local Enterprise Office Kilkenny provided Jerpoint Glass with a Business Expansion Grant towards capital items and also towards the redesign of their website.


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