



Corgi Factory, Ammanford, South Wales

Founded in 1892 by Mr and Mrs Rhys Jones.

A business which prides itself on its sense of heritage with five generations having ensured the highest standards of craftsmanship and in maintaining its Royal Warrant/Kings approval.

Originally supplied to local miners and now luxury knitted goods shipped world wide.

“There’s a good mix here and people make a proper effort, birthdays and special occasions. We like to make a fuss and make sure people are right.”

“ Everyone knows the history of the firm. I like the way there’s still certain photos and posters still up. There’s been generations working here. One of the girls just retired after sixty years and she still comes down to see us. Definitely proud to be a part of that”

“ We’ve had quite a few of the Royal family come down over the years and Kate Middleton was here the other day. Really lovely she was. Bloody special.”

“If you notice, a lot of the girls have hand made stuff, especially jewellery. Some of the bracelets are lush. Chat to them and give them a follow, they’ll love that. Gwyn does a lot of painting I know. He did a wonderful job of the aqueducts up at Gwain Cae Gurwen.”

“It’s a very good job, I’ve been here for ages. Just take a look at some of the machines, over 100 years years and still going strong. I don’t think people realise that work still goes on in this way.”

“ I love the building, it’s a bit of history and been kept really nice.”

“ Check the website out and read the part on the history. Been a family business right from the start. I reckon it put Ammanford on the map! It’s got the Royal badge and we’ve had them all down here. We sell to the best places all over the world. Our shops next door. Get in there after and get a pair we done for Paul Smith. They might give you a bit of discount if you’re lucky. Keep the camera on!”

“People will always come back for quality. Handmade products will never go out of fashion. When you look at where we export it’s amazing really. You can feel the quality of the fabric and the stitching. There’s girls worked here for years.”

“It’s a factory when said and done but it’s got a special feel about it. When we make products for the big companies like Burberry and Balenciaga they send us back their promotional posters and we put them up. Being part of the fashion industry is a pretty cool for sure!”

“We’ve worked with so many high end brands and even doing something with Wrexham FC at the moment. The club is owned by two Hollywood stars now so I wouldn’t be surprised if they come down as they’re meant to be nice people. A bit more glamour to the place will be good.”