

The buying event of the summer returns to Harrogate, bigger than ever and with a refreshed look and feel

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Retailers, designers and brands will be returning to Harrogate from 17-20 July for the industry's favourite buying event, Home & Gift. Spanning the many halls of the Harrogate Convention Centre as well as the grounds of the DoubleTree by Hilton, this year's edition of the historic show offers six distinctive sectors, including the brand new Furniture Collection.

The 2022 edition of the show will be 60% larger than last year and in addition to established returning suppliers, visitors will also have the chance to explore hundreds of emerging brands of every size, with 30% of stands being booked by exhibitors making their Home & Gift debut.

Home & Gift was the first trade buying event to return post-pandemic and ran as a Government pilot event to great success, bringing the much-needed confidence and connection the industry so sorely needed at the time. This year, the event will again be a destination for business, relationship building and the championing of retail - something that the organising team value highly.

David Westbrooke, Show Manager commented: "We take great honour in our role within the industry, as facilitators of not just all-important buying and selling, but also as creators of a space for everyone within retail to come together, trade stories, benefit from shared learnings, and celebrate the truly unique industry that retail is.

Visitors always appreciate discovering newness at our events and the show's rapid expansion coupled with the introduction of an additional Design Point marquee has enabled the team to put a significant emphasis on this for 2022; over 30% of the exhibitors this year are brand new to Home & Gift, including the likes of The Vintage Garden Room, Butterfly Fashion, Designworks, Opinel and Ohh Deer. In addition, we have a whole host of suppliers returning to the show that weren't with us in 2021, such as Richard Lang & Son, Jellycat, Belly Button Designs, Kikkerland and Enesco, and that's on top of hundreds of brands that are here every year that our retailers know and love, including Joe Davies, Gallery Direct, Zelly, The Art File and By Mollie & Izzie.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to Harrogate this month and experiencing the wonderful creativity, vibrancy, individuality and power of our community in the relaxed summer setting of Home & Gift."

Attracting a swathe of buyers this year, early registrations already include a powerful mix of department stores, independents, museum and attractions, speciality stores, and online retailers - including the likes of John Lewis, Next, Rossiters of Bath, Squires Garden Centre, Marks & Spencer, Harewood House Trading, Five and Dime, Wilko, Southbank Centre, Prettylittlething.com, Stringers, Vinegar Hill, Visit Scotland, Science Museum, Jumping Bean, Soho House, and Dobbies Garden Centres plus many more.

Those seeking specific product categories will enjoy defined sectors: *General Gift, Home & Interiors, Jewellery & Fashion*, and *Food Emporium*, and buyers wanting design-led wares across all categories will have the opportunity to explore a curated selection in *Design-led Gift*. Following the success of last year's co-location with sister event, Manchester Furniture Show, and in line with the homeware industry's rapid growth, this year will see the introduction of the brand new *Furniture Collection*. This co-located presentation will give visitors access to furniture, interiors and accessories from a hand-picked selection of leading brands on the same site as Home & Gift.

Famed for creating a relaxed, enjoyable setting to buy, sell, network and socialise, there will be plenty of opportunities for mingling and business - both on and off of the show floor. The renowned Sundowners with its complimentary drinks on the lawn will return at the end of the first day of the show, and regular happy hours will take place throughout the event.

Visitors wanting to start networking ahead of the show are encouraged to make the most of Home & Gift's brand new digital connection tool, <u>Browse & Meet</u>, where products can be explored and favourited, and onsite meetings can be pre-arranged.

Registration for Home & Gift is open now, more details can be found at: https://homeandgift.co.uk/why-visit

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Notes to the Editor

For more than 60 years, Home & Gift has been one of the most important buying events in the retail trade calendar. Home & Gift is organised by Clarion Events' Retail portfolio, which also runs Top Drawer A/W, Top Drawer S/S, Manchester Furniture Show, January Furniture Show, and Retail REVEAL.

A high-res selection of show and exhibitor images can be found <u>here</u>.

Exhibiting brands for Home & Gift 2022 can be found here.