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Sale of business could be ‘make or break’ for the critically endangered craft of metal thread making

The Golden Threads workshop in East Sussex, one of only two remaining UK producers of metal threads for embroidery, is currently up for sale as a going concern, as owners William and Diana Kentish Barnes plan to retire.



Metal thread making, which is used extensively in military dress uniforms, as well as church altar frontals and vestments, has been listed as ‘critically endangered’ on the **Heritage Crafts Association’s** groundbreaking ***HCA Red List of Endangered Crafts*** since 2017. The *Red List* is the first research of its kind to rank the UK’s traditional crafts by the likelihood that they will survive into the next generation.

Golden Threads, which is described by the current owners as thriving, has a worldwide customer base and potential for growth. The successful purchaser will be provided with training in the craft of metal thread making and receive ongoing support from the current owners in an advisory capacity.

For more information about the sale, email HCA Endangered Crafts Officer Mary Lewis at mary@heritagecrafts.org.uk.

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William Kentish Barnes

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Links

- The Heritage Crafts Association - www.heritagecrafts.org.uk
- Golden Threads - www.goldenthreads.co.uk
- The HCA Red List of Endangered Crafts - www.heritagecrafts.org.uk/redlist

About the Heritage Crafts Association

Founded in 2009, the Heritage Crafts Association (HCA) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), the advocacy body for traditional heritage crafts. Working in partnership with government and key agencies, it provides a focus for craftspeople, groups, societies and guilds, as well as individuals who care about the loss of traditional crafts skills, and works towards a healthy and sustainable framework for the future. Its aim is to support and promote heritage crafts as a fundamental part of our living heritage.