

Reflections on an amazing 2023

Welcome to the latest edition of the Grace Enterprises newsletter, and thank you for your support. This year we have been able to employ **more people** than ever, in **more businesses**, and we've had the joy of seeing **more remarkable stories** of lives transformed through supportive employment...

We've Hit One Hundred!

We recently celebrated hitting the milestone of having employed 100 people to date through our social enterprises. This includes our 50 current employees who have diverse backgrounds and have faced different challenges, but are now working in roles that are suited to their strengths. Here are some recent photos from across our three businesses:



Half the Story highlights

Our newest social enterprise is making a splash... everybody loves a biscuit it seems!

- We supplied over 6000 biscuits to the [Labour Party Conference in October](#).
- You can now find our premium packs stocked in 200 Degrees coffee shops across Nottingham.
- A recent order of over 10,000 packets involved our first foray into [shipping via pallets](#).

But the more important part of the story is the supportive employment that has been generated through these orders, giving hope, dignity and purpose to our team. As one of our bakers put it, **"I had heard that you are a company that cares about people. And now I see that it is so. People are treated as people and not as a resource."**



You bring an **Interestingly Different Christmas Hamper** supporting a range of social enterprises including *Half the Story!*

Another busy summer for Jubilee Events



Jubilee Events had a successful 2023 season, as shown in our [glowing 5* Google reviews](#). Our clients love the way that we deliver a truly excellent service while also providing meaningful jobs.

Our events calendar for 2024 and 2025 is filling up, so if you have a wedding, garden party or corporate event on the horizon and are considering partnering with Jubilee Events, do [get in touch with Roger](#) to secure your dates.

Record months for Radiant Cleaners



Our first social enterprise, Radiant Cleaners, is six years old and going strong! It has had a record few months, delivering more hours of employment than ever before. A particular highlight has been placing two cleaners at Experian's flagship Nottingham office, as part of a pioneering multi-organisation partnership.

We love getting positive feedback from our customers, so it was a joy to get this review from a new cleaning job we started in the city centre:

"Since we became Living Wage accredited it was important for us to ensure our supply chain also adhered to this standard. Luckily, I found Radiant Cleaners and we couldn't be happier! Everything from the speed of the initial site visit to the quality of the cleaning service has been nothing short of exceptional! We've had contract cleaners before and I can say without hesitation that Radiant are the best we've ever had."

Looking ahead to 2024 for Grace Enterprises

There are many opportunities coming our way at the moment, and lots that we're excited to share with you in 2024, not least the end product from this day's filming back in October – watch this space!



As we look to make the most of these opportunities and increase our impact, we are grateful for all the faithful support, encouragement and prayers of so many people. They mean a great deal to us.