

### Glass repairs in time for Christmas

Now is the time to get your drinking glasses that require repair to us in order to have them returned in time for the festive period. If you have a small chip in the rim of your glass this is easy for us to remove by grinding the surface down and re-polishing for a smooth finish, these repairs can cost as little as £10 + vat. More complex repairs can include the gluing of a stem or foot that has snapped leaving a clean break, we can bond the two parts together using a strong adhesive.

Or perhaps you have an ornament or candlestick that normally acts as a centrepiece during your Christmas meal, if they have a chip or blemish we can often polish these out too.



### Reinventing a chandelier

It is sometimes hard to see the potential that a chandelier holds when it is looking a little tired or has parts missing, however most chandeliers can be transformed by making adaptations.

The above tent and bag chandelier was renovated into the chandelier you can see on the right by adding 6 arms to the existing frame, extending the top corona and adding internal lamps to light the top and dressing it with additional icicles and octagon buttons and re-colouring the metalwork in English gilt, then finishing it off with a good clean.

The owner of this chandelier was thrilled at the transformation and it now hangs in their entry hall rather than being hidden away.

### Interesting Fact

Irish based company Waterford Crystal recently took on 10 apprentices, who will train in the skills of glass blowing, cutting, sculpting and engraving. Only a few candidates will go on to complete the 5 year course to be master craftsmen. This is the first time they have employed apprentices since 1986.

Wilkinson currently has 2 apprentices, one within our glass department and the other in metalwork. Their training will be on going as they will have to learn a huge variety of skills relating to the manufacture of a chandelier of which there are many styles.

