



# GREEN GLASS

glass that doesn't cost the earth





Before Green Glass!



Philip . . . would you go into business with this man?



Why we work . . .



Our first "No Smash" bottle bank

## we've come a long way . . .

We first saw the Green Glass idea in Africa when we were working on environmental projects in Namibia, Botswana and Swaziland. Having bought lots of glasses and admired the simplicity it seemed a fantastic idea that we could develop when we returned to living in the UK.

We wanted our kids to grow up in a great place and we wanted to earn a living doing something that felt good. Green Glass in the UK started life in 2000 in our garden shed within sight of the sea in Cornwall.

The company has been developed in partnership with the South African originators of the idea Sean and Philip who put all the hard work into working out the technical problems of such an ingenious idea. To say that they are eccentric is an understatement – **Philip never wears shoes, and that isn't easy in a glass factory!**

**it seemed like a good idea at the time.**

It's been hard work and a lot of fun and we try to make a big difference by doing things differently.

**That's still the ethos at Green Glass.**

People love the idea and we have outgrown the shed. Although we have a bigger place to work we are still by the sea and keep the surfboards at the ready.

Keeping up with demand is tough - bottles are sourced from wherever we can get them, even the local scouts bring some along. Philip has helped us design and build equipment that uses as little energy as possible and creates the lowest impact on the environment as we can manage. Even so the creation of a great looking glass from a used bottle is an art and much of what we do is by hand.

Not wishing to blow our own trumpet we have won awards for the efforts we have put into what we make and how we make it.



Winner of the Recycled Product of the Year Award 2001.

As we have to respond to the different shapes, sizes and colours of bottle that come our way our customers have come to welcome the constantly changing range and see this as part of the appeal.

Not content at just making glasses we are always looking at new products made from recycled glass.

**Please take a look at the enclosed information – we bet there will be something new!**

If you want to know about the latest designs and products we are making, then please check out the website [www.greenglass.co.uk](http://www.greenglass.co.uk), as it is updated daily with the glasses we have just made.

**cheers, glenn & jo**

# beer bottle glasses



GROLSCH GOBLET  
Ref: GROL



SOL GOBLET  
Ref: SOL

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# tumblers



WHITE TUMBLER  
FROSTED FISH  
Ref: WTFF



GREEN TUMBLER CLEAR  
Ref: GTC



WHITE TUMBLER  
CLEAR  
Ref: WTC



GREEN TUMBLER  
FROSTED FISH  
Ref: GTFF

# green goblet



GREEN GOBLET  
CLEAR GECKO  
Ref: GGCG



GREEN GOBLET  
CLEAR  
Ref: GGC



GREEN GOBLET  
FROSTED FISH  
Ref: GGFF

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# white goblet



WHITE GOBLET  
FROSTED FISH  
Ref: WGFF



WHITE GOBLET  
CLEAR  
Ref: WGC



WHITE GOBLET  
FROSTED GECKO  
Ref: WGFG

# olive flute



OLIVE FLUTE  
CLEAR SWIRL  
Ref: OFCS



OLIVE FLUTE  
CLEAR  
Ref: OFC

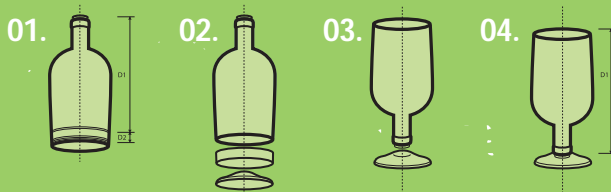
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## how do we do it?

Every bottle goes through seven different processes in its transformation. We have designed and made all the equipment ourselves – hence the Heath Robinson look! Each glass is cut, the edge ground and then melted to create a smooth surface to drink from. To make the glasses as strong and hard-wearing as possible they are then annealed in a long oven at varying temperatures for 2 hours. Once out of the oven the glasses are printed and sandblasted with funky designs.



From start to finish it takes about 3 hours for a bottle to go through the process of transformation into a wine glass.

cheers !



Where it all happens!



Kevin on the daily grind



Edwina making sure no one gets a wobbly bottom

# some of your questions answered

## Do the glass designs stay the same?

Because we use recycled bottles we cannot guarantee a constant supply of one bottle type. Therefore our designs change slightly with the shape, colour and size of the original bottle available. We can guarantee that all our glasses will look fantastic and be great to drink from. The uniqueness of each glass and the constantly changing range is what makes our glasses so special.

## How do I find out about the very latest designs?

The best place to find out what we are making right now is to go online and take a look. Visit us at [www.greenglass.co.uk](http://www.greenglass.co.uk)

## How is the glass joined to the base of the glass?

Ah! That's our secret and our lips will remain as tightly sealed as the envelope in the patent office!

## Does the glass ever leak or the base come off?

This is really rare. Maybe 1 in 5000 glasses has a glitch. Every glass is checked at each part of its journey from bottle to gorgeous glass. Both the surfaces of the neck and the base are ground to ensure a perfect fit. Just occasionally the bottle itself is a bit wonky or one of the surfaces is not quite clean and then we might get a gap in the join. Usually our quality checks spot any glasses like this.

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## How are the designs put onto the glasses?

All the frosted glasses are sandblasted which causes a permanent micro-pitting on the glass surface. Designs on clear glasses are either sandblasted or fired on as an enamel transfer at 580 degrees. We do not use acid etching.

## Are your products guaranteed and can they be returned if they are defective in any way?

Yes and yes. All our products are replaced free of charge if there is a problem.

## So you're just a bunch of worthy hippies then?

Not a sandal between us! We're all professionals who have swapped the rat race and commuting for a life by the coast in Cornwall. Green Glass was just a great idea that made so much sense that we couldn't resist it. OK – we will admit to keeping a couple of surfboards at the ready and we do try to be rather green but you won't find any hand knitted jumpers here.

## So how green are you?

So green we are positively mouldy! No seriously, we are trying to run a sustainable and ethical business that we can be proud of. Our processes are designed to be as energy efficient as possible and we filter and reuse all our water in the factory. We use recycled material wherever possible for our packaging and make sure all our suppliers are on the ball as well. We've won the Business Challenge Awards for energy, environment and community to prove it.

we have a shop here as well!



Company board meeting!



Sassy helps with sales in the factory shop



Say hello to the team

# glass beaded jewellery rough glass



bracelets

| Ref: B2

| Ref: B3

| Ref: B5

| Ref: B1

| Ref: B4

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necklaces

life is a beach

Since we live by the beach we decided to create a range of recycled glass jewellery that had the style and feel of glass pebbles washed up on the shore and reflected the beach vibe of North Cornwall. The beads are made by fusing crushed recycled glass in a low energy way of recycling glass that is done at much lower temperatures.

| Ref: L2

| Ref: L1

| Ref: L3

# polished glass beads

## bracelets



Ref: P6



Ref: P2



Ref: P4



Ref: P7



Ref: P9

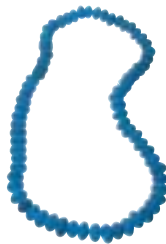


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## necklaces



Ref: N1



Ref: N2



Ref: N4

## ooh, they're so smooth

These beads are made  
using re-melted glass  
poured into moulds –  
fashion at its greenest.

The beads are then tumbled  
and sandblasted to give  
them a sea washed effect.



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# liquid glass tea lights

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GLASS**



Ref: LT1



Ref: LT3



Ref: LT2



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## oldies . . . but goodies

These tea light holders are made from molten recycled glass. Formed at temperatures of 1500 degrees they have that fantastic bluish green tinge of old school recycled glass.

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# green glass

## limited edition specials



just a small  
selection of what  
we can make

There is such a fantastic range of bottles out there to choose from that we can't help but turn them into glasses. Depending on what bottles we have at the time these limited edition glasses will come and go within a matter of days.

To check out what we have available please log onto our website: [www.greenglass.co.uk](http://www.greenglass.co.uk)



## customised glasses

We can engrave any logo or design onto our glasses for corporate promotions and events – minimum run 200 glasses. Please phone or e-mail for details.

Our customised glasses are also great as a finishing touch in an upmarket bar, restaurant or café

