

Celebrating 40 years in Footwear and Leather Goods

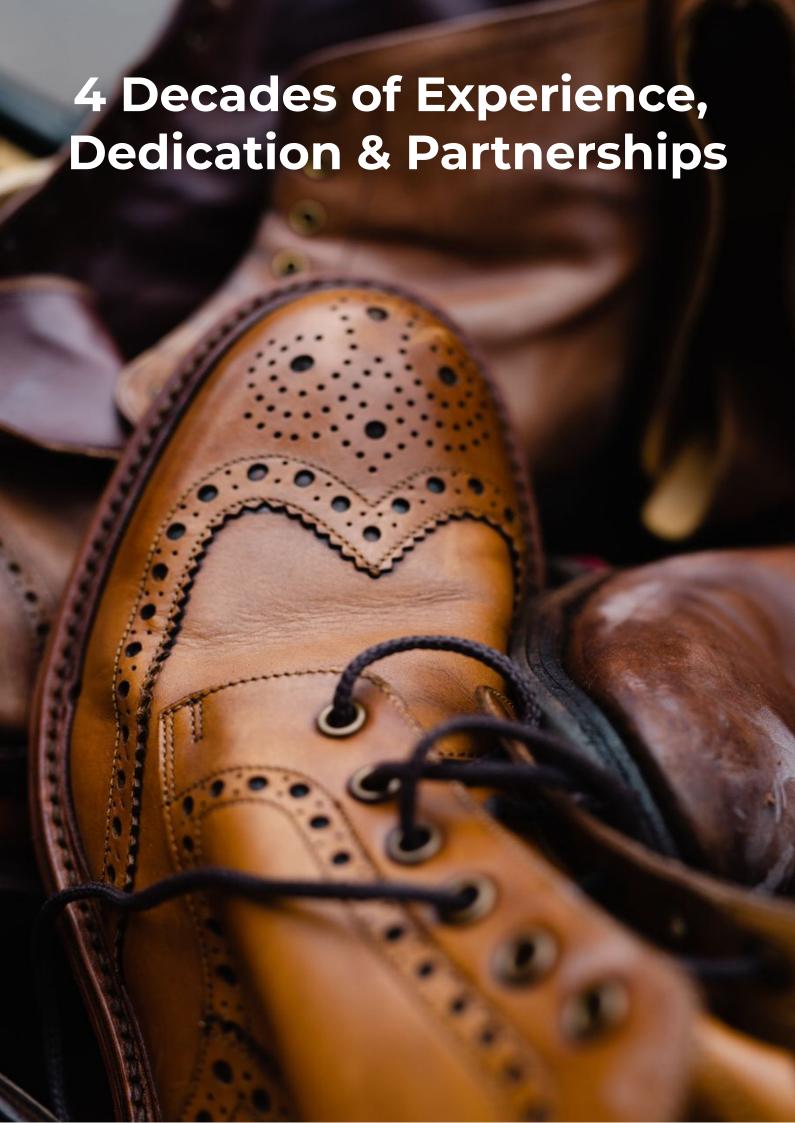
40 Years of Footwear Innovation













2023 marks the 40th anniversary of T.C.Components Ltd. We are extremely proud of achieving 40 years of business within the UK Footwear and Leather Goods manufacturing industries.

We would like to thank all our customers and partners, as this would not have been possible without the loyalty, support and strong relationships we have built together.

We hope that with our experience and credibility we continue to supply and serve our customers to a high standard in the years to come.







Supply

T.C.Components Ltd began in 1983, manufacturing and supplying components for the shoe industry.

T.C.Components Ltd have been based in the heart of the footwear manufacturing industry that surrounded the Rossendale Valley and other parts of Lancashire, for over 35 years. In the small town of Haslingden, we began cutting and skiving toe-puff and counters for the thriving shoe manufacturing industry in the local area, but when the industry began to decline the company shifted its business to wholesale which created a pathway to becoming a major UK supplier of raw materials and components.

We offer an extensive range of raw materials and components for footwear and leather goods manufacturing and orthopaedic creations. We are proud to distribute over 40 trademark brands that are supplied globally here in the UK, and are passionate that the products we supply meet our customers standards and requirements. We achieve this through our commitment to innovation, quality, customer service and collaborative partnerships.



Haslingden Town in Rossendale, Lancashire

Our History...

Lancashire Shoe Industry



Rossendale was once the hub of footwear manufacturing in the UK and was home to the birth of the first pair of slippers. The county's textile industry was at the forefront of innovation; adopting both steam power and the factory-based system of production, and left an enduring legacy still evident today through the many mills dominating the landscape.

In 1887 Lambert Howarth and his wife Betsy set up Lambert Howarth & Sons in Whitewell Bottom and at its peak Lambert Howarth Group produced 10 million pairs of shoes a year, employed 2,500 people and supplied major British retailers such as Marks & Spencers. However, cheap imports from the Far East began to flood the UK and resulted in the decline of the Rossendale shoe industry.

Unfortunately due to cheaper labour abroad and a lack of new investment in technology, manufacturing companies could not compete with overseas production costs. During this time T.C.Components Ltd manufactured and supplied products for the shoe industry in Lancashire, and since the fall, continued to supply the remaining manufacturers and ventured into orthopaedic footwear and leather goods manufacturing, supplying materials and components nationwide.

The Beginning of T.C.Components Ltd



In 1983, Trevor Cunliffe (pictured right) founded the company T.C.Components Ltd. Chris Royle (pictured left) began working for Trevor in his early twenties after leaving his job at Lambert Howarths. After many successfull years in the shoe industry, Trevor decided to retire and sell the business to Chris who is still the owner to this day.

Chris began his career at the age of 18, working at the footwear manufacturing company, Lambert Howarths. This was a great opportunity for Chris to learn about shoe making and business aspects such as operations, finance and customer support.

Chris has built the business up to what it is today and has created a healthy portfolio of customers and strong relationships with suppliers within the footwear industry.

We would like to thank our customers and partners for the continued support and loyality throughout the years.

