



Hambleside Danelaw Ltd
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Hambleside Danelaw grabs gold in leading environmental awards

The roofing products group Hambleside Danelaw has won this year's gold Green Apple award for its sustainable approach to manufacturing at its plant in Inverness.

In an awards ceremony at the Houses of Parliament, the famous botanist David Bellamy on behalf of the Green Organisation praised the group for adopting the rigorous 'Planet Positive' standards in producing building materials that help achieve a sustainable, economical and responsible method of reducing carbon emissions.

After receiving the award, Robin Jeffery, Hambleside's vice chairman, said: "We are delighted that our continued growth in Inverness on a sustainable basis is being recognised. Hambleside Danelaw is hoping that more contractors and building occupiers will support the construction of buildings designed and built to minimise the impact on the environment."

Hambleside Danelaw has also moved into a new state-of-the-art factory in Daventry which incorporates the very best in environmental management systems. The new facility features the group's Insulator rooflights across approximately 20% of the roof area which allows for considerable reduction in energy costs. The rooflights are insulated using an 80mm transparent honeycomb core, also manufactured by the company in Daventry, to provide a U value of 0.8 W/m²K. In addition, the enhanced levels of natural light coming through reduces the need for artificial lighting, further cutting energy costs.

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Notes to editors

1. About the Green Apple Awards

The Green Apple awards are awarded by the Green Organisation which is an independent, non-profit environment group dedicated to recognising, rewarding and promoting best practice around the world. Businesses that win Green Apple awards have recognised the benefits and profits that come in the wake of environmental best practice – see more at:

www.thegreenorganisation.info .

2. About Planet Positive™

dcarbon8, the carbon and sustainability consultancy, states: “A product, person or business is Planet Positive™ if it has measured and verified a net positive impact on the planet, its eco-systems and the communities they work within.” Businesses or individuals with the Planet Positive™ mark must commit to reducing their emissions and offset their remaining carbon footprint by investing in Planet Positive™ approved projects and initiatives, which will cut emissions in a quantifiable and verifiable way, going beyond carbon neutrality. More information is available at:

<http://dcarbon8.com/index.php>.

3. About Hambleside Danelaw

Hambleside Danelaw Ltd (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 and it has recently moved into a new state-of-the-art facility in the East Midlands town.

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. The Group won its third UK national Green Apple award for Environmental Best Practice before being recognised by The Green Organisation as ‘Green Heroes’. 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. In 2007, the Group was accredited with the Planet Positive mark by leading carbon solutions company dcarbon8 and it has recently collected the Scottish Natural Heritage Award for Excellence in Environmental Sustainability at a Scottish Council for Development and Industry (SCDI) Highlands and Islands awards ceremony.