

Uxbridge store offers unique gift items

A unique gift made of recycled elements sets an Uxbridge business apart from most others — especially in a time of greater environmental awareness.

Presents, located on Brock St. West in Uxbridge, offers patrons a wide selection of gift items, many of which are created from recycled glass imported from Mexico.

Spotlight on business

The relatively new gift shop, which opened its doors for business 14 months ago, combines environmental consciousness and creativity to offer its line of unique and attractive gift items.

"We aim to complement, not compete with whatever else is in town," says Presents Manager Willa Worsley. "We try to find things that are a little

bit different." The store, launched as a family venture with Willa's parents John and Carolyn, offers everything from recycled and colored glass bowls, glasses and jugs, to clothes, furniture, stuffed animals and other toys.

Willa says the response in the community to Presents has been enthusiastic.

And continuing with its tradition of environmental friendliness, the store, in cooperation with Woven Few, will offer lessons for patrons in the fall to teach them how to create shopping baskets.

The baskets will be made out of natural elements to discourage the use of plastic and other materials.

"The idea is, when you go into a store you can say 'I don't need

a bag, I have my own basket," notes Willa.

With its aim to offer patrons items that are "a little bit different," Presents has carved a place for itself in Uxbridge's commercial core.

"We have all sorts of stuff. Presents of all sorts," Willa concludes.



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Willa Worsley displays some of the items offered at Presents in Uxbridge. Many of the store's items are environment friendly. They are made from recycled glass imported from Mexico and are melted down

and colored to make new designs. Presents has been open for just over a year and has everything from glassware to furniture and toys.

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