

The Bee's Knees British Imports Establishes Permanent Retail Presence in West Acton Following Strong Community Demand

BOSTON, MA, UNITED STATES, May 7, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- This year, America celebrates its 250th birthday. Just three years before the start of this nation (1773), one of the most controversial moments in American history occurred: the Boston Tea Party. This quiet yet impactful rebellion on "taxation without representation" led colonists to dump British tea into the Boston Harbor in opposition to the [1773 Tea Act](#).



Despite the Boston Tea Party, the connection between Massachusetts and England remained strong. The region kept the language, some costumes, and traditions that shaped this nation's overall identity. While political relationships changed dramatically after the American Revolution, British cultural influence never fully disappeared.

Today, that influence comes from a small shop in West Acton, Massachusetts, called [The Bee's Knees British Imports](#). This shop, run by a trio of friends, offers British-made and British-designed goods to a growing audience of British expats, heritage enthusiasts, and curious local shoppers.

In a poetic twist of fate, a state that was once defined by its protest over British tea is now welcoming more British tea, along with other British home goods.

From shared heritage to storefront

The Bee's Knees British Imports was founded in 2011 by Donna Biscotti and Lucinda Sears, both of whom have strong personal ties to England. Donna was born in England to a British mother and an American father and spent part of her youth in Bedfordshire. Lucinda was born and raised in Cheshire before relocating to Massachusetts.

The two met while volunteering at their children's elementary school. Over several years, their friendship grew over conversations about shared traditions and the difficulty of finding authentic British goods in the US. With that idea in mind, they launched The Bee's Knees fully online.

And in 2019, Trish Zarola joined the company, completing the trio that operates The Bee's Knees. Trish grew up in Newbury and later lived in Toronto for two years before moving to the US in 2004. Her addition to The Bee's Knees coincided with a period of expansion just before the pandemic reshaped retail operations nationwide.

Expansion during uncertainty

As The Bee's Knees British Imports already had an established online presence, the business continued shipping orders throughout the pandemic. In late 2020, the founders decided to test a holiday pop-up shop in West Concord, taking advantage of vacant retail space and a growing local market.

The community's response was strong enough to support a permanent move. In January 2021, the company opened a storefront at 562 Massachusetts Avenue in West Acton, providing space for both in-person retail and for fulfilling online orders.

As demand increased, the business relocated in 2022 to 566 Massachusetts Avenue, a larger corner space that the founders describe as their long-term home. That same year, Boston Magazine recognized the shop as [Best Shop for Anglophiles](#) in its annual "Best of Boston" awards.

A niche with broad appeal

The Bee's Knees British Imports specializes in a wide range of great British wares, from ceramics and textiles to pantry staples like sweets and biscuits (or cookies for us Americans). The selection appeals to British expatriates seeking familiar products, as well as people interested in traditional design and specialty goods not typically found in larger retail chains.

People value the authenticity of the products and the staff at The Bee's Knees. When products are well-made and have a story behind them, people respond.

That appeal helps explain why a British-focused shop resonates in a place like Massachusetts and beyond. This interest in British goods and culture continues today, as people appreciate their roots, Britain's history, and the many British cultural influences in the media.

A product that once represented political tension now evokes a sense of cultural fondness among those who live in Massachusetts and anyone who has visited this sweet little shop. From online shoppers to the everyday residents of West Acton, The Bee's Knees British Imports has become a steady presence in the community, offering a modern take on a long-shared history.

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