

Fabulous first day

With online registrations higher than ever this year, it was hardly surprising that queues of visitors were eagerly awaiting the doors of Harrogate Christmas & Gift to open at 9am yesterday (Sunday) morning.

Once again all seven halls of the Harrogate International Centre were bustling with buyers seeking the latest 'must have' festive decorations and gifts – and with over 100 sector specific companies exhibiting they are spoiled for choice this year.



The Milford Collection on Stand A2 certainly contributes to the Christmas atmosphere with the aroma of spice infused pine cones filling Hall A. The company also has a lovely range of Price's scented candles including 'fig and anise' and 'honey and fig; plus stunning hand blown coloured glass ornaments – particularly notable its unusual and beautiful coloured glass candle shades.



Visitors looking for quality home and giftware are also recommended to visit Walton & Co in Hall A which has a range of quality textiles including cushions and table

runners in the latest 'must have' shades such as silver, gold and duck egg blue; plus a selection of sumptuous faux fur throws.

Personalised products make great gifts and Royal County Products on Stand C3a has an abundance to choose from including bottle openers, key rings and candle holders. The company is also exhibiting some great new gift ideas such as porcelain pet mugs with everyone's favourite breeds; plus glass 'wish' and 'memory' jars.



The Queen's Suite provides a new venue for the show this year and houses some interesting new exhibitors – and unsurprisingly popular, Halewood Int with its hand-crafted Whitley Neil Gin and Crabbie's Ginger Wine and Mac.

As always, Premier Decorations in Hall H, not only has a fabulous range of products on display, but also offers its legendary hospitality, so if you're visiting over the next few days be sure to grab some refreshments from a friendly turkey!

Harrogate Christmas & Gift is open on Monday and Tuesday from 9am until 6pm and from 9am until 4pm on Wednesday – we look forward to welcoming you to the show.