



# dispatches

for supporters of Henshaws

## Welcome...

to your summer edition of Dispatches. Here at college we're busy planning our annual graduation ceremony in July - the key date within our college year. For students, it marks the end of 3 years of hard work and achievement, and the start of the rest of their lives. Look out for photos of the day in your next edition of Dispatches!

We were delighted to be chosen as the charity of the year for the second year running by Yorkshire International Business Convention (YIBC). It was a superb event and enabled us to raise awareness of Henshaws amongst key influencers in the Yorkshire region. We also benefitted from the proceeds of the raffle which will help fund our new Vocational Technology Centre at college – you can read more about the centre on page 3.

We've got lots of new fundraising events and initiatives – see the back cover to find out more about how you can be part of Henshaws and help raise much needed funds for your local charity.

Thank you for your support.



Nick Marr

Nick Marr, Henshaws CEO.

## Henshaws bags repeat business from YIBC

Delegates at this year's Yorkshire International Business Convention (YIBC) were treated to extra-special delegate bags for the second year running, after Henshaws was selected as the event's chosen charity for another year.

Visually impaired art makers at our Arts & Crafts Centre produced 700 delegate bags through our social enterprise, Handmade at Henshaws. Each bag was hand decorated with one of a selection of unique designs created by the art makers. Henshaws students and art makers also helped to fill the bags with delegate information.



In the bag: Henshaws art makers (l to r) Matthew Briggs, Becky Loble and Elizabeth Leaming show off their newly-designed YIBC delegate bags.

Billed as the biggest business networking event in the North of England, the convention was held at Harrogate International Centre on 10 June. The theme of the 2011 event was "Winners" and guests included Sir Tim Berners-Lee, the British inventor of the World Wide Web, and Andrew Strauss, captain of the Ashes-winning England cricket team.

2 students from Henshaws College, Josh Kirkup and John Pratt, represented Henshaws on stage during the charity slot and made an outstanding impression on delegates and organisers alike. YIBC organiser Mike Firth said: "The highlight of my day was talking to John and Josh. They are truly inspirational and typify the benefits of the wonderful work you all do at Henshaws."

At the event, we also launched the Henshaws 500 Challenge, our exciting new fundraising initiative.

Mike Firth continued: "We were delighted to nominate Henshaws as our chosen charity for a second year. The partnership is a perfect complement to this year's theme of winners, as the dedication and positive attitude from the students and art makers makes them winners on every level."

Louise Ashton, marketing and communications manager at Henshaws, added: "Handmade at Henshaws brings great benefit both to the art makers involved and to the businesses and individuals who use its products and services. It's great that YIBC has recognised the mutual advantages that a link-up like this can bring, and we have loved working with Mike and his team once again this year."

Nearly £4500 was generated from the convention's raffle.

## Henshaws hail victorious at Special Olympics



Students from Henshaws College raised the bar at this year's regional Special Olympics Athletics, winning an astounding 35 medals.

Team Henshaws were quick off the mark at the regional Yorkshire and Humberside event in Barnsley, with each member taking home a medal – 11 of which were gold. Eight participants even broke their own personal records.

The Henshaws students undertook frequent training to ensure they were in ship-shape condition for the event. The college integrates regular physical activity into the students' learning programmes to maximise the benefits of exercise.

Special Olympics is a global non-profit organisation targeting the nearly 200 million people round the world who have disabilities. The organisation provides year round sports training and competition in over 23 Olympic-type sports for competitors aged 8 and over.

## Young Enterprise team is Magic!

Vocational training and practical work experience is central to our college curriculum and a team of students are now running our new state of the art print service as a social enterprise venture. This latest milestone will allow us to expand the range of products we are able to offer individuals and companies to include canvasses and prints, large banners, corporate stationery and conference lanyards.

In May, Magic 8 Printz, the Young Enterprise team from Henshaws College, took part in a competitive trade fair in Scunthorpe. The Henshaws team competed against five other colleges and was required to make a presentation about the process and running of their company.

Congratulations to the Henshaws team who won the trophy for best product. Each member of the team also received a certificate of achievement for gained practical work experience.

If you are interested in finding out more about how you could use Henshaws Print call 01423 886451.



## College Careers day – a great success



Henshaws College took part in their inaugural information and advice careers day in June. The day consisted of students and staff visiting places of work, a FE College, and sports and leisure facilities. Each visit involved a tour, practical activities and an opportunity for students to ask questions. On the college campus, the Fire Service, Police and TransDev local

bus company delivered practical sessions on staying safe and using public transport, complete with a Fire Engine, Police Panda Car and a Bus, for students to explore.

The activities were designed to assist students with their transition from life at Henshaws College to their chosen destinations.

A diverse number of employers from a range of vocational areas participated in the day, including the Central Library, Paperworks, the Hydro Leisure Centre, Marks & Spencer, RHS Harlow Carr, Harrogate College, the Magistrate Court and Betty's.

The day was a great success for both students and employers, with several employers commending the event and offering to return for future events "It was a privilege to spend time with your wonderful staff and students. Look forward to seeing you all in the future". Marks & Spencer

## Henshaws College celebrates Nidderdale walk success

20 Students from Henshaws College took part in this year's Nidderdale charity walk, completing four, seven and 15 mile stretches. A further 2 students, Craig Mulligan and John Pratt, completed the 22 mile stretches.

Final year student John Pratt said: "I don't have any sight at all but I'm very determined and have been training hard since September. Completing the walk is a major achievement for me and I'm very proud to have done it. I feel on top of the world!"

Congratulations to all the students who took part and raised nearly £1000 for the sports, fitness and leisure department at Henshaws College.



## Vocational Technology Centre gets go ahead

Excellence and innovation is key to the future success of Henshaws College. The development of new facilities is essential to enable us to continue offering an effective



and creative learning environment and we're delighted to report that our new Vocational Technology Centre has been given the go ahead. The centre will provide students with a range of technology based vocational pathways from media and IT to print and design. As well as a high-tech IT resource suite, the centre will house a state of the art multi-media suite that will include a radio station, film, music and recording with opportunities to develop audio-information for visually impaired people.

As well as being used by college students, the centre will also be used by service users from our 15 community houses and art makers from our Arts & Crafts Centre.

Thank you to the generous support of the Audrey & Stanley Burton Charitable Trust and our many other donors who have made the development of the Vocational Technology Centre possible.

## Nathan's 15 minutes of fame!

In the last edition of Dispatches we reported on Henshaws College's newest starter - Nathan the buddy dog. Nathan featured on ITV1 news throughout the day on Friday 25th March 2011, along with several college students eager to share in his 15 minutes of fame!



Nathan, a cross between a retriever and a Labrador is taking part in the Guide Dogs buddy scheme pilot. The 12 month pilot is aiming to set up 20 specially selected "buddy" dogs – dogs that are not going to be used as guide dogs - to provide visually impaired and disabled people with practical experience in caring for a dog.

Nathan attends lessons to support students with communication and sensory activities and is used to build their confidence and give them new interest and motivation. He also attends lessons to support students to deal with individual behaviour issues by promoting positive feelings and emotions, and he's been helping with strengthening students' independence skills and travel training.

## Tea and Cakes with the Queen!



Gill Jennison, Director of Education at Henshaws College, has been invited to attend the Queen's Garden Party in recognition of her 20 years of service and commitment to Special Educational Needs (SEN) education. Gill said "I

am looking forward to the Queen's Garden party and am proud to have been given the opportunity to represent all the outstanding staff at Henshaws College".

Congratulations Gill!



## Henshaws thanks SIG for support!

Sheffield Insulation Group (SIG), one of Henshaws major sponsors, has been thanked for their support for the Henshaws Volunteer Service over the last three years. Trustees, staff and volunteers met for a special presentation at Henshaws Arts & Craft Centre to thank the company for their support.

John Fox, volunteer co-ordinator for Henshaws said "Our college students and art makers greatly appreciate the support given by our volunteers. Over the last 20 months we have quadrupled the number of volunteers working for us. This clearly demonstrates what a rewarding experience volunteering for Henshaws is."



Photo courtesy of Harrogate Advertiser

Phill Hopkins, senior manager at the Arts & Craft Centre said "Our Arts & Craft Centre café and shop are now totally reliant on volunteers, and without Volunteer Services and the support we have had from SIG, these facilities may not be available."

Mark Smith and Kim Boswell from SIG were given a guided tour of the Arts & Crafts Centre and were presented with a DVD made by Henshaws to demonstrate the impact volunteering has had on the lives of Henshaws service users. They will also be receiving a piece of art work by art maker Simon Haw and a canvas produced by college students as part of the new Henshaws print service.

Mark Smith said "Sheffield Insulation Group support organisations for 3 years but we were so impressed with the work of Henshaws that we decided to support them for 6 years. We are pleased that our support for Henshaws Volunteer Service has greatly improved the services provided to their service users."

If you are interested in volunteering or would like further information, please contact John Fox on 01423 799612 or email [yorkshire.volunteers@henshaws.org.uk](mailto:yorkshire.volunteers@henshaws.org.uk)

## Throwing a party at Henshaws!



Henshaws has thrown a special party for students from Ashville College in Harrogate and Harrogate High School who have been volunteering with college students and art makers.

The students from Ashville College have been helping college students to take part in riding lessons every Wednesday afternoon, while those from Harrogate High have been involved with workshops based around music, drama, and health & wellbeing at our Arts & Crafts Centre.

Henshaws volunteer co-ordinator, John Fox said "We greatly appreciate the time given by these young people to support our students and art makers. I have had meetings with the Student Council and the Art Makers Council and both groups greatly value the support and help given by the young students. One young Henshaws student told me it was great to be able to talk to people of a similar age."

If you are interested in volunteering or would like further information, please contact John Fox on 01423 799612 or email [yorkshire.volunteers@henshaws.org.uk](mailto:yorkshire.volunteers@henshaws.org.uk)

## Community Housing score a strike!

3 teams of two service users from Harrogate Community Housing have joined the National Blind Ten Pin Bowling Association and will be competing against teams from as far afield as Southend, Portsmouth and Glasgow.

At the end of the Summer League, final matches will be held in Crewe.

Good luck Team Henshaws!

## Henshaws Means Business

Businesses from across the region enjoyed a taste of the new, improved Henshaws Means Business services at a breakfast meeting featuring Kevin Hollinrake - managing director of Hunters the Estate Agents - as guest speaker.

The Business Breakfast saw the launch of Henshaws Print, our new print service, which was commissioned by Hunters to produce a series of canvasses featuring interiors celebrity Linda Barker.

A team of students from Henshaws College is running the state of the art print service as part of our social enterprise programme, Handmade at Henshaws.

As part of this scheme art makers at our Arts & Crafts Centre produce items including artwork and handmade cards and paper to sell in the centre's shop, as well as to local businesses. Work experience is central to the curriculum at the college, where training is provided in a real work environment and students are also able to work at local businesses including cafés, offices and print works.

Henshaws Means Business provides visual impairment awareness training, disability etiquette training and advice, along with corporate volunteering opportunities. Other aspects include the conversion of company literature, including menus, signs and employment contracts, into Braille – as well as art commissions.

Backed by educational advisory service TechDis, this latest milestone will allow us to expand our range of products to include canvasses and prints, large banners, corporate stationery and even conference lanyards.

Said Henshaws College Deputy Principal, Gill Jennison: "Six of our students are running the state-of-the-art print service as a social enterprise venture, which underpins our ethos of providing students with vocational opportunities and practical experience in a real work environment."

"The service also represents a key and exciting expansion to our Henshaws Means Business menu of services. A growing number of local organisations who are committed to a culture of 'putting something back' into their local communities are enjoying being involved in our vibrant social enterprise programme."

If you are interested in finding out more about Henshaws means Business or Henshaws Print call us on 01423 886451 or visit [www.henshaws.org.uk/yorkshire](http://www.henshaws.org.uk/yorkshire)



## Meet a Henshaws College Student

My name is Jon Hardman and I have been at Henshaws College for just over two years.

I am studying two vocational pathways in horticulture and hospitality and I have really enjoyed all the practical parts of my course. I have just finished a tree-planting project and this spring I am really looking forward to using a lawnmower and learning how to maintain it.

Last year I worked in the café at the Henshaws Arts & Crafts Centre. Then the college arranged a work placement for me at Julie's Café nearby where I could use all the customer service and hospitality skills I had learned.

I have just finished a brilliant 10-week course at Julie's Coffee School in Starbeck and now I have barista skills! That means I'm qualified to use the café's machine to make all different kinds of coffee and hot chocolate. I love making drinks for the other students too.



I never thought I would be able to learn all these things but our college tutors and Julie at the Coffee School make it all very easy. Learning outside of the college is great as I can see how my new work skills can be used in real life.

I am so much more confident now and I have found work that I enjoy. I know a lot about trees and gardening and almost everything about coffee making. I will be sad when I have to leave college this July but if I can find a job using my new skills, that will make me very happy!

Jon's opportunities were made possible by the generous donations and gifts from our supporters. Without these gifts we would not be able to offer people like Jon the same opportunities.

To make a donation please phone 01423 814 500 or visit our website at [www.henshaws.org.uk](http://www.henshaws.org.uk)

## Handmade at Henshaws on the menu at Fodder

Gift items produced by art makers from our Arts & Craft Centre have been added to Fodder's shelves.

Fodder, based at the Great Yorkshire Showground, is Harrogate's premier local food specialist and showcases the very best food and crafts from Yorkshire. They are now offering a selection of handmade gift bags, cards, coasters and key rings crafted as part of Henshaws' innovative social enterprise – Handmade at Henshaws.

Heather Parry, Managing Director of Fodder said: "Handmade at Henshaws is a truly innovative scheme and we were thoroughly impressed by their products. As well as providing art makers with vocational skills, the scheme gives art makers a sense of achievement as their creations are sold to the public. These fantastic items will make a fabulous addition to our range of stock, and I'm sure they will fly off the shelves!"

Louise Ashton, marketing and communications manager at Henshaws added: "This is a very exciting development for Handmade at Henshaws. Fodder is a champion of local produce and reinvests all its profits into the rural community - it's fantastic that they have added our gift items to their shelves."

"Henshaws' social enterprise programme allows local businesses to put something back into the community and brings our delightful range of arts and crafts gifts to a wider audience. We'd like to thank Fodder for their ongoing support and hope this is the start of a mutually beneficial enterprise."

For more information visit [www.fodderweb.co.uk](http://www.fodderweb.co.uk) and [www.henshawsacc.org.uk](http://www.henshawsacc.org.uk)



## Visit our Café Gallery!



Our onsite café is staffed by art makers from the centre and students from Henshaws College. They are supported and trained to develop a range of different vocational skills from food preparation to serving customers and clearing tables.

All the food produced in the café is prepared and produced by our art makers. Every day we bake flapjacks, scones, cakes and fresh bread. Whenever possible we use produce from the centre's garden including onions, wild garlic, basil, lettuce, radish and coriander.

We are fully licensed and open for breakfast, lunch and snacks. You can choose from tasty sandwiches, homemade soup, hot meals, homemade cake and of course, the famous Henshaws sausage, a sausage made from a secret recipe exclusive to Henshaws.

The café is open Monday – Friday, 10am – 4pm and if you haven't tried our new menu or sampled the Henshaws sausage yet, then do visit us soon - our art makers enjoy meeting members of the public and will be delighted to welcome you.

Please be aware that the café is a training café so service may be a little slower than you are used to.

## Any old Jumble?

Congratulations to our art maker council at our Arts & Crafts Centre who raised nearly £900 by organising and running their first ever jumble sale in June. The art maker council plays a central role within the running of the centre and is consulted on all decisions and developments that affect art makers. The council agreed that all funds raised by the jumble sale would go towards buying a donkey for an Albanian Children's Orphanage.

## Shop 'til you drop...

Handmade at Henshaws, our social enterprise, is run from our Arts & Crafts Centre and includes an exciting range of products and services. All products made or grown at the centre are sold in our onsite shop and include handmade cards, ceramics, bags from our 'funky bags' workshop, handcrafted jewellery, bird tables, bird boxes and pieces of artwork. The shop also stocks our range of homemade pickles and chutneys.



The shop is staffed by art makers from the centre and students from Henshaws College who are supported and trained by members of staff to develop vocational skills including serving customers, packing and pricing goods for sale and replenishing stock.



The centre is a great place to find an original card or present – and with all the proceeds going towards supporting the centre, you'll be helping to support our work with the visually impaired and local arts community as well.

## Students dig for Henshaws

Harrogate College National Diploma Business Students dug in to help Henshaws' Arts & Craft Centre maintain their gardens, as part of their citizenship programme.

The students worked on various sections of the sensory gardens by improving their appearance for both visitors and students who attend the centre.

IT tutor Carol Garland said: "The students have worked enthusiastically on the garden improving its appearance for the summer visitors and the centre users."

Student Jack Marshall said: "It's nice to get out of the classroom and do something practical and make a difference to the local community."

Phill Hopkins, senior manager at the centre, added: "We are very grateful for the work the students have done today in the gardens. We rely on the support of local volunteers to keep the centre running; it's great to be involved with young people from the local community."

## Meet an Art Maker

My name is Yvonne and I have been attending Henshaws Arts & Crafts Centre for 3 years. When I started I only attended the centre 1 day a week and I helped in the café. It helped me realise that I love cooking so for the last 2 years I've been working in the café full time!

I like baking bread for our famous Henshaws sausage sandwiches and I like making tuna mayonnaise but my favourite thing is chopping salad. I serve lunch to people visiting the centre and to the other art makers, and I help clear the tables too.



I have my own training folder which holds all my skills tests and workbooks which record everything I've achieved. At the end of the year we're holding an awards ceremony for all the art makers so that we can celebrate our achievements – I know I will feel really proud.

I'm so happy of what I've achieved at Henshaws. I've learnt lots of new skills and made lots of friends. I love joining in with the art maker social events – especially the discos and the bingo and movie nights!

Yvonne's opportunities were made possible by the generous donations and gifts from our supporters. Without these gifts we would not be able to offer people like Yvonne the same opportunities.

To make a donation please phone 01423 814 500 or visit our website at [www.henshaws.org.uk](http://www.henshaws.org.uk)

## Woodstock's evening of entertainment for Henshaws

Woodstock Chamber Choir will be performing an exclusive choral event in aid of Henshaws.

The live performance, which takes place at 7:30pm on Saturday 30th July, will showcase a mixture of sacred and secular music. The choir, conducted by Paul Ingram and accompanied by Alistair Eden, will perform English Anthems and European Motets by Purcell, Elgar, Bach and Mozart.

The choral evening is to be held at St Wilfrid's Church in Harrogate, and will also feature Brahms' Waltzes and Spirituals and Partsongs.

Hannah Saxon, Community and Events Fundraiser at Henshaws said: "Woodstock Chamber Choir handpicked Henshaws to host their choral event and is a must see (and hear!) for classical music lovers. The event is also a great opportunity for those unfamiliar with the genre to experience the work of some of the greatest composers."

We are very grateful to Woodstock for their support, which will help users of our services reach their full potential in life.

Tickets are on sale now and are available by emailing: [fundraising@henshaws.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@henshaws.org.uk) or calling: 01423 814501. £7 for adults and £5 for children (12 and under) and full time students.



## Introducing Henshaws new Ambassador – 2 year old Oscar...



Henshaws has a new ambassador to help us raise awareness by fronting a fundraising campaign: 2 year old Oscar O'Sullivan-Hughes. Oscar, who was left completely blind at birth due to a rare genetic defect, Lebers Congenital Amaurosis, has been learning to get around with the aid of a white cane – a tool used by visually impaired people to help give them independence, but usually not adopted by people until much later in life.

When he was first diagnosed, Oscar's mum Kait said "The lack of information on child blindness meant the family struggled to access the specialised services Oscar required and were often presented with myths instead of facts. After Oscar was born we noticed he wasn't looking at things. When our concerns were raised, we were told he had jaundice and his sight would be okay."

She continued: "When we went to playgroups other parents seemed scared to look at him. Even when he got the cane I couldn't bring myself to accept he was blind. It was only when we accessed the Henshaws service at Manchester Royal Eye Hospital that we were able to understand and learn to deal with his condition."

Henshaws also put Oscar's parents in touch with a couple whose son had the same condition. Kait said: "They reassured us their child was normal, and could move around and talk with his brother. We knew then that Oscar was going to be okay."

Fiona Berry, Henshaws Children and Families Service team leader, said: "Our Children and Families Service specialises in working with children and parents with sight loss, often with complex needs and additional disabilities.

"Oscar's case is unique in that he is the youngest person by far that we've ever taught to use a white cane."

Henshaws is aiming to raise £50,000 through a fundraising campaign fronted by Oscar. To make a donation go to [www.justgiving.com/helpshaws](http://www.justgiving.com/helpshaws)

## Beans Means Henshaws for generous pair

Jo Gausden and Jeremy were full of beans at our Arts & Crafts Centre as they celebrated a double effort to raise money for good causes.

Jeremy, a staff member at Henshaws Community Housing, sank into a bath full of baked beans to raise money for a memorial bench in honour of Mark Porrit, who lived in a Henshaws community house and tragically died at the start of this year.

Jo, from Voca Link based in Harrogate, hot-footed it to Henshaws with a cheque for £2,500 which she raised whilst taking part in the London Marathon. The money raised will be donated to our Arts & Crafts Centre.

Ian Proudler, fundraising manager at Henshaws, said: "The celebration was fantastic – Jeremy was very brave to take the plunge and Jo was more than happy to keep the bath overflowing!"

"We are very grateful to both Jeremy and Jo for their efforts - thanks to you both. We're touched that through Jeremy's fundraising we will be able to remember Mark in this way - he was one of our most independent service users and a former student at Henshaws College."

If you would like to get involved, call the Henshaws fundraising team on 01423 814500 or visit [www.henshaws.org.uk](http://www.henshaws.org.uk)



## Get on your glad rags and brighten up for Henshaws!

Dust off your brightest clothes because Wear Bright For Sight, our flagship fundraising event, is back! This annual, fun event will take place during the week of World Sight Day in October.



World Sight Day is the second Thursday of October so we are urging schools, businesses and individuals to join in the fun in the week of 10th - 17th October – although you can celebrate at any time to suit you, of course.



Last year's event saw Yorkshire awash with colour as schools and businesses supported our 'Wear Bright for Sight' campaign.

To take part, all you need to do is donate £2 (£1 for schools and colleges) to wear your brightest, wildest and wackiest clothes for the day. You can fundraise in other ways too – last year, companies took part in a range of activities including a sponsored chest wax, baby photo competitions and cake bakes. Barclays Bank employees from across the county sported Wear Bright for Sight t-shirts, placed collection tins around their branches and handed out stickers.

What will you be wearing...?

To find out more about how you can take part call us on 01423 814500 or visit [www.henshaws.org.uk/get-involved](http://www.henshaws.org.uk/get-involved). You can download posters and leaflets from our website and we can send you stickers.



## It's your round! Henshaws last call for charity golfers

Golfing buffs are being called on to pick up their clubs and get into the swing to raise money for Henshaws.



Henshaws is hosting its annual charity golf day at the prestigious Harrogate Golf Club at Starbeck on 7th July. The 18 hole course will provide golfers with the chance to work on their form as well as take part in a number of fun events to raise funds for visually impaired and disabled people.

The event will be rounded off with an evening barbecue. Teams of four

can enter the competition for the low price of £200 and will be competing for an attractive prize table.

Hannah Saxon, Community and Events Fundraiser at Henshaws, said: "Last year's golf day raised £4,500, so we hope to hit over that target this year. Henshaws relies heavily on charitable donations and the money raised at the golf day will help Henshaws continue its work across the North of England."

To sign up for the last remaining places at the Henshaws golf day contact the fundraising team on 01423 814 501 or fundraising@henshaws.org.uk.

## Hunters & the canvas

Supporting Henshaws doesn't have to mean handing over a cheque and getting nothing - apart from the feeling of philanthropy - in return.

Estate agency firm Hunters is hoping to set a trend after commissioning students from Henshaws College to come up with an original piece of artwork for its office in the town.

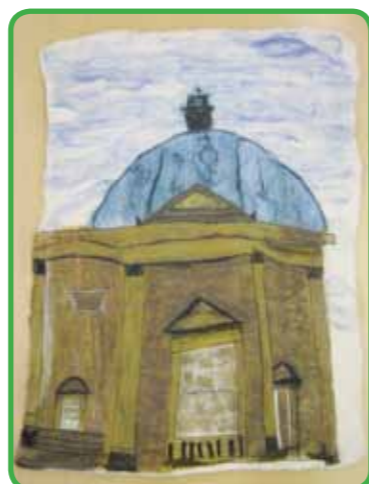
Hunters' Harrogate office manager Alastair Hart said: "Henshaws is one of the company's chosen charities for the year.

"It seemed a natural progression to commission some art from the students and I'm absolutely thrilled with the wall hanging of the Pump Rooms that they created for us.

"It's a very tactile piece of art, made from wool with carding and hot water techniques to alter the texture to a felty feel. I couldn't be more pleased and hope other businesses and individuals consider giving the students at Henshaws the chance to come up with some original artwork for them."

"Of course, we are immensely grateful for all the many donations we receive," said Jane Robertson, Henshaws College's vocational curriculum manager. "However, there is something really rather rewarding for the students to get a commission and we are delighted that Hunters are so pleased with the end result."

If you would like to find out more about commissioning artwork, call Henshaws College on 01423 886451.



## 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 70 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.



## Carl Cressey



Carl recently completed the 200km Nova Coli cycle challenge in Italy for Henshaws and raised nearly £300. This is an incredibly hard ride which is made even more difficult by the 40°C heat. Carl has been training for this ride since Christmas and lost over 1 stone – which helped him with the 4000m of climbing that was required as part of the ride!

## London Marathan Runners



Our London Marathan runners have raised over £12,000 for Henshaws! As well as showing true determination and following gruelling training schedules, our runners also committed to raising a minimum of £2000 each. One runner, Penny Spencer, who works in Henshaws Community

Housing, came up with a range of ingenious ideas to help with this – including holding an auction, selling teddies and holding a cake stall on Knaresborough market.

If you would like to take part in a challenge event but are worried about how to raise the minimum required, contact our fundraising team by emailing fundraising@henshaws.org.uk or calling 01423 814501



## Ripon Select Foods

Thank you to Ripon Select Foods who have donated space on the big screen in the main arena at the Great Yorkshire Show to Henshaws. Look out for our slides if you're there!

## Wetherby Methodist Women's Group

Wetherby Methodist Women's group chose Henshaws as their charity of the year and raised £550. They also enjoyed a tour of our Arts & Crafts Centre followed by afternoon tea.

## Harrogate Round Table

Thank you to Harrogate Round Table who have donated £3000 to Henshaws from their beer festival.

## Great North Swim Swimmers



Thank you to all our swimmers who braved the icy waters of Lake Windermere to raise money for us.

## Leeds, York and North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce

Staff from the Chamber ran in the Leeds Run for All in June and raised over £300.

## And finally...



Our street collections in Harrogate and Knaresborough raised over £500. Thank you to everyone who came and said hello and donated!

# Thank you!

## Fundraising Events Diary

### Three Peaks Challenge

All year round – when it suits you

The National Three Peaks Challenge involves climbing the three highest mountains in the UK within 24 hours. An alternative is The Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge which climbs the three highest peaks in Yorkshire in less than 12 hours.



### Henshaws 500 Challenge

All year round – when it suits you

Participants are tasked with investing £500 as effectively as possible to provide the greatest return over a three-month period. The idea is to use the £500 as creatively as possible - as long as fundraising methods are legal, ethical and moral! Companies can enter more than one team and Henshaws will even provide the initial £500 investment in certain cases.



### Annual Golf Day

Thursday 7th July

Our annual corporate golf day at Harrogate Golf Club. Bookings are being taken for teams of 4.

### Sacred and Secular

Saturday 30th July **St Wilfrid's Church, Harrogate**

A concert by Woodstock Chamber Choir, featuring English Anthems and European Motets by Purcell, Elgar, Bach and Mozart, along with Brahms Waltzes, and Spiritual and Partsongs.

£7 adults, £5 children (12 and under).

### Coffee Morning

6th August 10am-12 midday

#### Marion-Cum-Grafton

There will be a raffle and cake stall, and coffee, bacon sandwiches, biscuits and cakes will be served. The morning papers will be dotted around for people to read. A very pleasant way to spend a Saturday morning!



### Great Ouseburn Beer Festival

1st October from 12 noon till 10pm

#### Great Ouseburn Village Hall

Enjoy a few pints and discover some new beers whilst raising money for Henshaws! 20 real Yorkshire Ales plus live bands.

Tickets £5, includes glass and programme



### Wear Bright For Sight

10th – 16th October

Please help us to help visually impaired people with learning difficulties and other disabilities by jumping into your brightest, craziest most colourful clothing, wear it to work/school and donate £2 to Henshaws (£1 for schools and colleges).



If you'd like to take part or are interested please call Hannah Saxon on 01423 814501 or email her at [hannah.saxon@henshaws.org.uk](mailto:hannah.saxon@henshaws.org.uk)

## What's On at the Arts & Crafts Centre

### Disco Fever

Thursday 14th July and Thursday 11th August

4.15pm – Film followed by a buffet 7.15pm – Disco

Get your groove on for our fantastic monthly disco night for adults with learning difficulties/disabilities.

Film/Buffer/Disco £5.00. Disco only £2.50.

The following events are part of the

**FEVA Festival:** Monday 18th July

– Friday 2nd September

Monday – Friday 10am – 4pm

### Di Lofthouse MBE

#### - The Auschwitz Project

In the Gallery. New work by Di Lofthouse MBE, an art maker at Henshaws; inspired by a visit to Auschwitz.

### Michael Woods – As Far as I can Reach

In the Taste Gallery. An exhibition of large playful abstract works by art maker Michael 'Woody' Woods.



### Matthew Briggs – New small work

In the Café. An exhibition around the Café featuring small-scale abstract paintings. An in depth look at art maker Matthew Briggs' exploration of pattern, colour and mark making.



### Out of Work – Art & Craftwork

Friday 12th – Sunday 21st August

**St John's Church, Knaresborough** An exciting exhibition of work by staff from Henshaws Arts & Crafts Centre. Many Henshaws staff are also practising artists and makers. This is a chance to see what they do out of work.

### Big Night Out presents a "Stay Up Late" Disco

Friday 16th September 7.30 'til late!

Shake your stuff at our 'Stay up Late' Disco for adults with learning difficulties/disabilities. DJ Lee will be spinning the decks along with podium dancers and a comedian! Chill-out area with bar, hand massage, face painting, films and music. £5, which includes a free drink on entry. Admission by ticket only. 18+ Bar and food. Late curry supper £1.50