



**Hambleside Danelaw Ltd  
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**Bellamy hails Hambleside Danelaw as ‘Green Heroes’ for commitment to sustainable development**

David Bellamy and The Green Organisation have recognised roofing products manufacturer Hambleside Danelaw Ltd as ‘Green Heroes’ in tribute to the Group’s environmental best practice.

The recognition is for companies, local authorities and communities who have previously won Green Apple Awards and who have taken their commitment to the next level by helping others to support the environment.

Hambleside Danelaw has won three Green Apple Awards, the last of which was for the Group’s Stormforce 225 high performance GRP valley trough range in November 2006. The manufacturing processes for the range involve reduced waste and the replacement of virgin raw material by materials generated from recycled products. With a life expectancy in excess of 45 years, the valleys can be recycled at the end of their service.

Hambleside Danelaw was recently given Planet Positive™ certification by leading carbon solutions company dcarbon8 because its design and production processes embody an environmentally responsible footprint which is imperative to receiving certification. The Planet Positive™ mark will inform contractors that Hambleside’s business carbon footprint, the volume of greenhouse gasses generated by the company’s manufacturing and distribution processes, is more than offset by activities that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

After receiving the Green Heroes award from David Bellamy at a ceremony in London, Robin Jeffery, Hambleside’s vice-chairman, said: “Although more suppliers and contractors in the building industry are taking sustainable development seriously, the battle is far from won. Even when there is an understandably strong temptation

to minimise costs, builders should always check the environmental performance and quality standards of the materials that they are sourcing. This avoids additional repair and maintenance costs for the building occupier later on.

“Hambleside Danelaw and like-minded building product manufacturers will continue to promote the message that ‘it pays to go green’.”

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### **1. About Hambleside Danelaw**

Hambleside Danelaw Ltd ([www.hambleside-danelaw.co.uk](http://www.hambleside-danelaw.co.uk)) manufactures Glass Reinforced Polyester (GRP) rooflights and other roofing and ventilation products in Inverness and Daventry. As part of the Hambleside Danelaw Group with headquarters in Waterlooville in Hampshire, its turnover is currently in excess of £10 million a year and it employs almost 90 people. The Group was established in 1975 with its first factory at Inverness for manufacturing GRP products becoming operational in 1978. In addition to winning numerous environmental awards, the factory has attained BS 14001:2004 in recognition of its environmental management systems and has now been independently assessed as carbon neutral. In 1992, the company began producing in Daventry non-GRP products primarily for roof and cavity wall ventilation.

In 2006, the Group won a Business Commitment to the Environment award, presented by David Cameron MP, as well as a Queen’s Award for Enterprise: Innovation for its Insulator GRP thermally efficient rooflight. Last November, the Group won its third UK national Green Apple award for Environmental Best Practice. This was followed by Hambleside Danelaw’s third Vision in Business for the Environment of Scotland (VIBES) award in five years in the medium sized companies’ category.